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2016 Washington Candidate Questionnaire

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For further information on Washington firearm laws,
please visit www.nraila.org and click on the "gun laws" feature located in the menu.

1. Do you agree that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees a fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms that applies to all law-abiding Americans, regardless of where they live in the United States?

___ a. Yes.

___ b. No.

2. Considering current Washington firearm laws, do you support any additional restrictive state legislation regulating firearms and/or ammunition?

___ a. Yes, for all firearms and ammunition. Please explain: _____

___ b. Yes, for certain firearms and/or ammunition. Please explain: _____

___ c. No, current state firearm laws are sufficient.

___ d. No, current state firearm laws should be improved to benefit law-abiding gun owners and sportsmen in Washington.

3. Do you support state legislation banning the manufacture, possession, ownership, purchase, sale and/or transfer of any firearm?

___ a. Yes, for all firearms. Please specify type of restriction(s): _____

___ b. Yes, for all handguns. Please specify type of restriction(s): _____

___ c. Yes, for some firearms. Please specify types of firearms/restriction(s): _____

___ d. No, I oppose banning the manufacture, possession, ownership, purchase, sale and/or transfer of any firearm.

4. Do you support legislation requiring individuals to obtain a state license* to own, possess or purchase firearms?

**Licensing, as used here, refers to state legislation requiring firearm owners to obtain a license from a government official or agency to own and possess a firearm. As a rule, firearm owner licensing laws generally require fingerprinting, photographing, and/or a background investigation of the applicant. Note: this is different from acquiring a "license to carry" a concealed pistol from the state.*

___ a. Yes, for owners of all firearms.

___ b. Yes, for owners of all handguns.

___ c. Yes, for owners of some firearms. Please specify: _____

___ d. No, I oppose state licensing of firearm owners.

5. In 1994, Congress imposed a 10-year ban on the manufacture, for sale to private individuals, of various semi-automatic* firearms it termed "assault weapons," and of ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition, which primarily affected handguns designed for self-defense. Congress' subsequent study of the ban, as well as state and local law enforcement agency reports, showed that contrary to the ban's supporters' claims, these firearms and magazines are misused in less than one percent of violent crime. Since the ban expired in 2004, the numbers of these firearms and magazines have risen to all-time highs and violent crime has fallen to a 44-year low. **Would you support state legislation restricting the possession, ownership, purchase, sale, and/or transfer of semi-automatic firearms and/or limits on the capacity of magazines designed for self-defense?**

**Semi-automatic firearms have been commonly used for hunting, target shooting, and self-defense since their introduction in the late 1800s. All semi-automatics fire only one shot when the trigger is pulled. They are not fully-automatic machine guns, which have been strictly regulated under federal law since 1934.*

- a. Yes, I would support such legislation for semi-automatic firearms and magazines.
- b. Yes, I would support such legislation for semi-automatic firearms only.
- c. Yes, I would support such legislation for ammunition magazines only. Please specify magazine capacity limit: _____
- d. No, I would oppose such legislation.

6. Despite the fact that: 1) accidental firearm fatalities are at an all-time low; 2) firearms are consistently near the bottom of the list of causes of accidental deaths of children; and 3) there is an existing Reckless Endangerment statute in Washington law (RCW § 9A.36.050), Senate Bill 5789 and House Bill 1747 were considered in 2016 to single out firearm owners and impose specific criminal sanctions on the parents or guardians of minor children who accidentally injure themselves or others with firearms found in the home. **Would you support state legislation that would single out the storage of firearms and turn parents into criminals when their children are involved in such accidents?**

- a. Yes, I would support such legislation. Please explain: _____
- b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

7. To ensure equal protection for all law-abiding Washington citizens and to avoid inconsistent ordinances from city-to-city and county-to-county, current Washington law (RCW § 9.41.290) preempts local firearm ordinances in favor of uniform state law. Some anti-gun advocates and politicians on the local level desire to repeal this law and, thus, allow the imposition of local firearm restrictions. **Would you support state legislation to repeal the state preemption law?**

- a. Yes, I would support such legislation. Please explain: _____
- b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

8. A person who uses force in lawful self-defense, defense of others, or defense of property may still have to stand trial and produce evidence to justify his or her actions. Existing Washington law (RCW § 9A.16.110) provides for state reimbursement of all reasonable costs incurred by a person in his or her legal defense, when the person charged with a crime is found not guilty by reason of self-defense. The NRA strongly opposed House Bill 2067 in 2012 which sought to repeal this protection for wrongfully-charged individuals. **Would you support state legislation, such as HB 2067, to repeal Washington's self-defense reimbursement protection?**

- a. Yes, I would support such legislation. Please explain: _____
- b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

9. In 2016, gun control proponents have proposed Initiative 1491 (based on House Bills 1857 and 2461) to authorize the police or any "household member" to obtain an Extreme Risk Protection Order and strip a person of the right to own and possess firearms (but not other dangerous items) for at least one year (renewable by year indefinitely) based on an allegation that the person poses a danger to self or others. Critically, such an order could be obtained without any actual evidence that the person committed an offense or an act of harm to self or others. A person's Second Amendment rights could be stripped based on mere allegations and, in some cases, lawful behavior. **Would you support legislation like Initiative 1491 that singles out firearm owners and allows firearm confiscation based on allegations from the police or household members?**

- a. Yes, I would support such legislation. Please explain: _____
- b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

10. Federal law exempts firearm purchasers who hold a Washington Concealed Pistol License (CPL) from the federally mandated National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) background check. This is because CPL applicants are subjected to both the federal NICS check and to a more extensive state background check than is required by the state for firearm purchasers. **Would you support state legislation to exempt CPL holders from the redundant state background check required for firearm purchasers (see HB 1839 from 2013-2014)?**

- a. Yes, I would cosponsor such legislation.
- b. Yes, I would support such legislation.
- c. No, I would oppose such legislation. Please explain: _____

11. In 1998, the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) replaced the national five-day waiting period on handgun purchases. Considering the fact that Washington uses the NICS system to conduct background checks on all firearm transferees and purchasers, **would you support repealing the state’s obsolete and unnecessary waiting periods?**

- a. Yes, I would cosponsor such legislation.
- b. Yes, I would support legislation repealing waiting periods.
- c. No, I would oppose such legislation.

12. Initiative 594 includes a short list of very narrow exemptions to the background check requirement for private firearm “transfers.” The definition of “transfer” is so broad, that virtually every time a firearm changes hands, the “transfer” is required to be brokered through a licensed firearm dealer, criminalizing many legitimate and lawful activities. To cite some of the most egregious examples, the new law: (1) allows gifts between immediate family members but prohibits other “transfers” – sales and even temporary loans – of firearms between the same immediate family members; (2) prohibits the “transfer” of firearms between concealed pistol license (CPL) holders who have already been subjected to a more exhaustive, fingerprint-based background check than 594 requires for transfers; (3) prohibits temporary “transfers” between firearms instructors and their students during safety training; and (4) in most cases, prohibits temporary “transfers” between friends and acquaintances even when the transferee remains in the presence of the transferor at all times.

Would you support a bill to modify current law so that:

1. **All “transfers” between immediate family members are no longer prohibited?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

2. **“Transfers” between fingerprint-checked CPL holders are no longer prohibited?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

3. **“Transfers” between firearm safety instructors and students are no longer prohibited?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

4. **“Transfers” between friends and acquaintances in cases where the transferee at all times remains in the presence of the transferor while the transferee possesses the firearm are no longer prohibited?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

13. Washington state law (RCW § 9.41.110 (9)) requires all firearm dealers to keep a "handgun register" or record of all handgun transactions. Additionally, the state Department of Licensing maintains a registration database of handgun purchasers. Federal law requires licensed firearm dealers to keep similar records of all such firearm transfers (18 U.S.C. 923 (g)). **Would you support state legislation repealing the current duplicate state recordkeeping system and prohibiting state and local firearm registration?**

**For criminal investigation purposes, law enforcement authorities would still have access to dealer records through the record-keeping requirements in federal law.*

- a. Yes, I would cosponsor such legislation.
- b. Yes, I would support such legislation.
- c. No, I support the current state registration system.

14. A doctrine in common law, known as the “Castle Doctrine,” provides that a man’s home is his castle and, hence, he may use any manner of force, including deadly force, to protect it and its inhabitants. **Would you support state self-defense legislation to clarify that: (1) a person who uses deadly force against an intruder in his or her home is presumed to have acted reasonably; (2) if a person is justified in responding to a threat with deadly force, there shall be no duty-to-retreat if the person is in any place he or she has a legal right to be (this would codify Washington case law); and (3) a person justified in the use of force shall be immune from civil liability (that is, if the attacker is harmed by the victim who is justified in the use of defensive force, the attacker shall have no legal recourse against the victim)?**

- a. Yes, I would cosponsor such legislation. Specify (1), (2) and/or (3): _____
- b. Yes, I would support such legislation. Specify (1), (2) and/or (3): _____
- c. No, I would oppose such legislation. Please explain: _____

15. Many public colleges and universities allow visitors to carry a concealed firearm on their campuses, yet nearly all state-funded higher learning institutions ban faculty, staff and students from carrying a concealed handgun on campus. The NRA believes that any adult who has a Concealed Pistol License should be able to carry a firearm for self-defense anywhere he or she has a legal right to be. **Who do you believe should legally be allowed to carry a concealed pistol on state college and university campuses (please check all that apply)?**

- a. All law-abiding persons including visitors, faculty, staff and students, who can carry under existing state law.
- b. Visitors.
- c. Faculty.
- d. Staff.
- e. Students.
- f. Each college or university should determine the policy for its campus.
- g. No one should be allowed to carry a concealed handgun on state college and university campuses.

16. Currently, some long-established shooting ranges across Washington are being forced to close or curtail activities due to court actions or local noise standards imposed on them by a growing and shifting population. **Would you support state legislation that would protect established shooting ranges from closure due to local noise ordinances or nuisance actions for noise throughout Washington?**

- a. Yes, I would cosponsor such legislation.
- b. Yes, I would support such legislation.
- c. No, I would oppose such legislation. Please explain: _____

17. **Which of the following choices best describe your attitude toward hunting?**

- a. Hunting is a valuable tool for wildlife management, a positive use of natural resources, and an American tradition that teaches young people responsibility and respect for the outdoors.
- b. Hunting should be banned.
- c. Other. Please explain: _____

18. The use of traditional lead ammunition is increasingly under attack. The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) Commission recently imposed an outright ban on the use of traditional lead ammunition for all hunting on all pheasant release sites statewide, despite the fact that there is no scientific basis for such an overreaching prohibition. **Would you support state legislation to limit the authority of the WDFW Commission to restrict traditional lead ammunition only if it is scientifically justified and narrowly tailored to address significant and substantiated impacts to one or more wildlife populations (see 2012 SB 6209)?**

- a. Yes, I would cosponsor such legislation.
- b. Yes, I would support such legislation.
- c. No, I would oppose such legislation. Please explain: _____

19. **Have you ever run for or held an elected office?**

- a. Yes. Please specify: _____
- b. No.

20. **Are you a member of the National Rifle Association, the Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association, the Washington Arms Collectors or any other gun rights/shooting/sportsmen's organization?**

- a. Yes. Please specify: _____
- b. No. (If NRA member, please list membership number)

If your campaign has released a position paper on firearms issues, please feel free to include it.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

****AUTHORIZATION****

This signature attests that the information provided in this questionnaire accurately represents the views of the candidate.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____