



What the NFA Has Accomplished

Founding and Early Advocacy

- **Founded in 1978**
Established as a national coalition of firearms groups in response to Pierre Elliot Trudeau's sweeping bans.
- **1980: AR-15 Rifle Removed from Restricted List**
Successfully removed the AR-15 rifle from the Bill C-51 (1978) restricted list.

Legal and Political Advocacy

- **Fought Consequential Court Cases**
Opposed regulations in Bill C-51 (1978), Bill C-17 (1991), and Bill C-68 (1995) through legal challenges.
- **Opposition to Firearms Bans (1992 & 1995)**
Challenged firearms bans that were introduced by Kim Campbell, Allan Rock, and Jean Chrétien. Political circumstances limited the ability to overturn certain measures.
- **Halted RCMP Gun Ban Efforts**
Delayed RCMP gun ban initiatives during Stephen Harper's government, including efforts targeting Swiss Arms and VZ58 firearms, as well as a potential semi-automatic ban following the Dawson College shooting in 2006.
- **Abolished the Long Gun Registry**
Played a pivotal role in lobbying the Harper government to eliminate the long gun registry.
- **Victory in Quebec Court Challenge**
Successfully challenged Quebec's firearms regulations in court.
- **Stopped Ontario Firearms Confiscation**
Persuaded Ontario Solicitor General Kershner to publicly declare non-participation in federal firearms confiscation efforts.
- **Led the Order in Council Case**
Initiated a legal challenge against the federal Order in Council with NFA-funded lawyer Solomon Friedman, paving the way for other groups to join the fight.

Lobbying and Representation

- **Proven Lobbying Success**

For the last 18 months, the NFA has been the only firearm rights organization directly lobbying politicians in Ottawa. The NFA has filed 16 lobbying activity reports in this time with the Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying in Canada - 1,200% more than any other gun lobby in Canada.

- **Unmatched Lobbying Efforts in Ottawa**

The NFA is setting the pace on Parliament Hill. With our experienced lobbyist leading the charge, we've engaged in more high-level meetings in the past six months than all other Canadian gun advocacy groups combined have managed in the past three years. This aggressive and focused lobbying strategy ensures that the voices of responsible firearms owners are being heard by the key policymakers shaping Canada's firearms laws.

- **Active Committee Participation**

- Represented on key committees, including SECU and SECD.
- Provided pivotal testimony from Vice President Blair Hagen and Atlantic Province Director, Robert Bracken during the Nova Scotia Mass Casualty Commission, exposing its intent to advance civil disarmament.

- **Senate Testimony on Bill C-21**

NFA President Rick Igercich testified at Canadian Senate hearings on Bill C-21 in November.

- **Behind-the-Scenes Legal Support**

Supported conservative committee members with expert advice and strategic questioning, facilitated by Solomon Friedman and funded by the NFA.

- **Meeting with Pierre Poilievre**

NFA President Rick Igercich and lobbyist Tom Mavin met with Pierre Poilievre to discuss rewriting the Firearms Act and the Criminal Code as they apply to Canadian firearms owners.

Media and Coalition Building

- **Media Campaign Against the G Amendments**

- Played a critical role in removing the G Amendments from Bill C-21, which would have resulted in severe bans.
- Unified hunters, sport shooters, and Indigenous sustenance hunters into a powerful coalition to oppose the amendments.

Ongoing Support and Global Presence

- **Legal Team on Retainer**
The NFA's legal team is prepared to handle the latest attacks on law-abiding Canadians.
- **Representation at the United Nations**
Sits as a Non-Governmental Organization, serving as a voice for law-abiding Canadians on a global stage.
- **Participation in the World Forum on Shooting Activities (WFSA)**
Gains crucial information on international developments before they can influence Canadian law.

Resources and Member Support

- **Comprehensive Case Law Library**
Maintains the most extensive case law library in the country, accessible to anyone involved in firearms-related cases.
- **Support for Firearms in Estates**
Offers full instruction on handling firearms in estates, including a comprehensive package detailing actions to take upon the passing of a loved one.

Provincial and National Impact

- **Instrumental in Alberta Bill of Rights**
Played a key role in the passing of the Alberta Bill of Rights, giving control of firearms back to the province.

Athlete Sponsorship and National Representation

- Canada's National Firearms Association is proud to sponsor some of the country's top competitive shooters. These elite athletes represent Canada with excellence in shooting disciplines both at home and on the world stage. By supporting their training and travel, the NFA is investing in the future of our shooting sports and promoting a positive image of responsible firearms ownership.

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