News release

Gun Control Advocates Give Carney an F: Zero of Five Commitments Met

19 months after the election, feds have fallen short
on every gun control promise made.

MONTRÉAL, November 25, 2026 – **PolySeSouvient** today released a report card on the **Carney government**'s gun control record since its election on April 28, 2025. The report card is endorsed by key gun control groups from across Canada. The government receives an overall grade of F. It earns a **D** for the assault-style firearms buyback program and an **F** on each of the other four commitments it made to Canadians during the 2025 election campaign, leading to an overall grade of **F - Fail**.

PolySeSouvient and the groups that endorsed this report card have not been asking for new measures, only for the **Carney government** to fulfil earlier Liberal commitments that the **Liberal Party** reiterated in the last election. The report card measures the **Carney government** against its own words: its 2025 election platform, its April 10, 2025 campaign announcement and its written answers to **PolySeSouvient**'s election questionnaire.

Key findings *(*sources are hyperlinked in the report card):*

1. **Buyback (D):** About 68,700 firearms were declared by individual owners, which represents about half of the 136,000 the government budgeted to buy back. The government has not disclosed how many have actually been collected. In Alberta and Saskatchewan, where provincial laws block the program, about 8,600 declared firearms remain in owners' hands.
2. **Removing assault weapons "once and for all" (F):** In June 2026, the government extended the amnesty for prohibited assault weapons for the fourth time, with no fixed end date. The SKS, the firearm most often used in Canadian mass shootings and police killings, including the one in Montreal's Côte-des-Neiges neighbourhood last June in which Constable Mohamed Lamine Benredouane was slain, bystander Michel Mizrahi killed and another police officer critically wounded, remains legal. The advisory group that is supposed to review whether the SKS is a firearm that belongs in communities has still not met - almost a year after the review was announced.
3. **Protection orders (F):** The government promised final regulations by spring 2026 that would revoke the gun licences of people subject to protection orders. These have still not been adopted, and the draft regulations tabled in March 2025 would exclude peace bonds and other criminal-court orders, contrary to what is required by the law. Almost three years after Bill C-21 received Royal Assent, the measure is still not implemented.
4. **Large-capacity magazines (F):** The government promised to require the permanent alteration of large-capacity magazines that can hold more than five rounds and to ban their sale and transfer. Instead, the issue was folded into the open-ended classification review.
5. **Pre-authorization of new models (F):** The government promised legislation so that the RCMP, not the gun industry, determines the classification of new firearm models - *before* they reach the market. No bill has been introduced. The draft regulations, tabled by the previous government, still allow new models to be sold before the RCMP has classified them.

PolySeSouvient and other gun control advocacy groups who endorse the report card's assessment are calling on the **Carney government** to commit to completing five initiatives before its two-year anniversary in office:

1) **finalize the protection-order regulations** with peace bonds included
2) **immediately end SKS sales and prohibit the model**, with exemptions for indigenous people hunting for subsistence food
3) **accelerate the removal of ALL assault weapons once the current amnesty runs out**, including through litigation if necessary with respect to those in Alberta and Saskatchewan
4) **launch the regulatory process to close loopholes and eliminate exemptions regarding large-capacity magazines** and
5) **introduce pre-authorization legislation for new firearm models**.

The full report card is available at:
https://polysesouvient.ca/Documents_2026/DOCU_26_11_25_GunControl_ReportCard_CarneyGovernment.pdf

Quotes:

"*Every commitment in this report card came from the Liberals themselves. Some of these measures were passed into law almost three years ago, and all the Carney government has to do is finish the job. Instead, we keep hearing about reviews, consultations and new deadlines that come and go*."

- Serge St-Arneault, brother of Annie St-Arneault (1966-1989) and member of PolySeSouvient

"Women who are afraid of an intimate partner who has a gun can't afford to wait for more consultations."

- Tara Graham, daughter of femicide victim Brenda Tatlock-Burke of Nova Scotia

"We are still waiting for this government to finish the job of banning the remaining assault weapons and to permanently prevent potential new models from entering the market. The SKS, for example, is still legally for sale in Canada despite it being frequently used in the killing and injuring of police officers."

- Dr. Najma Ahmed, Trauma Surgeon, co-Chair, Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns

"These measures don't need yet more consultations and studies. They need a decision from the Prime Minister."

- Ken Price, Spokesperson for Danforth Families for Safe Communities

"The coroner who investigated the Dawson mass shooting concluded that one of the loopholes in the magazine regulations likely resulted in more victims on the sidewalk outside the school. I am one of those victims. Twenty years later, still nothing has changed regulations. Carney needs to deliver on his promise to do something about large-capacity magazines.

- Meaghen Hennegan, survivor of the Dawson school shooting, Dawson Families for Gun Control

"Thirty-seven years after women engineering students were murdered in their classroom at Polytechnique, the government is still studying how to ban all assault weapons and large-capacity magazines, in the shadow of multiple promises that haven't been kept. Our generation shouldn't have to inherit this unfinished business 37 years later. The Prime Minister needs to act now."

- Catherine Tessier, Vice-president External Affairs, Polytechnique Student Association

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About PolySeSouvient: *PolySeSouvient (PolyRemembers) is a volunteer group of students and graduates of École Polytechnique, witnesses and survivors of the December 6, 1989, massacre, along with families and loved ones of the 14 women murdered that day. The group also partners with other gun control advocacy groups, as well as survivors and families affected by other shootings, including those at Dawson College, at the Quebec City Mosque and on the Danforth in Toronto. Its mission is to reduce the number of accidents, suicides, homicides, threats and other crimes committed with firearms. It calls for strong, evidence-based gun control informed by police, suicide-prevention experts and people working to end domestic violence. PolySeSouvient's goals are endorsed by the Polytechnique Student Associations and other engineering associations.*