

# WYOMING'S NO COMPROMISE GRASSROOTS GUN LOBBY



## Wyoming Gun Owners

### 2020 Gun Rights Candidate Survey

1. 'Extreme Risk Protection Orders,' commonly referred to as 'Red Flag Orders,' would allow an embittered ex-spouse, a former partner, a co-worker, etc., to petition liberal court judges to confiscate firearms from gun owners merely because they claim the gun owner could be dangerous – before the gun owner has been charged, indicted or convicted of a crime. In almost all cases, these are secret 'ex-parte' court proceedings that the gun owner in question knows nothing about, stripping him of his due process rights as well as his Second Amendment rights.

**Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE ALL 'Red Flag Orders' (including those that do not include ex-parte hearings) or similar legislation that would strip Wyoming citizens of their right to keep and bear arms before they have been convicted of a disqualifying offense in a court of law?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. Anti-gun organizations, often funded with out-of-state resources from Michael Bloomberg, have been clamoring for legislation to end all private party firearms transfers in Wyoming unless they submit to a federal NCIC check, thereby adding themselves and the firearm to a federal list. As we've seen, this legislation does little to stop crime but creates statewide databases of gun owners – which can be used against gun owners later.

**Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE 'Universal Gun Registration' laws that would ban virtually all private party firearms transfers, and make criminals out of gun owners in Wyoming who transfer firearms amongst themselves (including their children and grandchildren,) without first obtaining government permission?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. Anti-gun lawmakers, the media, and Bloomberg funded activists have been demanding a ban on the possession of or future sales of the AR-15 (and the standard 30-round magazines that accompany them) along with hundreds of related firearms simply because of their cosmetic features, despite the fact that this is the most popular firearm in Wyoming and is used for defense against criminals and tyranny every single day.

**Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE legislation banning the manufacture, sale, current or future possession of semi-automatic firearms like the AR-15, as well as the magazines that accompany them, recognizing that these restrictions do nothing to stop crime but only serve to harass gun owners and make Wyomingites less safe?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. The state legislature in almost two dozen states have already passed legislation that makes criminals out of law abiding 18-20 year old citizens who buy rifles and shotguns, even though federal law provides for this. These are citizens who can serve in the military, vote, pay taxes, get married, have careers and enjoy every other aspect of being a legal adult.

**Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE legislation that would makes criminals out of Wyoming citizens between the ages of 18-20 for simply buying a firearm for self-defense?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Gun control activists have long desired a mandatory 3-day waiting period before law abiding citizens would be able to exercise their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment freedoms and purchase a firearm for self-defense. This, despite the fact that the madmen in some of the worst mass shootings in America, like the one at Virginia Tech or the nightclub in Florida, purchased their guns AFTER submitting to these waiting periods. Of course, these waiting periods do nothing to stop violent crime and only leave law abiding citizens vulnerable during times where they need a firearm the most. This legislation was introduced in Wyoming in 2020 (S.F. 80) but was defeated.

**Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE any legislation that would place unconstitutional waiting periods limiting when a law-abiding citizen in Wyoming could purchase a firearm for self-defense?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. Republicans and Democrats in Cheyenne teamed up in 2020 to introduce 'FIX-NICS' legislation which would empower liberal judges to strip a gun owner of his firearms based on the word of a court-appointed liberal mental health advisor, and before the gun owner had been convicted of a crime or adjudicated mentally defective. This legislation (H.B. 59,) which was pulled from consideration during the 2020 session after thousands of gun owners sent emails in opposition to it, is expected to be refiled in 2021.

**Question: If elected, would you OPPOSE any 'FIX-NICS' styled legislation that would confiscate firearms from gun owners before they have been convicted of a disqualifying crime or adjudicated mentally defective in a court proceeding with full due process rights, as opposed to simply being declared defective by a mental health staffer who is opposed to the Second Amendment?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7. Gun free zones, falsely sold as a way to stop violent crime, have been shown to do the exact opposite. Virtually every large-scale shooting in the past few years have taken place in one of these so-called "Gun Free Zones," often with tragic results. We've seen this time and time again in places like a Parkland, FL high school, a church in Sutherland, TX, a Las Vegas, NV concert, an Orlando, FL nightclub, and dozens more! Wyoming code contains multiple areas where law abiding citizens are not allowed to carry defensive firearms – leaving them vulnerable to the whims of an armed madman. In 2017, then-Governor Mead vetoed our bill to repeal these 'Gun Free Zones.' Similar legislation, S.F. 88, was shot down in the State Senate in 2020 by a vote of 16/13.

**Question: If elected, would you SUPPORT legislation that repeals so called 'Gun Free Zones,' in areas where the state legislature has control, knowing that they only benefit armed madmen who are looking to rack up a body count?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Cosponsor \_\_\_\_\_ No

8. In 2011, Wyoming enacted 'Constitutional Carry' legislation which allows law abiding citizens to carry a defensive firearm without having to obtain a permit. This means no longer having to add their name to a

government database or pay hefty fees. Fifteen states have passed this legislation. However, as one of the first states to do so, the Wyoming law limited these protections to residents only, whereas almost every other state's Constitutional Carry law covers all law-abiding citizens who are in the state, including visitors. Earlier this year, for example, Idaho modified their Constitutional Carry law to include non-residents.

**Question: If elected, would you SUPPORT expanding Wyoming's Constitutional Carry law to include all law-abiding gun owners, including not residents.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor      \_\_\_\_\_ Cosponsor      \_\_\_\_\_ No

9. Wyoming is notorious for having fantastic pro-gun legislation introduced every year, often times with the support of dozens of cosponsors, only to have legislative moderates refer the bills to ultra-liberal committees with instructions to kill the bill. This has become a regular occurrence in Cheyenne, which is why all pro-gun legislation has died for several years in a row.

**Question: If elected, would you call for a motion or second a motion to recall pro-gun legislation from committee, so that the entire legislature can have the chance to vote on these bills, and so legislative moderates are not able to stall pro-gun bills while hiding behind procedure?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Would Call for the Motion      \_\_\_\_\_ Would Second the Motion      \_\_\_\_\_ No

10. In the recent past, multiple cases have come to light where a gun owner has had his permit to carry application denied based, in part, on the nebulous definition of 'prior contact with law enforcement.' This denial is not based solely on a criminal conviction, but is often done so based on the opinions of the county sheriff or Chief of Police. Further, the chief law enforcement officer is not required to provide the applicant with a written report wherein he documents the reasons for his opinion. As a result, it is almost impossible for a gun owner to properly appeal this decision with the Department of Criminal Investigations or the court, as he has no idea why the permit was denied in the first place.

**Question: If elected, would you SUPPORT legislation that would require any permit denial to be documented in writing, including all input from local law enforcement, so that an applicant can make a proper appeal to the Department of Criminal Investigations?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor      \_\_\_\_\_ Cosponsor      \_\_\_\_\_ No

I hereby submit the answers to this survey as my solemn word that, if elected, I will vote on these issues as I have indicated in this survey.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_ District Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Unanswered questions will be considered as opposition to the rights of gun owners.

Feel free to attach additional comments to this survey but know that we cannot publish them. If you have any questions about this survey or need clarification on any question, please email us using the email address below. **The survey is due back July 10, 2020.**

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