

Iowa's ONLY No Compromise Gun Rights Organization



Iowa Gun Owners

2020 Congressional Gun Rights Candidate Survey

1. The Second Amendment unequivocally protects an individual's right to civilian gun ownership. Like the First Amendment, there is no question that the right belongs to the individual rather than the state. But many lawmakers deny this, and many are calling for an outright repeal of the Second Amendment.

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

Yes _____

No _____

2. Anti-gun organizations, often funded with out-of-state resources from Michael Bloomberg, have been clamoring for legislation to end virtually all private party firearms transfers in America unless they submit to a federal NCIC check, thereby adding themselves and the firearm to a federal database. This legislation, H.R. 8, has already passed the House but is being held up in the Senate. As we've seen, this legislation does little to stop crime but creates statewide databases of gun owners – which can be used against them later.

Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE 'Universal Gun Registration' laws that would ban virtually all private party firearms transfers, and make criminals out of gun owners in America who transfer firearms amongst themselves (including their children and grandchildren,) without first obtaining government permission?

Yes _____

No _____

3. 'Extreme Risk Protection Orders,' commonly referred to as 'Red Flag Orders,' would allow an embittered ex-spouse, a former partner, a co-worker, etc., to petition liberal court judges to confiscate firearms from gun owners merely because they claim the gun owner could be dangerous – before the gun owner has been charged, indicted or convicted of a crime. In almost all cases, these are secret 'ex-parte' court proceedings that the gun owner in question knows nothing about, stripping him of his due process rights as well as his Second Amendment rights. This legislation, H.R. 1585, has already passed the House but is being held up in the Senate.

Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE ALL 'Red Flag Orders' (including those that do not include ex-parte hearings) or similar legislation that would strip Americans of their right to keep and bear arms before they have been convicted of a disqualifying offense in a court of law?

Yes _____

No _____

4. Anti-gun lawmakers, the media, and Bloomberg funded activists have been demanding a ban on the possession of or future sales of the AR-15 (and the standard 30-round magazines that accompany them) along with hundreds of related firearms simply because of their cosmetic features, despite the fact that this is the most popular firearm in the country and is used for defense against criminals and tyranny every single day. This legislation H.R. 1296/S.66 has hundreds of cosponsors in Congress but has not been voted on at this time.

Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE legislation banning the manufacture, sale, current or future possession of semi-automatic firearms like the AR-15, as well as the magazines that accompany them, recognizing that these restrictions do nothing to stop crime but only serve to harass gun owners and make Americans less safe?

Yes _____ No _____

5. The state legislature in almost two dozen states have already passed legislation that makes criminals out of law abiding 18-20 year old citizens who buy rifles and shotguns, even though federal law provides for this. Now many are calling for new federal legislation to raise the age of legal gun ownership to 21, across the board. This would make criminals out of citizens who can serve in the military, vote, pay taxes, get married, have careers and enjoy every other aspect of being a legal adult.

Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE legislation that would makes criminals out of Americans age 18-20 for simply buying a firearm for self-defense?

Yes _____ No _____

6. 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.

Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE any legislation that would place unconstitutional waiting periods limiting when a law-abiding American could purchase a firearm for self-defense?

Yes _____ No _____

7. In recent years, politicians on both sides of the aisle have tried to advance legislation to radically redefine what gun trafficking is. This redefinition would render the unknowing or negligent gun owner a criminal, on par with career criminals who receive large amounts of money to arm gangs, cartels, and other organized criminal groups, for innocently selling multiple firearms at one time. This would result in otherwise law-abiding citizens being imprisoned for federal gun crimes and being subject to severe penalties.

Question: If elected, would you oppose legislation that would expand the definition of ‘gun trafficking’ to treat many private firearms gifts and sales with the same penalties as criminal enterprises where large quantities of firearms are sold to drug cartels or other criminals?

Yes _____ No _____

8. Most mass shootings happen in so-called ‘Gun Free Zones,’ areas where law-abiding citizens are forced to disarm, which has quite literally resulted in violent criminals targeting these locations. This prevents law-abiding citizens from defending themselves, their loved ones, and other innocent people around them. Federal law currently prohibits

law abiding parents, teachers, school administrators and others from being able to carry a concealed firearm on school property, resulting in hundreds of murders.

Question: If elected, would you support legislation that would repeal the Federal ‘Gun Free School Zones Act,’ recognizing that they only make law-abiding Americans vulnerable to criminals who view these locations as an inviting target?

Sponsor _____ **Cosponsor** _____ **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 Name: _____

Congressional District Number Sought: _____ Political Party: _____

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

Feel free to attach additional comments to this survey but know that we cannot publish them. If you have any questions about this survey or need clarification on any question, please call us at (515)309-7858. Unsigned surveys cannot be accepted for publication.

Please email your signed and completed survey to us at info@IowaGunOwners.org. Or, if you prefer, you can mail your survey back to us at: Iowa Gun Owners, 3775 EP True Parkway, #269, West Des Moines, IA 50265 by May 29, 2020.

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