

TWO DIVERGENT VISIONS

The Philosophy of Restriction

"I've vetoed dangerous bills that would have allowed guns in schools. But that's not enough. We need stronger laws... A strong Universal Background Checks law is now sitting in the U.S. Senate. Pass it and the President [Biden] will sign it. And while they're at it, they should ban assault weapons. Until they do, state legislators should close North Carolina's permit loophole for these weapons." — Gov. Roy Cooper, May 2022

The Philosophy of Restoration

*"North Carolina took a monumental step in protecting Second Amendment rights... by repealing a Jim Crow-era relic [Pistol Purchase Permits] that was used for over a century to deny law-abiding citizens their fundamental rights. **The Second Amendment is a right, not a government-granted permission slip.**" — Michael Whatley, March 2023*

"The Second Amendment is the guarantor of every other right we hold dear. When we protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to defend their families, we are protecting the very foundation of our sovereignty." — Michael Whatley, NCGOP Leadership Briefing

SECURE THE FUTURE THE JUDICIAL FIREWALL

Legislators pass laws, but life-tenured judges define them. The 2026 U.S. Senate election is the "National Pivot Point" because that seat determines who sits on the **Federal Bench** and the **U.S. Supreme Court**.

The Senate is the only check on appointments that would seek to dismantle *Heller* and *Bruen* from within.

We must confirm judges who treat the Second Amendment as a **fundamental right of citizenship**, not as a privilege for the powerful. The 2026 U.S. Senate election is the pivot point where we decide if the Bill of Rights remains the property of the people, or becomes a 'permission slip' held by the government.

North Carolina Rifle and Pistol Association

Protecting Your Right to Keep and Bear Arms

NCRPA was established in 1938 as the sole state-wide organization affiliated with the National Rifle Association (NRA) and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).

Our mission is to protect and preserve our Second Amendment right to bear arms and to promote and preserve the shooting sports, the safe use and storage of firearms, and the principles of marksmanship and self-defense.



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2026 U.S. SENATE North Carolina

THE 2ND AMENDMENT RECORD Michael Whatley vs Roy Cooper

Sovereignty and the Defense of Individual
Rights

WHO WILL PROTECT YOUR COUNTRY, YOU AND YOURS?

Your rights are the only thing standing between
your family and the unthinkable.

READ THEIR RECORD

VOTE!



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ROY COOPER'S VETO RECORD: A STRATEGY OF OBSTRUCTION

The Evidence: For eight years, common-sense safety and constitutional restoration were met with the Governor's pen.

S.B. 41 Protection of 2nd Amendment Rights (2023)

VETOED

(Overridden March 29, 2023)

The Purpose: Repeal of the 1919 [Pistol Purchase Permits Requirement] and Church Security legalized.

H.B. 398 Pistol Purchase Permit Repeal (2021)

VETOED

The Purpose: To Eliminate the arbitrary "good moral character" check by local Sheriffs.

S.B 43 (H.B. 110) The Religious Liberty Act (2021)

VETOED

The Purpose: Protecting parishioners at houses of worship with private schools.

H.B 594 Bill to Restrain Emergency Powers (2020)

VETOED

The Purpose: Prevented the government from suspending the sale or transport of firearms during "Emergencies."

WHERE THEY STAND THE PATH FORWARD

National Reciprocity

Cooper

Opposes. Supports state-level barriers to out-of-state permits.

Whatley

Supports. Advocates for national recognition of carry rights.

Magazine Bans

Cooper

Supports. Voted to ban common defensive equipment.

Whatley

Opposes. Protects the right to choose defensive tools.

Red Flag Laws

Cooper

Supports. Advocates for seizure of property without due process.

Whatley

Opposes. Prioritizes constitutional due process and safety.

Judiciary

Cooper

Living Document. Prefers judicial activists on the bench.

Whatley

Originalist. Committed to judges who respect the clear text.

NATIONAL PIVOT POINT

The Warning: We stand at a crossroads that will define the republic for the next generation. The line has been drawn. If the "Philosophy of Restriction" captures the U.S. Senate, the firewall for the Second Amendment will crumble. If we lose the Congress, the final check against government overreach is gone.

The Stated Sacrifice: In 1775, our Patriot Fathers were called to risk their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to secure the blessings of liberty. They stood in the gap against a Crown that sought to disarm them, ensuring we free people might breathe the air of a free state.

The Ask: We are not asking you to face a front line. We are not asking you to risk your life. We are only asking you to stand in the gap for your family, your neighbors, and your country at the ballot box.

They gave their lives. We are only asking for your **vote.**

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government."

Patrick Henry