



Gun Owners' Action League

Massachusetts Candidate Questionnaire

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1. Do you recognize that the Second Amendment is a fundamental natural right of all responsible American citizens to keep and bear arms for all lawful purposes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. The Second Amendment is an inalienable civil right, are there any government agencies or entities that should have the authority to restrict civil rights?

3. In 2024, the Legislature, at the direction of national gun control groups, passed a bill that could be considered the worst attack on civil rights in modern US history.

Would you support the repeal of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. In 1964, our nation ratified the 24th Amendment that banned “Poll Taxes” which were used to discourage minorities and the poor from voting. A comparison can be drawn between such taxes and firearm license fees in Massachusetts. Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024 implemented new onerous and expensive training mandates, including mandatory live fire training which could disenfranchise many citizens from accessing their civil rights.

Do you believe that citizens accessing **any** of their civil rights should cost so much time and resources?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Even with the strict criteria required for lawful ownership and possession of firearms in Massachusetts, State Government further restricts the brands, models and often general types of firearms citizens can purchase and possess. ASF roster?

Do you support the ban on any rifles, pistols and shotguns in common use?

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. Currently, the majority of states in the union, twenty-nine as of the drafting of this questionnaire, allow for the permit-less carry and ownership of firearms. This means that those states have no licensing scheme. The balance of the states each have their own licenses and processes, effectively ending Second Amendment rights at the state border. While all other civil rights are essentially borderless.

Would you support restructuring MA gun laws to focus on prohibited persons rather than wasting resources to license and restrict responsible gun owners?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has ruled in four different decisions that the Second Amendment is indeed an individual right. (*Heller*, 2008; *McDonald*, 2010; *Caetano*, 2106; and *Bruen*, 2022) The *Bruen decision*, requires that licensing authorities standardize the licensing process across all municipalities and adopt a “shall issue” scheme to issue licenses to those applicants that are not prohibited persons. In 2022 and 2024 we saw the Legislature implement new changes circumventing these decisions. Additionally, the Supreme Court is likely to rule against state-level bans on assault weapons this session which could lead to even more reactive legislation.

Would you support GOAL’s efforts to ensure that Massachusetts complies with the rulings of SCOTUS not only with the letter of law, but the intended spirit of the decisions?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Over the past years anti-civil rights activists have attempted to use local ordinance amendments to restrict or impede the citizens of the Commonwealth from exercising their civil rights. In some instances, it only takes ten (10) signatures to bring a question before a town meeting or to create a local referendum ballot initiative.

Our democratic republican system of government established by the Constitution is designed to prevent bigotry by popular vote. In order to protect the citizens of the

Commonwealth from local social bigotry, GOAL has filed legislation to prevent municipalities from passing anti-civil rights ordinances by mob rule. This type of civil-rights protection law is commonly referred to as a “Pre-Emption Law” in other states.

Would you support GOAL’s effort to pass Pre-Emption legislation in Massachusetts?

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. Massachusetts Attorneys General (AG) have a long history of weaponizing their office and abusing their authority for political purposes. In the past few decades, they have misused this authority to marginalize the Second Amendment community: citizens who simply choose to exercise their Constitutional civil rights.

Previous AGs have abused their authority by forcing nebulous “safety standards” onto handgun manufacturers and retailers, sending letters to ammunition manufacturers and suppliers to intimidate them into avoiding shipping to MA, unilaterally reinterpreting the “assault weapons” ban, establishing a “Gun Violence Prevention Unit” staffed with anti-gunners, and, most recently, using confusing and misleading language on the 2026 ballot question to repeal Ch. 135.

Would you support efforts to reign in and depoliticize the Attorney General’s Office, and any other state-level Executive Office, to ensure that these types of end-runs around the legislative process are not tolerated in the future?

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. The Federal Government has statutorily banned a centralized firearms registry since 1986. No such restriction exists that bars states from establishing their own registries and, unfortunately, Massachusetts has mandated that all gun owners in the Commonwealth register their firearms.

Would you support repealing this registration requirement and work to restrict the Commonwealth’s ability to do this in the future?

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. Do you support the understanding that our Second Amendment civil rights protects the right of law-abiding citizens to use the force necessary in the defense of themselves and others wherever they have a right to be?

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. Do you believe that law-abiding citizens and/or their estates should be shielded from exposure to civil liability brought against them by a criminal assailant after an act of lawful self-defense or the defense of others?

☐ Yes

☐ No

13. In 2005, the Federal Government passed the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, protecting the firearms industry including manufacturers, distributors, retailers and importers from civil liability lawsuits when crimes are committed with their products. Recently, some states have made moves to negate this statute by passing state-level legislation that would allow state courts to accept such cases.

Would you oppose such legislation in Massachusetts?

☐ Yes

☐ No

14. In the legislature, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President hold an unprecedented amount of power over the bodies as a whole and over individual members. In some cases this power, both the draw of it and the fear of it, has led some members, on both sides of the aisle, to vote against their principles and their conscience in order to maintain their position or even maintain local aide or funding priorities.

If put to the test, do you think you could stand on your principles against overwhelming pressure from either party's leadership to vote for a bill you don't believe in if it meant you would lose funding for local priorities, your standing among your party or in the legislature itself?

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. Which of the following choices best describes your attitude toward hunting?

☐ Hunting should be eliminated.

☐ Hunting is a long-standing tradition that is an essential tool of wildlife management and keeps families in personal touch with our wildlife recourses.

☐ Other: _____

16. In 1946, the state legislature established the Fisheries and Wildlife Board to oversee the work of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) to professionally manage the Commonwealth's fish and wildlife using proven scientific methods.

The DFW's budget is predominately supported by the Second Amendment Community through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, popularly known as the Pittman–Robertson Act, established by Congress in 1937. Approximately 50%, or more, of the funding for DFW comes from these funds. Funds from that act come from an 11% federal excise tax on sporting arms, ammunition, and archery equipment, as well as a 10% tax on handguns. Hunters, trappers, and anglers also contribute a substantial percentage of the agency's revenue through license and stamp sales.

Would you support the appointment of individuals to the Board who are fundamentally opposed to professional/scientific wildlife management and those opposed to the civil rights protected by the Second Amendment?

☐ I would support such appointments.

☐ I would oppose such appointments.

17. Should any entities that are regulated by Federal law, such as banks and insurance companies, be allowed to deny services based on a political agenda?

☐ Yes

☐ No

18. Transfers, sales and the creation of new machine guns has been federally regulated and illegal for civilians since 1986. With the rise of so-called "Glock switches" some states like California, New York, Maryland and Connecticut have implemented bans on what they call "convertible pistols" banning some of the most popular semi-automatic handguns in the country for sale under the guise of safety from machine guns.

Would you oppose such bans?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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