



Ohio Gun Owners

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Question 1

Do you believe the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights is a limitation on government, is an individual right that is protected by the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is the duty of the United States Congress to protect that right?

Question 1 Answer

Yes

Question 2

If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on legislation that restricts law-abiding citizens from privately selling firearms to other law-abiding citizens without possessing a Federal Firearms License or submitting to a state or federal background check? These checks form a de facto national gun registry, which the ATF recently said contains one billion records.

Question 2 Answer

Yes

Question 3

If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on legislation that establishes a federal 'Red Flag Gun Confiscation' law in America, knowing that these proposals violate Americas long enshrined due process rights by allowing the courts to order the seizure of a gun owner's firearms, before they've been convicted of a crime in a court of law?

Question 3 Answer

Yes

Question 4

If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on legislation that makes it illegal for law-abiding citizens to own and possess firearms and firearms accessories such as standard 30-round magazines, firearms made from 80% lowers, suppressors and other accessories that are in common use, making firearms safer to use while not increasing violent crime?

Question 4 Answer

Yes

Question 5

If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on legislation like S. 1531/ H.R. 3115 which makes felons out of law-abiding gun owners for the sale, manufacture, importation, or possession of hundreds of different styles of semi-automatic rifles, shotguns or handguns, including the AR-15?

Question 5 Answer

Yes

Question 6

If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on all legislative attempts to disarm lawful citizens through mental health processes that allow judges, doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, or anyone else to arbitrarily declare someone mentally defective, disarming them before they've had their day in court?

Question 6 Answer

Yes

Question 7

If elected, would you SUPPORT and vote YES on legislation like H.R. 221 which would abolish the scandal-ridden Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives after giving them time to inventory and sell the firearms in their possession and divert their cases to the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

Question 7 Answer

Yes

Question 8

If elected, would you SUPPORT and vote YES on legislation that would repeal the 1994 Gun Free Schools Act, which has made America's schools the site of repeated mass shootings, as violent criminals know that they are unlikely to face any armed opposition?

Question 8 Answer

Yes

Question 9

If elected, would you SUPPORT and vote YES on legislation such as H.R. 335 that would repeal the National Firearms Act, which has been used to subvert people's right to own the tools they need to maintain freedom against tyrannical government?

Question 9 Answer

Yes

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E-Signature

✓ I have truthfully answered the questions above and they accurately reflect my positions on the Second Amendment

Date

03/14/2026

Signature

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