



Iowa Firearms Coalition

Defending your Second Amendment rights in Iowa

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Dear Iowa Candidate,

As the 2020 election approaches, the Iowa Firearms Coalition is receiving requests from its members for information regarding the Second Amendment positions of candidates running for office within Iowa.

In an attempt to give our membership the information they are looking for, I have enclosed a questionnaire for your response. The information obtained from this questionnaire is used to determine a candidate's support for Second Amendment virtues and the Iowa Firearms Coalition's initiatives, and establish a candidate's IFC rating.

If you choose not to return the questionnaire, that will be communicated to our membership, who will interpret your inaction as indifference or hostility to the Second Amendment. Therefore in order to provide the best possible information to our members, I respectfully request that you complete the questionnaire promptly and return it to [e-mail address] as soon as possible, even if you have already completed one of Iowa Firearms Coalition's questionnaires in the past, or you have an established voting record on Second Amendment issues.

If you have any questions concerning the questionnaire or the rating process, please feel free to contact me at dave@iowafc.org.

Sincerely,

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2020 Candidate Questionnaire

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Office Sought: _____ District: _____ Party: _____

Campaign Phone: _____

Campaign Website: _____

E-mail Address: _____

1. The Second Amendment protects the fundamental natural right to self-defense.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

2. The Second Amendment guarantees an individual right to keep and bear arms.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

3. The Second Amendment only applies to state militias or the National Guard.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

4. The “well regulated” part of the Second Amendment means that the government may regulate guns.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

5. The Founders had only muskets and did not envision AR-15s and AK-47s when they wrote the Second Amendment, so the Second Amendment should not apply to those modern weapons.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

6. The ability to possess and/or carry a firearm is a:

___ a. Social issue, such as poverty, abortion, or immigration, and can be justly modified by law.

___ b. Civil right, like freedom of speech, privacy, or assembly, and cannot be justly modified by law.

7. No rights are absolute and all may be restricted, including those protected by the Second Amendment.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

8. The rights protected by Second Amendment must be balanced with public safety.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

9. "Stand Your Ground" is a "right to kill" law that allows murderers to escape justice.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

10. The law should require a person to always flee a violent attacker rather than resist with lethal force, regardless of where they are.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

11. Only law enforcement should be able to defend people they do not know with lethal force.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

12. Only law enforcement and the military possess the training to necessary to safely carry firearms for defense.

___ a. I agree.

___ b. I do not agree.

13. Common sense gun laws need to be in place to protect people.

a. I agree.

b. I do not agree.

14. Sheriffs, deputies and police should enforce the law, not direct what the law should be.

a. I agree.

b. I do not agree.

15. Public funds should not be used for lobbying or to pay lobbyists.

a. I agree.

b. I do not agree.

16. Government agencies or departments should not lobby the government.

a. I agree.

b. I do not agree.

17. Considering current Iowa firearms laws, would you support any additional restrictive state legislation regulating firearms or ammunition?

a. Yes. Please explain: _____

b. No, current state laws are sufficient.

c. No, current state laws need to be improved to benefit law-abiding gun owners.

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

a. Yes. Please explain: _____

b. No, I oppose this.

19. 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?

a. Yes. Please explain: _____

b. No, I oppose this.

20. Would you support state legislation requiring individuals to obtain a state license* in order to own, possess, or purchase firearms?

* A license in this context is distinguished from a "permit to carry" as a requirement to obtain a license from a government agency to own and possess a firearm, and typically includes fingerprinting, photographing and background investigation.

a. Yes. Please explain: _____

___ b. No, I oppose this.

21. Would you support state legislation requiring gun owners to register their firearms into a centralized state database?

___ a. Yes. Please explain: _____

___ b. No, I oppose this.

22. Would you support state legislation requiring background checks for all firearms sales between private parties at gun shows?

___ a. Yes. Please explain: _____

___ b. No, I oppose this.

23. Would you support state legislation requiring background checks for all firearms sales or transfers, even between private individuals or family members (e.g. so-called “universal” background checks)?

___ a. Yes. Please explain: _____

___ b. No, I oppose this.

24. Would you support state legislation mandating ballistic fingerprinting of firearms, micro-stamping of cartridges, or encoding ammunition before sales could take place in Iowa?

___ a. Yes. Please explain: _____

___ b. No, I oppose this.

25. Would you support state legislation mandating the use of so-called “smart gun” technology?

___ a. Yes. Please explain: _____

___ b. No, I oppose this.

26. Would you support state legislation mandating the use of locking devices on all guns (e.g. safes, trigger locks, cable locks, etc.) or other locking procedures for firearms stored in the home?

___ a. Yes. Please explain: _____

___ b. No, I oppose this.

27. Would you support state legislation requiring Iowans to pass a mandatory government shooting test prior to being granted a permit to carry weapons?

___ a. Yes. Please explain: _____

___ b. No, I oppose this.

28. Would you support state legislation that would allow law-abiding Iowans to keep lawfully possessed and transported firearms in their vehicles while they are parked in a location they are permitted to be, including at their place of employment?

___ a. Yes, I support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

29. Would you support state legislation that would allow any persons lawfully able and permitted, to carry firearms on the premises of Iowa's public universities?

___ a. Yes, I support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

30. Would you support state legislation that would require Iowa law enforcement agencies to auction or sell all confiscated firearms that are legal to own, to Iowa FFLs?

___ a. Yes, I support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

31. Would you support a state constitutional amendment that would place a "right to keep and bear arms" guarantee in the Iowa Constitution?

___ a. Yes, I support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

32. Would you support state legislation protecting the privacy of permit holders from requests by the media or other individuals for the permit holder's personal information?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

33. Would you support state legislation restoring the rights of parents to teach their minor children firearms safety with handguns, at an age the parent, and not the government, deems appropriate?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

34. Would you support state legislation prohibiting state and local officials from enacting firearm confiscations, for lawfully owned and possessed firearms, during a declared state of emergency?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

35. Would you support state legislation eliminating the permit to carry weapons, and allowing all law abiding gun owners to carry firearms any place they are permitted to be, without government permission or interference?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

36. Would you support state legislation protecting an individual from civil lawsuits in the aftermath of a legally justified self-defense shooting?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

37. Would you support state legislation allowing bow hunters to carry a firearm if they have a carry permit, providing they are also prohibited from shooting it while bow hunting?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

38. Would you support state legislation providing tax credits for gun safes and firearms training?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

39. Would you support state legislation to remove short barreled rifles (with barrels under 16") and short barreled shotguns (barrels under 18") from the prohibited weapons list in Iowa, knowing that they would still be subject to strict Federal regulation?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

40. Would you support state legislation to remove fully automatic firearms from the prohibited weapons list in Iowa, knowing that they would still be subject to strict Federal regulation?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

41. Would you support state legislation to protect individuals from having their Second Amendment rights removed without due process?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

42. Would you support state legislation to prohibit doctors in Iowa from violating patients' privacy by asking or recording whether or not the patient owns firearms?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

43. Would you support state legislation to remove the restriction requiring Iowans to seek retraining to renew their carry permits?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

44. Would you support state legislation to replace the current permit to purchase and three day waiting period, with the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check system?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

45. Would you support state legislation to strengthen Iowa's firearms preemption laws by giving the legislature the sole authority to make firearms related laws, nullifying any nonconforming local ordinances and providing penalties for any violators?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

46. Would you support state legislation to nullify interstate commerce-based Federal regulations for all firearms manufactured and sold within Iowa?

___ a. Yes, I would support this.

___ b. No. Please explain: _____

47. Do you participate in activities involving the use of firearms?

___ a. Yes. Please explain: _____

___ b. No.

48. Are you a member of the Iowa Firearms Coalition?

___ a. Yes.

___ b. No.

49. Are you a member of any other firearms / shooting sports / sportsmen's organizations?

___ a. Yes. Which ones? _____

___ b. No.

50. Have you ever run for or held any federal, state, or local elective office?

___ a. Yes. Which ones? _____

___ b. No.

Please use the remainder of this document for additional comments. If your campaign has released a position paper on Second Amendment issues, please include it as well. THANK YOU for your time and consideration of this questionnaire. IFC members appreciate your participation!

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

Candidate Signature: _____ **Date:** _____