

# Iowa's ONLY No Compromise Gun Rights Organization



## Iowa Gun Owners 2020 Gun Rights Election Candidate Survey

1. 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 Iowa unless they submit to a federal NCIC check, thereby adding themselves and the firearm to a federal database. 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 Iowa who transfer firearms amongst themselves (including their children and grandchildren,) without first obtaining government permission?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. '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.

**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 Iowa citizens of their right to keep and bear arms before they have been convicted of a disqualifying offense in a court of law?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. 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 Iowa and is used for defense against criminals and tyranny every single day.

**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 Iowans less safe?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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4. 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. These are 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 Iowa citizens between the ages of 18-20 for simply buying a firearm for self-defense?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Gun control activists have long desired a mandatory 3-day waiting period before law abiding citizens would be able to exercise their 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 citizen in Iowa could purchase a firearm for self-defense?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. In 2017, Iowa gun owners finished a 6 year political fight to pass Stand-Your-Ground law in the Iowa legislature. This law states that a gun owner who is under attack from a violent criminal can use reasonable defensive force, including deadly force, without first having to retreat. Further, it states that gun owners who use reasonable force cannot be bankrupted in civil court with frivolous lawsuits provided that the force used was reasonable. In recent years, legislation has been filed to repeal Iowa's Stand-Your-Ground law.

**Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE any effort to repeal Iowa's Stand-Your-Ground legislation?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7. 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. Iowa has a number of these locations on the books, where citizens are required to disarm even though criminals ignore this law.

**Question: If elected, would you support legislation that would repeal 'Gun Free Zones,' recognizing that they only make law-abiding Iowans vulnerable to criminals who view these locations as inviting targets?**

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Cosponsor \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

8. Constitutional Carry recognizes that every law-abiding citizen has the right to carry a gun, openly or concealed, for any lawful reason. Thus, with no government bureaucracy or license, Iowa citizens could defend themselves, and criminals who use firearms to commit crimes are severely punished. This is the law in Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, N. Hampshire, N. Dakota, Oklahoma, S. Dakota, Vermont, W. Virginia, Wyoming and most of Montana. If passed in Iowa, this law will allow Iowans

the right to carry a firearm for any lawful purpose and without having to pay the government a fee or add their name to a database.

This legislation has been a top priority for gun owners in Iowa for years, but has been held up by legislative moderates.

**Question: Would you support Constitutional Carry legislation, which would recognize the right of all law-abiding Iowans to carry a weapon, either concealed or openly, without having to first obtain government permission and be added to a government list, as is done in sixteen other states?**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Office and 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](mailto: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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**Please consider signing the 2020 Iowa Gun Owners Leadership Pledge that we have enclosed, as well!**