



Ohio Gun Owners

Ohio's No Compromise Grassroots Gun Lobby 2022 Gun Rights Pre-Primary Candidate Survey

Dear Candidate for the Ohio General Assembly:

Anti-gun organizations, often funded with out-of-state resources from Michael Bloomberg, have been clamoring for legislation to end all private party firearms transfers in Ohio unless they submit to a federal NCIC check, thereby adding themselves and the firearm to a federal list. As we've seen, this legislation does virtually nothing to stop crime but expands statewide databases of gun owners – which can be used against gun owners later.

- 1. If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on “Universal Gun Registration” or similar legislation that would ban all private party sales, make criminals out of Ohio gun owners who want to pass on family firearms to their children and grandchildren – and create or expand the centralized database of gun owners at the same time?**

Yes _____ No _____

“Extreme Risk Protection Orders,” commonly referred to as ‘Red Flag Orders,’ would allow virtually anyone to petition a court and make the claim, with little evidence or substantiation, that a person is a “danger to themselves or others.” Under “Red Flag Orders” or an expansion of Ohio’s “Pink-Slip” laws, liberal judges could, possibly even through *ex parte* hearings and with no due process of law, issue a “Red Flag” order or “Pink-Slip” order, stripping a law-abiding gun owner, who has never even been arrested, indicted or convicted of a crime, of their Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

- 2. If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on ‘Red Flag Orders,’ expanding Ohio’s ‘Pink-Slip’ laws and similar legislation that would deny law abiding Ohio citizens their gun rights without due process and without ever having been convicted of a crime?**

Yes _____ No _____

Following the Dayton, OH shooting in 2019, anti-gun lawmakers, the media and Bloomberg funded activists have been screaming for a complete ban of the AR-15 (and standard 30-round magazines) and hundreds of related firearms all because of a variety of cosmetic features. Legislation has been introduced to ban these firearms in Washington, D.C., and lawmakers here in Ohio have introduced similar legislation. This, despite the fact that all semi-automatic firearms function essentially the same way.

- 3. If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on legislation banning the manufacture, sale or possession of semi-automatic firearms and/or large-capacity magazines, recognizing that these restrictions do nothing to stop crime but only serve to harass gun owners?**

Yes _____ No _____

Various state legislatures have already passed legislation that would ban all gun rights from American citizens between the ages of 18-20. In addition, many lawmakers at the state and federal level are publicly calling for this legislation to be enacted at the state level nationwide! This, despite the fact that these are law abiding citizens that can serve in the military, pay taxes, get married, have careers and enjoy every other aspect of being a legal adult.

- 4. If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on legislation that would leave American citizens between the ages of 18-20 defenseless and unable to buy a firearm for self-defense?**

Yes _____ No _____

Gun control activists have long desired a mandatory 3-day waiting period before law abiding citizens would be able to exercise their 2nd Amendment freedoms and purchase a firearm for self-defense. This, despite the fact that the madmen in some of the worst mass shootings in America, like the one at Virginia Tech or the nightclub in Florida, purchased their guns AFTER submitting to these waiting periods. Of course, these waiting periods do nothing to stop violent crime and only leave law abiding citizens vulnerable during times where they need a firearm the most.

- 5. If elected, would you OPPOSE and vote NO on legislation that would enact unconstitutional waiting periods, limiting when a law-abiding citizen in Ohio could purchase a firearm for self-defense?**

Yes _____ No _____

Most mass shootings happen in so-called “Gun-Free Zones” where law-abiding citizens are forced to disarm, which quite literally has resulted in violent criminals targeting these sites. This prevents otherwise law-abiding citizens from defending themselves, their loved ones and innocent citizens around them.

- 6. If elected, would you support and vote YES on legislation to eliminate restrictions on law-abiding gun owners from carrying a firearm in certain so-called “Gun-Free Zones,” otherwise known as “Criminal Safe Zones?”**

Sponsor _____ Cosponsor _____ No _____

Constitutional Carry recognizes that every law-abiding citizen has the right to carry a gun, openly or concealed, for any reason they want to, except to commit a crime. Thus, with no government bureaucracy or license, Ohio citizens could defend themselves, and criminals who use firearms to commit crimes are severely punished. This is the law in twenty-one states, including our neighbors in West Virginia and Kentucky. If passed in Ohio, this law will allow thousands of people the right to carry any firearm they can lawfully own for any lawful purpose with no additional paperwork or fees.

- 7. Would you support and vote yes on Constitutional Carry legislation, which would allow all law-abiding Ohioans the right to carry any lawfully owned weapon, either concealed or openly, without having to first obtain government permission and be added to a list, as is done in several other states?**

Sponsor _____ Cosponsor _____ No _____

Ohio removed its unjust “duty to retreat” law in the 133rd General Assembly, but much work remains to overhaul Ohio’s self-defense laws. True “Stand-Your-Ground” law enhancements would provide an enactment clause, establishes pre-trial immunity hearings, codifies a lawful citizen’s ability to “threaten” the use of reasonable force, and states that you can’t be civilly sued or criminally charged if a burden of proof cannot be met. This would drastically reduce the opportunity for an innocent citizen to be targeted by politically motivated prosecutors or judges, as Kyle Rittenhouse experienced.

8. Would you support and vote yes on legislation that would enhance Ohio’s self-defense laws by codifying an enactment clause, pre-trial immunity hearings, threatened use of force and robust immunity for those forced to use reasonable deadly force in self-defense?

Sponsor _____ Cosponsor _____ No _____

Many cities and municipalities across Ohio have or are attempting to enact their own gun laws that are more strict than state law. This is in direct violation of Ohio’s preemption statute, which forbids cities and municipalities from enacting laws regarding the ownership, possession, legal transfer, lawful transportation, registration, or licensing of firearms that are stricter than state law. Unchecked, Ohio could have hundreds of different laws regarding concealed carry, resulting in law abiding Ohioans being in violation of a local ordinance while being in compliance with state law.

9. Would you support legislation that would strengthen Ohio’s important pre-emption law, which ensures no local government body can pass a gun law that is stricter than state law, by allowing victims to file civil action against violators of Ohio law, thus putting a clear end to the city-by-city abuse that Ohioans are currently experiencing?

Sponsor _____ Cosponsor _____ No _____

Almost every legislative candidate will say "I support the Second Amendment" but not all will stand firmly against new and invasive forms of gun control, especially when “compromises” are offered.

10. Will you oppose and vote NO on all methods of gun control, including those that the media calls "reasonable," such as bans on “ghost guns,” laws that disallow those with simple misdemeanor convictions from owning and carrying guns, increasing the minimum age of those who carry guns for self-defense, new taxes on ammunition, new ways to track guns and gun owners, the use of homemade firearms and the use of pistol braces?

Yes _____ No _____

Missouri has adopted and several states are considering passing 10th Amendment legislation in their states in an attempt to protect the 2nd Amendment and self-defense rights of their citizens. This is done by forbidding federal government from “commandeering” state and local law-enforcement resources for the purpose of enforcing unconstitutional federal laws or unconstitutional executive orders.

11. Will you support and vote yes on Second Amendment Preservation Act legislation for Ohio, which renders unconstitutional federal gun control laws and unconstitutional executive orders unenforceable by the state of Ohio and Ohio law enforcement, with strong enforcement and civil penalty provisions, such as Missouri passed in 2021?

Sponsor _____ Cosponsor _____ No _____

Mental health has become a back door for gun control by expanding the criteria for voluntary and involuntary commitments for “treatment,” thus adding more and more people to the NCIC ‘prohibited persons’ list, often without due process by a court of law. Once a person’s name is placed on this list, it is virtually impossible to have it removed..

12. Would you oppose all so-called “mental health” legislation that would deny law abiding Ohioans their gun rights without due process through a court of law?

Yes _____ No _____

I hereby submit the answers to this survey as my solemn word that, if elected, I will vote on these issues as I have indicated in this survey.

Signature _____ Printed _____ Date _____

District # _____ Office of _____ Party _____

Unanswered questions will be considered as opposition to the rights of gun owners.

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