



March 2008

Dear Candidate:

With the Oregon Primary Elections just around the corner, the National Rifle Association's Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) is receiving requests from our members for information about candidates' positions on firearm- and hunting-related issues.

To help us supply our membership with current and accurate candidate ratings, we are enclosing a brief candidate questionnaire which we ask that you complete and return.

Completed questionnaires will be reviewed and the information received will be, in part, the basis for our organization's decisions regarding any involvement in the March Primary and/or November General Elections. NRA will maintain an on-line list of candidate ratings and endorsements prior to the Primary, and NRA-PVF will publish candidate ratings in our Political Preference Chart, which will be sent to members via their NRA magazines prior to the General Election.

You may also submit additional information relating to your campaign, along with your completed questionnaire, for consideration of support by our political action committee. If you choose, you may fax your questionnaire to us at (703) 267-3976, however the original questionnaire must also be returned through the mail. **Please return the completed questionnaire by mail to the attention of Megan Svajda at NRA Headquarters no later than Friday, April 11:**

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703-267-3976 FAX**

If you have questions concerning our candidate survey, please contact NRA-ILA Oregon Consultant Rod Harder at (503) 510-8845 or me at (512) 636-9314. Your prompt consideration and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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2008 OREGON CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____
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Campaign Website: _____ Campaign Email: _____

**To find further information on Oregon's firearm laws and other NRA issues visit
www.NRAILA.org.**

RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

1. Do you agree that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees an individual right to keep and bear arms?

- a. Yes
 b. No.

GUN CONTROL VS. CRIME CONTROL

2. Do you support any additional restrictive state legislation regulating firearms?

- a. Yes, I support additional restrictive state legislation regulating firearms.
Please explain: _____
 b. No, current state firearm laws are sufficient.
 c. No, current state firearm laws should be reformed or repealed to benefit law-abiding gun owners and sportsmen in Oregon.

3. With which statement do you agree most:

- a. An effective way to reduce violent crime is to pass more gun control laws.
 b. An effective way to reduce violent crime is to enforce laws already on the books.
 c. Neither statement best represents my views on the subject.
Please explain: _____

SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS

4. In 1994, the Omnibus Crime Control Act imposed a 10-year ban on the manufacture, for sale to private citizens, of various semi-automatic firearms, redefining them as "assault weapons.*" The law also prohibited the manufacture, for sale to private citizens, of ammunition magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds of ammunition. Gun control advocates overstated the role of these types of guns and magazines in crimes, however. State and local law enforcement agency reports, and two studies conducted for the National Institute of Justice, have all shown that the guns and magazines in question were never used in more than about 1% of violent crimes. There are more such guns and magazines now than ever before, yet they are still rarely used in crime, and violent crime is near a record low. These federal provisions expired in 2004, and Congress refused to reauthorize them. It is expected that gun control advocates will push to enact similar bans at the state level. **Would you support state legislation restricting the private possession, ownership, purchase, sale and/or transfer of any semi-automatic firearms?**

a. Yes, I would support such legislation.

Please explain: _____

b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

** The term "assault weapon" has been inappropriately applied to semi-automatic firearms commonly used for hunting, target shooting, organized competition and protection since their introduction in the late 1800's. All semi-automatics fire only one shot per pull of the trigger. They are not fully-automatic machine guns, which have been strictly regulated since 1934.*

LICENSING & REGISTRATION

5. Federal law requires federally-licensed firearms dealers to keep records of the make, model, caliber, and serial number of all firearms sold. This information stays with the dealer unless a bona fide criminal investigation is taking place. Federal law actually *prohibits* the federal government from developing and maintaining a centralized registry of lawful firearm purchasers and gun owners. **Would you support state legislation requiring firearm purchasers and owners to register all their firearms for entry into a centralized state file or computer?**

a. Yes, for all firearms.

b. Yes, for all handguns.

c. Yes, for some firearms. Specify: _____

d. No, I would oppose a state registration system.

6. **Do you support requiring individuals to obtain a license* from the state in order to own, possess or purchase firearms?**

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

a. Yes, for all firearm owners.

b. Yes, for all handgun owners.

c. Yes, for some firearm owners. Specify: _____

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

FIREARMS/AMMUNITION PURCHASE LIMITS

7. **Would you support legislation that:**

A. Places restrictions on the number of firearms a law-abiding citizen can own or purchase within a specified time period?

a. Yes, I would support such legislation.

Please explain: _____

b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

B. Places restrictions on the types or amount of ammunition a law-abiding citizen can own or purchase within a specified time period?

a. Yes, I would support such legislation.

Please explain: _____

b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

C. Restricts or regulates the sale or transfer of firearms between private individuals or family members?

a. Yes, I would support such legislation.

Please explain: _____

b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

BALLISTIC IMAGING & MICROSTAMPING

8. When a rifle or handgun is fired, it leaves markings on the bullet and cartridge case. Some argue that since these markings can sometimes be used to identify a firearm used in a crime, all guns sold should be test fired prior to sale and ballistically "fingerprinted" for entry into a law enforcement database. New York and Maryland have each spent millions of dollars creating ballistic "fingerprinting" databases, yet the systems have proven to be crime-solving failures. Just this month, March 2008, the National Academy of Sciences released a report which concluded, "that a national reference database of ballistic images should not be established" because, among other things, "[T]he validity of the fundamental assumptions of uniqueness and reproducibility of firearms-related toolmarks has not yet been fully established." **Would you support legislation mandating the unproven ballistic "fingerprinting" of firearms before they could be sold in Oregon?**

a. Yes, I would support such legislation for all firearms.

b. Yes, I would support such legislation for all handguns.

c. No, I would oppose such legislation.

d. Other. Please explain: _____

9. Anti-gun groups are promoting legislation that would mandate firearm manufacturers incorporate unproven technology that would supposedly "micro-stamp" identifying information about the firearm on a cartridge case upon firing. This information would include the make, model and serial number of the firearm. Since approximately 65 million handguns are already in circulation, such a mandate would require de facto registration of guns, even though the technology is easily defeated by defacing the gun with common household tools. **Would you support legislation mandating "micro-stamping" in Oregon?**

a. Yes, I would support such legislation for all handguns.

b. Yes, I would support such legislation for all firearms.

c. No, I would oppose such legislation.

AMMUNITION ENCODING

10. Anti-gun groups are promoting legislation that would require ammunition manufacturers to serialize each cartridge of ammunition by imprinting a unique serial number on the cartridge case and the base of the bullet. The ammunition would then be registered to the purchaser at the time of sale and information about the purchaser would be maintained by the seller or forwarded to the state for entry into a state centralized database. The possession or sale of ammunition that does not include a serial number would be prohibited. **Would you support legislation requiring ammunition manufacturers to serialize/encode ammunition before it could be sold in Oregon?**

a. Yes, I would support such legislation for all ammunition.

b. Yes, I would support such legislation for handgun ammunition.

c. No, I would oppose such legislation.

.50 CALIBER FIREARMS

11. Many .50 caliber firearms are used in big game hunting and target competition, and the .50 caliber BMG cartridge has been used for nearly 100 years. **Would you support legislation prohibiting the ownership and/or sale of any .50 caliber firearm or cartridge in Oregon?**

- a. Yes, I would support such legislation.
- b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

FIREARMS PREEMPTION

12. In 1995, the Oregon Legislature passed a state firearms preemption statute (ORS 166.170). The law states, "Except as expressly authorized by state statute, the authority to regulate in any matter whatsoever the sale, acquisition, transfer, ownership, possession, storage, transportation or use of firearms or any element relating to firearms and components thereof, including ammunition, is vested solely in the Legislative Assembly." In spite of this very clear language, local governments, state agencies and public education districts continue attempts to establish and enforce their own policies and rules regulating firearms. **Which statement best describes your position on Oregon's firearms preemption law?**

- a. I support Oregon's current state firearms preemption law.
- b. I would support legislation creating exceptions to the state firearms preemption law for certain local entities and state agencies, resulting in a confusing patchwork of restrictions across the state.
- c. I would support legislation imposing sanctions on those entities that don't comply with ORS 166.170.
- d. I would sponsor legislation imposing sanctions on those entities that don't comply with ORS 166.170.

FIREARMS ON CAMPUS

13. (a) In past sessions of the Oregon Legislature, several bills were introduced to prohibit Concealed Handgun License holders from carrying firearms on school property, specifically on elementary- and secondary-school property. During public hearings on these proposed measures, school administrators, politicians and law enforcement advocates for the legislation could not document a single incident where a CHL holder had caused a problem on school property. Even the *Portland Oregonian* called the bill "a solution looking for a problem." **With similar legislation likely to surface again, which statement best describes your position on the issue?**

- a. I support banning CHL holders from school property.
- b. I support allowing each school district to set their own policy regarding CHL holders, resulting in a confusing patchwork of restrictions across the state.
- c. Concealed Handgun License holders undergo thorough criminal records checks and should be allowed to carry their handguns for protection in accordance with existing laws.
- d. I will support legislation imposing sanctions on school districts that adopt restrictive policies in violation of the state firearms preemption law.

(b) **Assuming each classification of individuals listed below possessed valid Concealed Handgun Licenses, who do you believe should legally be allowed to carry a handgun for protection on Oregon's public college and university campuses (including buildings or portions of buildings, as well as driveways, walkways and parking areas?)**

- a. All law-abiding persons, including visitors, faculty, staff and students.
- b. Visitors, faculty, staff and *some* students. Please explain: _____
- c. Visitors, faculty and staff.
- d. Faculty, staff and students.
- e. Faculty and staff.
- f. Each college and university should determine the policy for its campus.

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

14. (a) An Oregon court recently held that a school district can prohibit its employees who are Concealed Handgun License holders from carrying their handguns on school property – including school buildings – as a “condition of employment,” thus allowing a school district to circumvent the state firearms preemption statute. The case is on appeal. School districts do not currently have that authority under the firearms preemption law, and school buildings are not listed as locations which are off-limits to CHL holders under the state’s carry law. **Would you support legislation prohibiting administrators, teachers or other school district employees who are CHL holders from carrying their handguns in their personal vehicles or onto school property?**

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

(b) Some state agencies have used the threat of similar administrative sanctions to prohibit CHL holders from possessing handguns in their vehicles while parked on state property. However, the Oregon Legislature’s Legislative Counsel opined that these agency actions violated the state firearms preemption law. **Would you support legislation making it clear that Oregon state employees who are CHL holders may transport and store lawfully-possessed firearms in their locked personal vehicles while parked on property controlled by the state?**

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

(c) **Would you support the right of patrons and employees – licensed to carry or not – to transport and store lawfully-possessed firearms in their locked personal vehicles while parked on publicly accessible property controlled by a public or private business and/or employer?**

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

15. In the United States, the number of privately owned firearms has risen by more than 4.5 million annually. Meanwhile, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, firearm accident deaths have been decreasing for years and have fallen to all-time lows. This trend is due, in part, to an ever-increasing use of NRA firearms safety training programs delivered by tens of thousands of NRA-certified instructors, schools, civic groups, and law enforcement agencies. Nevertheless, in past sessions of the Oregon Legislature, several bills have been introduced mandating the placement of locking devices on firearms kept in the home, or imposing other restrictive firearms storage standards. These devices greatly restrict access to firearms for self-defense purposes and potentially increase the risk of accidental discharge of firearms. **Would you support legislation which mandates the use of locking devices or other storage procedures for firearms kept in Oregon homes?**

- a. Yes, I would support such legislation.
- b. No, I would oppose such legislation.
- c. No, I would oppose such legislation and would support, instead, legislation requiring Oregon public schools to adopt children’s firearm accident prevention programs, such as NRA’s Eddie Eagle Program, as part of their curriculum.

16. Oregon’s Concealed Handgun License law allows sheriffs to waive the residency requirement and accept applications for Oregon licenses from residents of contiguous states who have “a compelling business interest or other legitimate demonstrated need.” This discretionary language has led to the arbitrary denial of licenses to many law-abiding individuals who often travel to Oregon for business or personal reasons. A majority of other states have adopted some type of “reciprocity” legislation, requiring those states to recognize carry licenses from other states without imposing ambiguous standards or requiring non-residents to apply for licenses in those states. **Would you support legislation clearly requiring Oregon to recognize out-of-state carry licenses held by non-residents?**

- a. Yes, I would sponsor such legislation.

___ b. Yes, I would support such legislation.

___ c. No, I would oppose such legislation.

___ d. Uncertain. Please explain: _____

17. Following Hurricane Katrina, various law enforcement agencies and military units confiscated firearms from law-abiding residents of New Orleans. Those citizens were effectively denied their right of self-defense at a critical time when law enforcement was unable to meet even basic public safety needs. In 2007, the Oregon Legislature overwhelmingly approved language preventing the confiscation of firearms and ammunition from law-abiding citizens during a future state of emergency or natural disaster as part of HB 2370, a comprehensive homeland security measure. **Do you support this new NRA-backed law in Oregon?**

___ a. **(For incumbents)** Yes, I supported this bill and continue to support this law.

___ b. **(For non-incumbents)** Yes, I would have supported this bill and would continue to support this law.

___ c. No, I do not support this law.

___ d. Other. Please explain: _____

18. Access to hunting lands is one of the most critical issues facing sportsmen today. Oregon has thousands of acres of public hunting lands that are a valuable resource to hunters and provide them an affordable place to hunt and pass on the traditions and heritage of hunting to future generations. In recent years, several states have protected such lands with "No-Net-Loss" legislation. This would require that if an area managed by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and currently open to public hunting is closed by department action, then an equal number of acres must be opened to public access for hunting elsewhere in the state. In other words, at a minimum, it safeguards the existing number of acres which are managed by the department and open to public hunting. **Would you support "No-Net-Loss" legislation in Oregon?**

___ a. Yes, I would sponsor such legislation.

___ b. Yes, I would support such legislation.

___ c. No, I would oppose such legislation.

___ d. Uncertain. Please explain: _____

19. **Which of the following best describes 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.

___ b. Hunting should be made illegal.

___ c. Other. Please explain: _____

20. **Do you or have you ever owned or used a firearm?**

___ a. Yes.

___ b. No.

21. **For which of the following reasons do you support firearms ownership for law-abiding residents of Oregon?**

___ a. Constitutional right

___ b. Hunting

___ c. Competitive shooting

___ d. Informal sport shooting (i.e., plinking)

___ e. Collecting

___ f. Defense of self, family, and property

___ g. Defense of state and nation

___ h. **All of the above**

___ i. **None of the above**

22. **Are you a member of the National Rifle Association or any other sportsmen's organization?**

___ a. Yes. Please specify: _____

(If NRA member, please list membership number)

___ b. No.

23. **Have you ever run for or held elective office?**

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

PLEASE USE THE REST OF THIS PAGE AND THE BACK FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE. IF YOUR CAMPAIGN HAS RELEASED A POSITION PAPER ON FIREARMS ISSUES, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INCLUDE IT AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

--AUTHORIZATION--

This signature attests that the above information accurately represents the views of the candidate.

Candidate's Signature _____

Date _____