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State Senate and House of Representatives 2008 New Hampshire Candidate Questionnaire

Name _____	Office Sought _____
Address _____	District _____
City _____	Party _____
Zip _____	Phone (Campaign) _____
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E-Mail _____	Website _____

1. Based upon current New Hampshire firearms laws, do you oppose further restricting the sale, use, ownership, possession or transfer of firearms or ammunition?

- A) Yes, I oppose any further restrictions on firearms and ammunition.
- B) No, I seek further restrictions on some firearms and ammunition. Please specify:

2. Do you support reforming or repealing state laws, in order to benefit law-abiding gun-owners and sportsmen in New Hampshire?

- A) Yes
- B) No

3. Semi-automatic firearms (which discharge only one shot with each pull of the trigger) have been owned and used by law-abiding citizens since the late 1800s. Fully-automatic firearms (which discharge more than one shot with each pull of the trigger) are Federally registered and taxed. Would you support state legislation to require a special license for, or other restrictions on, the private possession of semi-automatic firearms?

- A) Yes. Please specify _____
- B) No, Licensing or other restrictions on semi-automatic firearms will only affect law-abiding citizens, and will have no effect on criminal abuse of firearms.

4. Pistol and rifle ammunition magazines are plastic or metal boxes with a spring inside. These devices feed cartridges into the semi-automatic firearms discussed above. Some want to ban the sale and possession of magazines, which hold more than a certain number of cartridges. Would you oppose legislation that bans the sale and possession of ammunition magazines?

- A) Yes
- B) No

5. Local courts and law enforcement agencies -- often relying on unsubstantiated accusations -- have abused statutes dealing with domestic violence to seize firearms without due process, i.e., without issuance of a warrant, holding a hearing or obtaining a conviction. Would you support legislation to end these violations of our right to due process, and stop this abuse of the legal system?

- A) Yes, I would co-sponsor such legislation.
 - B) Yes, I would support such legislation.
 - C) No, I would oppose such legislation. Why? _____
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6. If a firearm is stolen - or taken without the owner's permission or knowledge - and the firearm is used to commit a crime, should the owner be civilly or criminally liable?

- A) Yes
- B) No

7. Section 159:6 of Title XII of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, (NH - R.S.A.) provides for a license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver "for not less than four years from the date of issue." The New Hampshire State Senate recently approved a bill making this license voluntary, so that those state residents who desired reciprocity with other states had the option of obtaining a license. However, the requirement to obtain a license to carry a concealed and loaded handgun in New Hampshire would have been repealed. Would you support such legislation?

- A) Yes, I support making all New Hampshire state handgun licenses optional.
- B) No, I support the current law.

8. Do you oppose government mandated use of trigger locks or other such hazardous "safety" devices, which have the effect of making it difficult, if not impossible, to have a firearm available to defend one's home and family?

- A) Yes
- B) No

9. Would you support Vermont-style legislation, which would eliminate requirements to pay fees and register firearm(s) owners and would allow law abiding citizens to carry firearms openly or concealed (at the individuals discretion) for any reason except the commission of a crime?

- A) Yes
- B) No

10. R.S.A. 159-B, enacted in 2004, protects shooting ranges from being closed by local zoning officials. Some people believe, that a better way to protect shooting ranges is by asking the government for permission to operate and having range operators pay a fee to the county Sheriff for a range inspection. Will you oppose any attempts to weaken R.S.A. 159-B? Such attempts might include fees, inspections and any other measures that will curtail the operations of shooting ranges.

- A) Yes
- B) No

11. Do you participate in any sport or activity involving a firearm? Or do you possess the license described in question seven?

- A) Yes, Specify: _____
- B) No

12. Are you (or have you ever been) a member of the New Hampshire Firearms Coalition, Gun Owners of America, The National Association for Gun Rights, or any other sportsmen's or firearm's owners association?

- A) Yes, please list the organizations and most recent year of membership.

- B) No.

13. Do you support allowing state employees, (who are not law enforcement) and who possess the license described in question seven, to carry firearms in state offices?

- A) Yes
- B) No

14. Certain gun control advocates promote licensing and registration schemes that treat the law abiding as presumed criminals. These schemes include high fees, fingerprinting, photographs and mandatory training for firearms owners. Do you opposes these hurdles to firearms ownership by the law abiding?

- A) Yes
- B) No

15. R.S.A. 207:7 generally prohibits the possession of a *loaded* rifle, shotgun or crossbow in a vehicle. This is inconsistent with R.S.A. 159:4 which generally allows the carrying of a loaded pistol or revolver in a vehicle if the person carrying the firearm(s) possesses a valid license issued pursuant to R.S.A. 159:6. Would you support repeal of R.S.A. 207:7 so that law abiding persons may carry a loaded rifle or shotgun in a vehicle?

- A) Yes
- B) No

16. R.S.A. 159:26 reserves for the state of New Hampshire the exclusive authority to regulate all matters concerning firearms and ammunition. This is known as preemption. Preemption law ensures uniformity and consistency across the state in firearms laws and regulations. Recently, an attempt was made to weaken this law. Will you oppose any attempts to weaken R.S.A. 159:26?

- A) Yes
- B) No

17. New Hampshire law (RSA 627:4) allows a person to defend him/herself and loved ones, in any manner - in his/her home or property - without any requirement to retreat from an aggressor. Within the last year, more than ten states have adopted or extended this concept of "no duty to retreat", to include places in which their residents have a legal right to be. Would you support law-abiding New Hampshire citizens' having the right to protect themselves, wherever they have a legal right to be?

- A) Yes and I would sponsor or co-sponsor such legislation
- B) Yes
- C) No

18. For which of the following reasons do you support firearms ownership for law-abiding New Hampshire citizens? (Please circle all that apply)

- A) Constitutional right (Title I, Article 2-a, NH Constitution; Second Amendment, US Constitution).
- B) Hunting;
- C) Competitive Shooting;
- D) Informal Target Shooting;
- E) Collecting;
- F) Defense of self, family, and home;
- G) Defense of state and nation;
- H) All of the above;
- I) None of the above.

19. Are you now or have you ever been a member of an organization that promotes "gun control," or increased regulation and/or restrictions on the ownership of firearms?

- A) Yes. (please specify): _____
- B) No

20. Please list all previous offices held, if any, and dates of service.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE.

--AUTHORIZATION--

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

Candidate's Signature

Date