

SCOPE Political Questionnaire

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Check ? if no opinion Room for comments or explanation at end

Do you believe the purpose of the 2nd Amendment is (*check all that apply*):

hunting Self Defense Defense against foreign and domestic threats

N ? Do you believe Self-Defense is a right and the 2nd Amendment protects - and does not grant - that right?

Y N ? Do you believe the 2nd Amendment restricts firearms only to members of militia or other government agencies?

Y N ? Do you believe a gun owner must retreat, before using deadly force, when faced with an unlawful intruder inside their house?

Y N ? Do you believe a gun owner engaged in self-defense must retreat, before using deadly force, when outside their house?

N ? Do you believe a home owner has the right to use deadly force inside the home to protect lives and / or property?

N ? Do you believe a home owner has the right to use deadly force outside the home to protect lives and / or property?

Do you support legislation for total or partial bans any of the following: (*Check all that apply*)

Y Handguns Y Rifles Y Shotguns

Y Automatic firearms Y Semi automatic firearms Y Firearms

Y 30 round magazines Y 10 round magazines Y 5 round magazines

As to firearm licenses, should New York State be: (*check the one that applies*)

Constitutional Carry Y Shall Issue Y May issue

Y N ? Do you support the USA rejoining the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty?

N ? Does it require Senate approval as a treaty?

Y **N** ? Do you support a ban on firearms over a certain caliber?

If so, what caliber? _____

Y N ? Do you support the 2005 “Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act” (PLCAA)?

Y N ? Do you believe the 2005 PLCAA supersedes and nullifies any state laws to the contrary?

Y N ? Do you believe that the NYS law classifying firearms as a nuisance violates the PLCAA?

Do you believe that increased civilian firearms ownership leads to:

Y **N** ? More Crime **Y** N ? Less Crime **Y** **N** ? Has negligible effect

Y **N** ? Do you support legislation requiring microstamping?

Y N ? Do you support pistol permit reciprocity with other states?

Y **N** ? Do you support Safe Storage laws?

Y **N** ? Do you support a gun purchase waiting period longer than the NICS required 3 days?

Y **N** ? Do you support laws limiting firearm purchases to a specific number per time period?

Y **N** ? Do you support laws limiting ammo purchases to a specific number per time period?

Y **N** ? Do you believe firearm possession is limited to only inside the residence?

Y **N** ? Do you support restricting ammo purchases only to the caliber of gun owned by the purchaser?

Y **N** ? Do you support mandatory liability insurance for all gun owners?

Y **N** ? Since 1988, The United States Undetectable Firearms Act made illegal any firearm that is not detectable by walk-through metal detection. Given that, do you believe we need more state or federal “Ghost Gun laws?”

Y N ? Do you support enhanced sentences for those that use a firearm while committing a felony?

Y N ? Do you support New York residents being able to directly (not through an FFL) purchase ammo over the internet?

Y N ? Do you support New York residents being able to directly purchase firearms over the internet, using an FFL and following NICS regulations?

Y **N** ? Do you believe localities can pass more restrictive firearms laws than state statutes without the state’s permission

Comments:

As the Senate Republican Conference leader, I understand, respect, and support the Second Amendment Rights of all citizens to possess firearms. I oppose any efforts by New York State to erode or diminish the purpose of our Second Amendment Rights and continue to combat the limiting of New Yorkers' access to firearms and ammunition. I believe that the gun control efforts pushed by the Democrats in the Legislature will have little to no impact on crime rates. Instead, they will make it more difficult for law-abiding New Yorkers to protect themselves as violent crime surges.

With respect to the impact of civilian firearm ownership on crime rates, it is my position that legal firearm possession has no impact on rising crime rates. Rather, civilian firearm ownership can decrease crime, as the knowledge of a well-armed populace with possession of a legally-owned firearm that can be used in self-defense can prevent crime. It can also significantly limit the damage and destruction that a criminal intends to inflict should they wish to harm innocent civilians.

During my time as New York State Senate Republican Leader, the Senate Republican Conference has repeatedly opposed legislation that would restrict or infringe upon the Second Amendment Rights of New Yorkers. In the 2021 session, the Conference either unanimously or overwhelming voted against the following legislation:

S. 13-A (Kaplan), which banned unfinished frames or receivers

S.14-A (Hoylman), which banned so-called "ghost guns."

S.1048 (Myrie)/S.7196 (Myrie), which created a private right of action and civil right to sue gun manufacturers

S.1235-A (Gianaris), which establishes a ten-day waiting period

Signed: 

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