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Liberals Pay Liberals to Lobby Liberals

The latest scandal to hit Ottawa has been revealed. The Paul Martin government paid a senior Liberal Party employee \$380,000 to lobby the federal Liberal government for funds for the ailing firearms registry.

"I'm advised that this type of backroom deal made to prop up a failed firearms registry may be illegal," says Greg Illerbrun, spokesperson for the Recreational Firearms Community (RFC) of Saskatchewan. "I look forward to the results of a full investigation by the RCMP."

A five-month contract was awarded by the Justice department to Kim Doran in March 2003 to lobby the Federal Solicitor General, Treasury Board and Privy Council, according to a detailed lobbyist report. Doran is listed as Vice-President of Federal Affairs for the Liberals' Ontario Women's Commission and is also the party's Deputy National Director of Organization and Policy.

"Not only have they squandered 2 billion dollars on a system that won't work, they have the audacity to pay their own to tell them to spend more," Illerbrun said.

"Public reaction to misuse of their taxes has been dulled by weekly reports of millions of dollars of wasted or missing funds," says Illerbrun. "\$380,000 could have put more police officers on Toronto streets to deal with the real cause of gun crime."

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