

Gun Owners of America

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1. Gun control advocates label semi-automatic firearms with certain cosmetic features as so-called "assault weapons." However, all semi-automatic firearms are functionally the same (one round fired per one pull of the trigger.)

Would you veto any legislation that reinstates the 1994 law, which sunset in 2004, that banned many types of semi-automatic firearms (commonly referred to as "assault weapons")?

Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Although Congress has specifically refused to extend the legislative ban on semi-automatic firearms, a ban implemented by President George H.W. Bush on many imported semi-automatic firearms that do not pass the "sporting purposes test" remains in place.

Would you repeal, by Executive Order, the 1989 import ban on semi-automatic firearms?

Yes ☒ No ☐

3. The United Nation's Arms Trade Treaty, supported by President Obama, would undermine U.S. sovereignty and the Second Amendment.

If elected, would you remove the U.S. as a signatory to the ATT?

Yes ☒ No ☐

4. The Justice Department's "Fast and Furious" program resulted in thousands of firearms getting into the hands of dangerous Mexican drug cartels. Several whistle blowers, including current and former employees within the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, believe that one purpose of the program was to justify the push for more gun control in the United States.

Would you appoint an independent counsel to investigate possible wrongdoing by the BATFE, FBI, and the Offices of Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General in connection with this program?

Yes ☒ No ☐

5. In 2007, the Congress passed the "Veterans Disarmament Act" without a recorded vote in either chamber. This legislation disarms hundreds of thousands of military veterans who are suffering from ailments that frequently follow combat stress. The gun ban, therefore, denies veterans their Second Amendment rights not on the basis of the conviction of a crime, but rather on the basis of a doctor's opinion.

Would you support legislation guaranteeing that honorably discharged veterans not be considered "adjudicated as a mental defective," and thus lose their Second Amendment rights, without a finding of a judge, magistrate, or other judicial authority of competent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself or herself or others?

Yes ☒ No ☐

6. The ObamaCare legislation that Congress passed in 2010 will fund a federal database of Americans' medical records – including information that can be used to deny people the right to buy a firearm. As stated in the question immediately above, laws such as the Veterans Disarmament Act have already contributed to over a hundred thousand military veterans losing their gun rights. Now, ObamaCare could facilitate that gun ban spreading to the rest of the civilian population.

Given these facts, would you support the repeal (or defunding) of ObamaCare?

Yes ☒ No ☐

7. Though there is no technical definition of a "high capacity" magazine (firearm ammunition feeding device), gun control proponents designate some magazines as "high capacity" based on an arbitrarily chosen number of rounds a magazine can hold.

Would you veto any legislation banning the manufacture, sale or possession of large-capacity magazines?

Yes ☒ No ☐ If No, what size magazine would you support banning?

8. The Supreme Court ruled in *Heller* (2008) that: "The Second Amendment guarantees an individual's right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia," and that the District of Columbia's ban on operable firearms in the home violated that right. Nevertheless, D.C. officials have subsequently passed a law that is nearly as restrictive as the old one, *and* it now includes a "microstamping" provision that could impact gun owners nationwide.

Do you support legislation to repeal the District of Columbia's gun laws?

Yes ☒ No ☐

9. Legislation in Congress seeks to ban private firearm sales at gun shows unless the buyer submits to a federal background check.

Would you veto any legislation that would require private buyers and sellers of firearms at a gun show to get the federal government's approval before completing a transaction?

Yes ☒ No ☐

10. The Gun Control Act of 1968 requires that imported firearms be "suitable for sporting purposes."

Do you support repealing the "sporting purposes" test of the 1968 Act?

Yes ☒ No ☐

11. The federal gun free school zones act of 1996 makes it illegal (with limited exceptions) to possess a firearm within 1,000 feet of the property of any "public, private or parochial school." Gun owners who are otherwise carrying a firearm legally can be subject to a five year prison sentence simply for driving past a school.

Do you support legislation to repeal the 1996 gun free school zones act?

Yes ☒ No ☐

12. Gun control advocates are seeking to prohibit 18-20 year-olds from possessing firearms, which would treat young adults as if they have no Second Amendment rights even though they are old enough to serve in the armed forces and to vote.

Would you veto any legislation that would take away the right of 18-20 year-olds to possess firearms?

Yes ☒ No ☐

13. Gun control advocates are seeking to ban .50 caliber firearms based only on the bore size, although such firearms are a mere fraction of an inch larger than many common hunting rifles.

Would you veto legislation that would ban .50 caliber firearms?

Yes ☒ No ☐

14. The Justice Department reported in 1989 that, "Any system that requires a criminal history record check prior to the purchase of a firearm creates the potential for the automated tracking of individuals who seek to purchase a firearm." This means that any background check – whether an "instant check" or otherwise – can result in a registration list of gun owners.

Would you support a repeal of the 1993 Brady instant check?

Yes ☒ No ☐

15. Gun control advocates have proposed legislation to require the ballistic marking ("Micro-stamping") of all fired cartridge casings.

Would you veto any legislation requiring that cartridge casings be "micro-stamped" with a unique identification code?

Yes ☒ No ☐

16. In 1996, Congress enacted a gun ban known as the Lautenberg Misdemeanor Gun Ban. Because this ban covers misdemeanors, it disarms otherwise law-abiding citizens for life – for offenses as slight as spanking a child, grabbing a spouse's wrist, or even getting in a shouting match with family members.

Do you support a repeal of the Lautenberg Misdemeanor Gun Ban?

Yes ☒ No ☐

17. Legislation in Congress would allow a person who can legally carry a concealed firearm in his or her home state to also have the right to carry in other states. The specific legislation GOA supports does not establish national standards and is "constitutional carry" friendly in that it protects people's right to carry concealed firearms without forcing states to adopt a permitting system.

Would you support recognition legislation for persons allowed to carry concealed firearms?

Yes ☒ No ☐

18. Gun control advocates are seeking to require gun owners to keep firearms inoperable with a trigger lock or other locking device when not in use.

Would you veto any legislation mandating that trigger locks be applied to all firearms when not in use?

Yes ☒ No ☐

19. Legislation in Congress would end the current ban on recreational land controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers if (1) the person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm (2) possession is in compliance with the law of the state.

Would you support legislation repealing the gun ban on Army Corps of Engineers land?

Yes ☒ No ☐

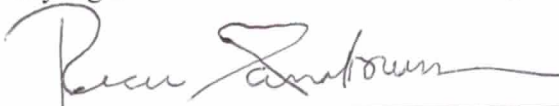
20. Legislation in Congress would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from banning, on federal public land, hunting equipment that contains lead, zinc, copper, or brass. Such an action by the EPA would result in a backdoor ban on ammunition.

Would you support legislation preventing the EPA from banning lead and other ammunition?

Yes ☒ No ☐

-- Candidate Authorization --

My signature affirms that the answers given above accurately represent my views.



Candidate's Signature

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