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2024 NRA-PVF West Virginia Candidate Questionnaire

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Please mark the best and most appropriate response that aligns with your views.

1. **Do you agree that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees the fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms for all law-abiding Americans?**

___ Yes

___ No

2. Firearm registration is a system in which a government agency maintains immediately accessible records of specific firearms owned by individual citizens. Current federal law prohibits the creation of a federal firearm registration system (other than the existing registration requirement for machineguns and short-barreled rifles and shotguns). Firearm registration has led to gun bans and confiscation in the United States (California and New York City) and abroad (Australia and Great Britain). **Do you support state legislation requiring firearm owners to register their firearms with a government agency?**

___ Yes

___ No

3. Statewide preemption laws ensure that the state controls firearm regulations, and prevents counties, cities, and other municipalities from passing a “patchwork” of more restrictive and conflicting local laws throughout the state. **Do you support strengthening West Virginia’s firearm preemption laws?**

Yes

No

4. In 1994, President Bill Clinton signed a 10-year ban on the importation and manufacture for sale to private persons of nearly 200 models of semi-automatic firearms and ammunition magazines that could hold more than 10 rounds. This became known as the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban. Federal studies determined the ban had no measurable effect on crime, and it was allowed to expire in 2004. **Do you support a similar ban on semi-automatic firearms in West Virginia?**

Yes

No

5. While there is no evidence that limiting the capacity of an ammunition magazine has any impact on reducing crime or increasing public safety, some states are introducing legislation to restrict the possession, ownership, purchase, sale, and/or transfer of ammunition magazines by limiting the number of rounds of ammunition a magazine can hold. Many of these magazines are sold standard with firearms and are commonly-owned. **Do you support banning the possession, ownership, purchase, sale, and/or transfer of magazines based on their size?** For additional information click [here](#).

Yes, I would support legislation banning magazines that hold more than ____ rounds.

No

6. Efforts at the state level are increasingly targeting access to ammunition, with proposals to ban mail order sales, require background checks and point-of-sale record-keeping, eliminate traditional lead shot, ration purchases, and even restrict the amount of ammunition that may be possessed at one time. Most of these proposals at the state level aim to punish law-abiding people who practice, train, and participate in recreational shooting activities. **Do you support new restrictions on the purchase and possession of ammunition beyond current law?**

Yes, please list restrictions:

No

7. Currently, it is legal for adults over the age of 18 to purchase and possess long guns. Some argue the age to buy rifles and shotguns should be increased to 21. This would effectively deny law-abiding adults, ages 18 to 20, their Second Amendment rights. **Do you support raising the age for the purchase of rifles and shotguns to 21 years of age?**

Yes

No

8. A foundational principle of the American judicial system is the guarantee that an individual is entitled to due process – including notice of the relevant accusations, the opportunity to appear at a hearing before a neutral judge, the opportunity to present evidence in his or her favor, and access to legal representation – before they can be stripped of a Constitutional right. **Do you agree that an individual's Second Amendment Right cannot be denied without stringent due process?**

Yes

No

9. Gun-free zones create arbitrary boundaries where law-abiding citizens are disarmed, while zero measures are taken to prevent criminals from entering. Many argue that law-abiding gun owners should be allowed to carry a firearm for self-defense outside their home, especially on public property that is not considered a “secured” facility. Secured facilities are those where all points of ingress and egress are protected by metal detectors and armed security. **Do you support reducing or eliminating gun-free zones that are not secured?**

Yes

No

10. The “instant” background check system only prohibits the purchase of firearms based on objective disqualifiers. Due process requires the government to substantiate firearm purchase denials with reliable documentation. A “safety valve” provision in current law enforces this requirement by allowing (not mandating) an FFL to proceed with a sale after 3 business days if the FBI still has not denied the sale (illegal possession, of course, remains actionable). Gun control advocates want to repeal this safety-valve and have proposed increasing the “acceptable” time period of delays to a week, ten days, or even indefinitely. **Do you support allowing the purchase of a firearm to proceed after 3 business days if the FBI still has not denied the sale?**

Yes

No

11. Considering current West Virginia firearm laws, **do you support any additional restrictive state legislation regulating the sale, use, or possession of firearms or ammunition?**

Yes, please list additional restrictions:

No

12. Efforts at the state level are increasingly targeting the expansion of West Virginia’s background check system. Currently, all sales in West Virginia, through a federally licensed dealer, have to go through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). **Do you support requiring a background check on every sale or transfer of a firearm, even between private individuals or family members (so-called “universal” background checks)?**

Yes

No

13. Across the country gun control advocates are pushing for “safe storage” laws. These laws require firearms to be locked with a trigger lock or in a locked container when not in use, and often require ammunition to be stored separately. Mandatory firearm storage requirements render firearms ineffective for self-defense in emergency situations, like a home invasion. **Do you support mandating the locked storage of firearms in one’s own home?**

Yes

No

14. Some states have enacted legislation prohibiting the sale of more than one firearm per individual in any 30-day period (one-gun-a-month). There is no evidence that limiting the number of firearms a law-abiding citizen can purchase in an arbitrary period of time has lowered violent crime rates. **Do you support prohibiting an individual who has undergone a criminal background check from purchasing more than one firearm per month?**

Yes

No

15. Firearm registration facilitates firearm confiscation. Understanding that the federal government and most states are prohibited from or do not keep a registry of firearms or firearm owners, gun control activists have attempted to deputize banks and credit card payment processors to maintain private firearm transaction data that will be used to track the purchasing habits of law-abiding gun owners. These gun control activists have encouraged banks and payment processors to utilize a gun dealer-specific Merchant Category Code to monitor lawful credit card purchases at firearm retailers. **Do you support the legislation passed by the West Virginia legislature prohibiting banks and payment processors from collecting private firearm owner data that the federal government and many state governments are prohibited from collecting?**

Yes

No

16. Several states and the District of Columbia require mandatory waiting periods before the purchaser of a firearm may take possession of the firearm. For example, California and the District of Columbia require a 10-day waiting period from the date of purchase to the date of delivery. **Do you support mandating waiting periods between the purchase and delivery of firearms?**

Yes, I support a ____ day waiting period.

No

17. In some states, gun control supporters have promoted legislation to criminalize the failure to report the loss or theft of a firearm within a certain period of time from when the owner “knew or should have known” of the loss or theft. Supporters claim, although not proven, that this will deter illegal firearms trafficking. The NRA certainly does not oppose the reporting of lost and stolen firearms. However, it does oppose stigmatizing and punishing the victims of crime or those who suffer loss from events, such as natural catastrophes, that are not their fault. The message these laws send is that persons whose firearms are lost or stolen are somehow to blame or are complicit in the criminal acts of another person. **Do you support making it a crime to fail to report the loss or theft of a firearm within a specified time period?**

Yes

No

18. The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues over 600,000 hunting licenses annually and the fees from these licenses pay for wildlife conservation across the state. Hunting is an essential tool for wildlife management and conservation, as well as an American tradition that teaches self-reliance, responsibility, and respect for nature. Further, hunting is heavily regulated by the DNR. **Do you support further restrictions or bans on hunting?**

Yes, please explain:

No

19. **Are you a member of the National Rifle Association or any other firearm/shooting sports/sportsmen's organization?**

Yes, I'm an NRA member. Membership #:

Yes, I'm a member of other organizations. Please list:

No

20. **Have you ever run for or held an elected office?**

Yes, please list:

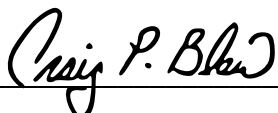
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Please feel free to use the next page to provide additional comments or policy positions you'd like to add, including your history and involvement with the NRA. If your campaign has released a position paper on firearm or Second Amendment related issues, please attach those as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-- Authorization --

This signature is an indication of identity and completion. It attests that the above information accurately represents the views of the candidate.

Signature  Date _____