



WVCDL 2024 WV Legislative Candidate Survey

*note on grading methodology: Strength of answers is graded. Sponsor is graded higher than co-sponsor

Today's Date *

03 / 18 / 2024
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Office Sought *

- Senate
- House
- Other

District *

15 - Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire

Incumbent *

- Yes
- No

Party Affiliation *

- Independant
- Democrat
- Republican
- Libertarian
- Other

Candidate Name *

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Education

Hedgesville High School; James Rumsey Vocational Technical Center (1) Industrial and Residential Electricity (2) Air Conditioning (3) Machine Trades

Other Public Service

Elected to the House 2002-2008; Elected to the Senate 2012-2020; Senate President - Lieutenant Governor 2021-Current

Do you currently have a concealed handgun license? *

Yes

No

Pro-Gun Organization Memberships *

WVCDL

NRA

Other

Military Service *

Yes

No

Explanation (if desired)



I've let my concealed handgun license lapse due to lack of time to get it renewed. I'm currently carrying under ConCarry. It's possible my WVCDL membership may have lapsed as well, please let me know if I owe any membership fees and I'll get them paid. Thank you!

1. Many states allow anyone with a concealed handgun license to carry firearms within their state capitol complex. Will you support "capitol carry" legislation that repeals the existing prohibition of weapons being carried upon the West Virginia Capitol Complex? *

Sponsor Co-Sponsor Support Not Support

Explanation (if desired)

As Senate President, I only sponsor Governor's Bills. Nonetheless, I will wholeheartedly support this legislation. I'd also be glad to recommend potential sponsors who could successfully get this passed.



2. Safe storage of firearms is important. Would you support legislation that exempts firearm safes and other secure storage products from the consumer sales tax? *

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Explanation (if desired)

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3. Many of the public shooting ranges run by the Department of Natural Resources have been shut down due to issues of littering/dumping and other safety concerns. Would you support legislation aimed at keeping the public shooting ranges maintained and open as well as working to open additional Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and public shooting ranges throughout the state? *

Sponsor Co-Sponsor Support Not Support

Explanation (if desired)

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Over the years, I have worked with the Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area to improve and maintain their facilities in order to keep them open.

4. Currently, adult West Virginians 18-20 years old are not covered by the provisions of our constitutional (permitless) legislation. Would you support legislation aimed at expanding permitless carry to all adults? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

5. Would you support legislation strengthening "campus carry" protections? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)



6. Many of the colleges and universities that infringe upon the right to keep and bear arms receive huge amounts of taxpayer funding. Would you support legislation that prohibits taxpayer funding going to colleges or universities that infringe upon the right to keep and bear arms? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

7. Would you support legislation that would prevent colleges or universities from using taxpayer funding to lobby for gun-control? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)



8. Renewal of concealed handgun licenses in West Virginia is a relatively straight forward process. Would you support legislation that allowed for the online renewal of these licenses in order to make the process more convenient for citizens? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)



9. The firearm industry is greater than a 20 billion dollar a year industry in the US. As a West Virginia legislator, would you actively solicit firearm manufacturers within states that are hostile to the rights of citizens owning firearms, to encourage them to relocate manufacturing facilities to West Virginia through various tax incentives or other enticements? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

I've been involved in recruiting these businesses, but unfortunately, we've had no success yet. This issue has been and will continue to be a priority for me if I'm re-elected.

10. The West Virginia Second Amendment Preservation and Anti-Federal Commandeering Act was a crucial step toward preventing West Virginia law enforcement from being co-opted to carry out federal gun control policies. Would you support legislation strengthening this bill to include all state agencies and employees? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)



11. West Virginia has the highest per capita rate of military service in the country. Additionally, those citizens 18-22 years old are the demographic most likely to be the victim of a violent crime. Will you OPPOSE and vote AGAINST any legislation attempting to raise the age for rifle and rifle ammunition purchases within the state? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

12. Will you OPPOSE and vote AGAINST any legislation limiting ownership of magazines of any ammunition capacity? *


YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

13. Some states have prohibited their state agencies from doing business with companies that oppose the right to keep and bear arms. Would you support such legislation? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)



We did something similar when we passed House Bill 2862 to show ESG investors that WV would support fossil fuels. I'd support similar legislation that backs companies that support the Second Amendment. The specifics are important here. In any case where only a single vendor provides a critical product, we'll need to devise a plan to ensure that necessary goods and services continue to be available to the citizens of West Virginia.

14. Will you OPPOSE or vote AGAINST government-mandated use of trigger locks or other such hazardous "safety" devices which have the effect of making it difficult, if not impossible, to have a firearm readily available to defend your home and family? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

Absolutely yes!

15. Will you OPPOSE and vote AGAINST and legislation seeking a so-called "assault weapons ban" than bans ownership of firearms based on cosmetic features like bayonet lugs, flash hiders, pistol grips, or magazine capacity? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

16 Will you OPPOSE and vote AGAINST any legislation limiting the carrying of firearms or deadly weapons as currently allowable under state law? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

I've worked diligently to enact these laws for over 20 years. I will certainly fight to maintain them and oppose any legislation that seeks to undo our accomplishments.

17. Will you OPPOSE and vote AGAINST any legislation aimed at the creation of any database of registration of firearms or firearm owners in the state? This would include OPPOSING and voting AGAINST the perennially-introduced "Pawn Shop Gun Registry" bill that seeks to create a third-party taxpayer-funded electronic database of all firearms pawned, sold, or purchased through a pawn broker federal firearms dealer? *

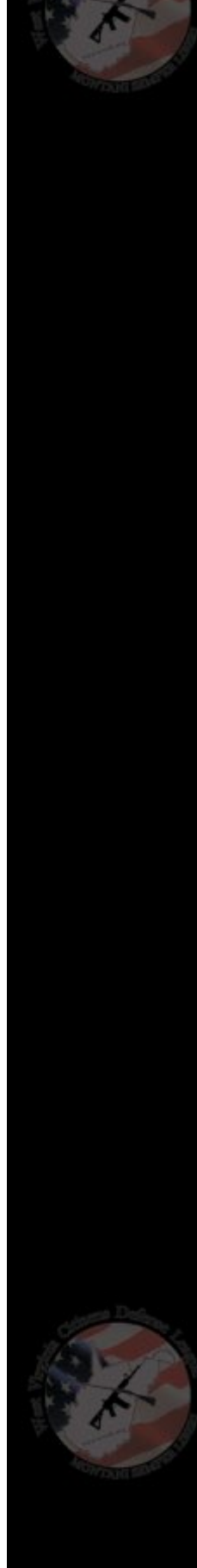
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Explanation (if desired)

18. Will you OPPOSE and vote AGAINST any legislation designed to ban non-licensed dealer private firearms sales and transfers (whether at gun shows or outside of gun shows) or any expansion of background checks beyond existing federal requirements for transfers? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

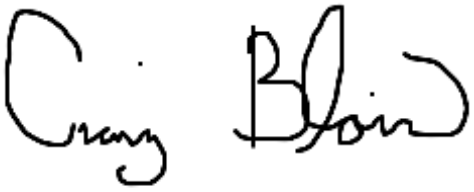


19. Will you OPPOSE and vote AGAINST any legislation seeking to infringe the right to keep and bear arms as recognized by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article III, Section 22 of the West Virginia Constitution? *

YES NO

Explanation (if desired)

Signature *



[Clear](#)

Please Confirm Your Submission By Signing Above

