



Gun Owners' Action League

Massachusetts Candidate Questionnaire

2022

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1. Do you recognize that the Second Amendment is a fundamental natural right of all responsible American citizens to keep and bear arms for all lawful purposes?

Yes

No

2. The Second Amendment is an inalienable civil right, are there any government agencies or entities that should have the authority to restrict civil rights?

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3. In 1964, our nation ratified the 24th Amendment that banned “Poll Taxes” which were used to discourage minorities and the poor from voting. A comparison can be drawn between such taxes and firearm license fees in Massachusetts as well as other jurisdictions that are proposing other fees and mandatory insurance for gun owners. Do you believe that citizens should have to pay a fee to exercise any of their civil rights?

Yes

No

4. Even with the strict criteria required for lawful ownership and possession of firearms in Massachusetts, State Government still restricts the brands, models and often general types of firearms citizens can purchase and possess. Do you support the ban on any rifles, pistols and shotguns in common use?

Yes

No

5. Twenty-one states currently allow for so-called “Constitutional Carry” of firearms, meaning that those states have no licensing scheme. The rest of the states each have their own licenses and processes meaning that the Second Amendment effectively ends at the state border. All other civil rights are essentially borderless. Would you support an effort for national reciprocity or national license-less carry?

Yes

No

6. Of those states that require firearms licenses, there are two types of licensing schemes. One requires that licensing authorities “shall issue” a license if the applicant is not a prohibited person. The other scheme allows a licensing authority to deny issuance of a license based on an arbitrary “suitability standard.” This allows for the denial of an applicant’s civil rights based on personal opinion or political objectives.

Would you support GOAL’s efforts to ensure that any prohibition of a civil right be based on factual evidence rather than some arbitrary personal opinion or political objective?

Yes

No

7. Over the past several years anti-civil rights activists have attempted to use local ordinance amendments to implement their agendas on the municipal level. In some instances, it only takes ten (10) signatures to bring a question before a town meeting or local referendum ballot initiative. These tactics can result in a dangerous patchwork of civil rights restrictions across the state placing responsible gun owners at risk of needless prosecutions.

In order to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth from local social bigotry, GOAL has filed legislation to prevent local municipalities from passing anti-civil rights ordinances. This type of civil-rights protection law is commonly referred to as a “Pre-Emption Law” in other states.

Would you support GOAL’s effort to pass Pre-Emption legislation in Massachusetts?

Yes

No

8. In the summer of 1996, Attorney General L. Scott Harshbarger abused his authority under the “consumer protection laws” (*Chapter 93A*) and promulgated a fraudulent regulatory scheme: *940 CMR 16.00*. This action was a blatant attempt to ban handguns in the Commonwealth by subverting the legislative process.

After an extensive, and very expensive, use of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), GOAL discovered through internal documents that the Attorney General had unsuccessfully tried for six years to find someone who was harmed by a poorly manufactured handgun. Internal memos from his own staff stated that they should not be doing this.

With the fact that the Attorney General’s Office clearly abused its authority and that no such consumer protection threat existed, or currently exists, would you support GOAL’s efforts to repeal the Attorney General’s authority to prohibit the lawful purchase or transfer of handguns in common use in Massachusetts?

Yes

No

9. In the summer of 2016, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey rocked the civil rights world by reinterpreting nearly two decades of settled law via press conference. With no public hearings, no legislative process or input, and no notice to nearly a half a million lawful gun owners, she decided to drastically alter the laws regarding certain semi-automatic guns in common use. This reckless unilateral action created hundreds of thousands of, what are now called: felons in waiting.

Would you support GOAL’s efforts to undo this heinous politically motivated action and prevent any such abuse of authority in the future?

Yes

No

10. Do you support the understanding that our Second Amendment civil rights protects the right of law-abiding citizens to use the force necessary to protect themselves or others wherever they have a right to be?

Yes

No

11. Do you believe that law-abiding citizens and/or their estates should be shielded from exposure to civil liability brought against them by a criminal assailant after an act of lawful defense in protection of self or others?

Yes

No

12. The Firearm Owners Protection Act (FOPA) protects the rights of law-abiding gun owners throughout the country to transport guns across state lines as long as the individual can legally possess them in their place of origin as well as their destination and the guns are properly stored during transport.

As many states differ in their treatment of guns and gun owners, and most states are much more respectful of their citizens' civil rights than Massachusetts, there have been instances of law-abiding U.S. citizens facing criminal prosecution for exercising their Second Amendment Civil Rights while traveling through Massachusetts with their guns.

Would you support state legislation, that mirrors current federal law, giving these citizens protection from criminal prosecution under these circumstances?

Yes

No

13. In 2018, GOAL released a report showing how ineffective Massachusetts' gun-control laws have been at reducing crime: *Massachusetts Gun Control Success – A False & Dangerous Narrative*. Since the report has been released, not a single person nor entity has been able to disprove the report's findings.

In spite of the findings of the report, Massachusetts government still claims that their oppressively restrictive gun laws lead the nation in the reduction of gun crime.

Since all evidence points to the opposite, would you support GOAL's efforts to rewrite the Commonwealth's gun laws to respect the rights of responsible citizens and to directly target criminals?

Yes

No

14. During the recent pandemic, state and local government officials blatantly abused their so-called “emergency powers”. The Governor’s office, and municipalities, took this opportunity to single out and shut down the Second Amendment community.

These government officials co-opted the crisis to further their political agenda by closing firearm retailers, shooting ranges, and shut down mandated training courses. There were also multiple instances where the entire local gun licensing process was shuttered, even though Federal guidelines declared those operations essential.

The Massachusetts Attorney General even had the audacity to publicly announce that the Second Amendment community was a threat to public safety, first responders and domestic violence victims.

Would you support doing away with hurdles (mandates) to exercising civil rights that can be arbitrarily blocked without due process and conduct a thorough review of any emergency powers statutes and regulations in the Commonwealth?

Yes

No

15. Which of the following choices best describes your attitude toward hunting?

Hunting should be eliminated.

Hunting is a long-standing tradition that is an essential tool of wildlife management and keeps families in personal touch with our wildlife resources.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. In 1946, the state legislature established the Fisheries and Wildlife Board to oversee the work of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) to professionally manage the Commonwealth's fish and wildlife using proven scientific methods.

The DFW's budget is predominately supported by the Second Amendment Community through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, popularly known as the Pittman–Robertson Act, established by Congress in 1937. Approximately 50%, or more, of the funding for DFW comes from these funds. Funds from that act come from an 11% federal excise tax on sporting arms, ammunition, and archery equipment, as well as a 10% tax on handguns. Hunters, trappers, and anglers also contribute a substantial percentage of the agency's revenue through license and stamp sales.

Would you support the appointment of individuals to the Board who are fundamentally opposed to professional/scientific wildlife management and those opposed to the civil rights protected by the Second Amendment?

- I would support such appointments.
- I would oppose such appointments.

17. Should any entities that are regulated by Federal law, such as banks and insurance companies, be allowed to deny services based on a political agenda?

- Yes
- No

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