



## Georgia Gun Owners

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### Question 1

Missouri passed the nation's leading Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA) in 2021. This law asserts state sovereignty under the 10th Amendment and tells the federal government that while Missouri can't stop them from passing gun control, Missouri wouldn't allow their cops and other resources to be used to help them enforce it. And since the bulk of federal laws are enforced by state and local officers, this law means that the bulk of Biden's gun control agenda will go unenforced in Missouri. With strong civil penalties built into it, Missouri's SAPA law gives individual gun owners the ability to hold departments that intentionally violate the law accountable.

If elected, would you SUPPORT and VOTE YES on Second Amendment Preservation Act legislation for Georgia, which states that Georgia cops may not be used by the federal government to enforce federal gun control laws or Executive Orders, and which contain civil penalties that allow gun owners to hold rogue departments who break the law accountable?

### Question 1 Answer

Sponsor

### Question 2

Most mass shootings happen in so-called 'Gun-Free Zones' where law-abiding citizens are forced to disarm. Thousands of Americans have been shot or murdered by violent criminals in these zones over the last fifteen years, because law-abiding citizens were unable to defend themselves or their loved ones, because of a deadly law that forced them to disarm.

If elected, would you SUPPORT and VOTE YES on legislation that eliminates government-mandated 'Gun Free Zones,' that leave law-abiding citizens helpless against violent killers looking to rack up a body count?

### Question 2 Answer

- Sponsor

### Question 3

Over the last four years, an estimated 7,500,000 million people have illegally entered America. The Dept. of Homeland Security said that at least 70,000 of these were 'special interest' aliens, coming from countries that 'promote or protect terrorism' against the United States. Now, some are trying to use the Bruen decision to justify letting these foreign nationals possess firearms.

If elected, would you OPPOSE and VOTE NO on legislation that would allow for foreign nationals who have entered America illegally to possess a firearm, knowing that they'll be able to legally buy a firearm once they've completed the process for entry?

### Question 3 Answer

- Yes

### Question 4

Anti-gun politicians in Atlanta continue to introduce legislation like HB-584, which would institute 'Red Flag Gun Seizures' here in Georgia. Also known as 'Extreme Risk Protection Orders,' these laws allow virtually anyone to petition a court and make the claim that a person is a 'danger to themselves or others' while providing little to no evidence. Once filed, 'Red Flag' allegations allow a liberal judge to strip a law-abiding gun owner of his firearms before he has been arrested, indicted, or convicted of a crime. In most cases, this is done through ex-parte hearings that the gun owner knows nothing about.

If elected, would you OPPOSE and VOTE NO on 'Red Flag Gun Confiscation' laws (or similar legislation) that would shred Georgian's due process rights, by disarming gun owners who have never been convicted of a crime?

### Question 4 Answer

Yes

### Question 5

Georgia has had Stand-Your-Ground law since 2006, allowing innocent Georgians to defend themselves from violent criminals without having to retreat first. Without this law, gun owners could be arrested and prosecuted for not retreating an arbitrary number of steps before defending themselves or their loved ones. Recently, leftist politicians have tried to repeal Georgia's Stand-Your-Ground law with bills like HB-842.

If elected, would you OPPOSE and VOTE NO on legislation that would repeal any portion of Georgia's Stand-Your-Ground law, knowing that without this law, innocent Georgians could go to prison at the hands of a Soros-backed prosecutor?

### Question 5 Answer

Yes

### Question 6

In the wake of recent high-profile murder sprees around the country, anti-gun politicians here in Georgia, the media and Bloomberg-funded activists in Atlanta have been demanding a complete ban on the AR-15 (and standard 30-round magazines) and hundreds of related firearms all because of their cosmetic features. These firearms are wildly popular and are owned by tens of thousands of Georgians.

If elected, would you OPPOSE and VOTE NO on legislation that bans the manufacture, sale or possession of semi-automatic firearms and their standard capacity magazines -- knowing that these restrictions don't stop crime, but are used to harass gun owners?

### Question 6 Answer

- Yes

### Question 7

Anti-gun organizations, often funded with out-of-state resources from Michael Bloomberg, have been pushing legislation like HB-44 for years. If passed, this would end all private party firearms transfers in Georgia unless gun owners submit to a federal NCIC check, thereby adding themselves and their firearm to a federal list. As we've seen, this legislation does virtually nothing to stop crime but expands state and national databases of gun owners - which can be used against gun

owners later.

If elected, would you OPPOSE and VOTE NO on 'Universal Gun Registrations' (or similar legislation) that would ban all private party gun sales and make criminals out of Georgians who lawfully transfer firearms without first obtaining government permission?

**Question 7 Answer**

Yes

**Question 8**

Various state legislatures have passed legislation that would criminalize gun owners who do not keep their firearms under lock and key, giving criminals the advantage. The Radical Left has been trying to pass the same legislation here in Georgia with HB-135, HB-161, HB-855, and SB-75. To be clear, these deadly "Safe Storage" laws do nothing to deter violent criminals and instead get innocent citizens raped or murdered.

If elected, would you OPPOSE and VOTE NO on legislation that would force Georgians to keep their guns in a government-approved storage device, leaving them unable to defend themselves or their loved ones in an emergency?

**Question 8 Answer**

Yes

**Question 9**

Gun control activists have long desired mandatory waiting periods before law-abiding citizens can purchase firearms, ammunition, or accessories. Legislation like HB-45 has been filed in Atlanta and would make criminals out of Georgians who buy a firearm without waiting five days first. This, even though many women have been murdered by violent predators because they were unarmed and couldn't defend themselves because they hadn't waited enough days to buy a gun!

If elected, would you OPPOSE and VOTE NO on legislation that would make criminals out of Georgians who buy firearms without waiting an arbitrary number of days first, knowing that these laws are unconstitutional and only endanger innocent people?

**Question 9 Answer**

- Yes

**Question 10**

Almost every legislative candidate will say "I support the Second Amendment" but not all will stand firmly against new and invasive forms of gun control, especially when 'compromises' are offered.

If elected, would you OPPOSE and VOTE NO on all methods of gun control, including those that the media calls 'reasonable?' These could include bans on 'ghost guns,' laws that ban those with simple misdemeanor convictions from owning guns, new taxes on ammunition, civil liability insurance requirements for gun owners, and the use of pistol braces?

**Question 10 Answer**

- Yes

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✓ I have truthfully answered the questions above and they accurately reflect my positions on the Second Amendment

**Date**

04/10/2024

**Signature**

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Mel Keyton', is written below the signature label.