Gun Owners' Action League

Massachusetts Candidate Questionnaire

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Election Date: _____

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

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. I support firearms ownership for: (Check all that you think apply)

   ☐ Hunting

   ☐ Defense of self and/or others

   ☐ Competitive shooting

   ☐ Constitutional Right

   ☐ Recreational shooting

   ☐ Collecting

   ☐ All Lawful Purposes

   ☐ Other:_____

3. Given that the Second Amendment is a civil right, what entities, if any, should have the authority to restrict our right to keep and bear arms?

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4. Do you believe that lawful citizens should have to pay a fee to exercise their civil rights?

   ☐ Yes

   ☐ No

5. Given the strict criteria required for the lawful ownership of firearms in Massachusetts, do you support legislation banning lawful citizens from transferring, purchasing or possessing any type of firearm or accessories:

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

*If so please specify what types:*_____

6. There are efforts locally and nationally to utilize secret lists to deny citizens their civil rights. These lists include the "No Fly" and "Terrorist Watch" lists where people are placed on them with no due process and are not even made aware they are suspected of anything by their government. Do you support the removal of civil rights through such processes?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. In Massachusetts, some local licensing authorities believe that lawful citizens must prove they are "suitable" in order to exercise their Second Amendment Rights. In many cases this forces citizens to spend a great deal of money to prove their innocence in court, a process that flies in the face of our entire justice system. Do you support GOAL's efforts to ensure that denials and/or restrictions are based on a factual prohibited person status that rightfully places the burden on the government?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Local municipalities have the authority to enact ordinances concerning our Second Amendment Civil Rights. This often creates a rights-infringing patchwork of local ordinances causing the prosecution of lawful gun owners. Many states across the country have enacted preemption legislation that rests the sole authority with the state legislature. Would you support this type of legislation in Massachusetts that would create an equitable system of consistent law?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. For several decades now law-abiding citizens of Massachusetts have been denied their right to purchase many safe and high quality firearms that are in common use throughout the nation. This prohibition was created by the misuse of the regulatory authority granted to the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. Would you support GOAL's efforts to overturn the regulations that prohibit the lawful purchase or transfer of these common use firearms in Massachusetts?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Do you believe that law-abiding citizens have the right to use force to protect themselves or others wherever they have a right to be?

    ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. One of the greatest threats to public safety throughout the country are so-called "Gun Free Zones". These are places, whether public or private, that law-abiding citizens are denied their fundamental right to protect their lives. Nearly every mass murder in recent history has taken place in such places. Do support GOAL's efforts to have an honest and factual review of policies regarding these zones?

    ☐ Yes ☐ No

12. Do you believe that law-abiding citizens should be protected from civil suit brought upon them by a criminal assailant or their estate after an act of lawful defense in protection of self or others?

    ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Currently law abiding U.S. citizens have faced criminal prosecution for exercising their Second Amendment Civil Rights while traveling through Massachusetts. These citizens have shown no criminal intent and are not prohibited persons in their home state. Would you support state legislation giving these citizens protection from criminal prosecution under these circumstances?

    ☐ Yes ☐ No

14. Massachusetts collects millions of dollars every year from firearm license fees and does not use any of these funds to provide education on firearm safety or the laws. Would you support GOAL's efforts to ensure the Commonwealth begins to provide such education through whatever means possible.

    ☐ 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 to manage all fish and wildlife, including non-game species. As a result the Division has been become one of the most professional and self funded agencies in the Commonwealth. The Division's budget is predominately supported by sportsmen and women through license sales and taxes on the manufacture of guns and ammunition. Would you support the appointment of individuals to the Board who are fundamentally opposed to the hunting, trapping and fishing traditions?

    - ☐ I would support such appointments.
    - ☐ I would oppose such appointments.

AUTHORIZATION: This signature attests this questionnaire accurately represents my views as a candidate.

Questionnaire Prepared by: _____ Date: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____Date: _____

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