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UNIFIED SPORTSMEN OF FLORIDA

2006 FLORIDA CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Questions that are not answered will be graded as a response against our position.

1. Do you agree that in the Bill of Rights, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the *individual* right to keep and bear arms?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

2. Article I, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution declares, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves and of the lawful authority of the state shall not be infringed, except that the manner of bearing may be regulated by law." Do you agree that the Florida Constitution guarantees the individual right to keep and bear arms?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

3. For how many of the following reasons do you support firearms ownership?

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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Self Defense. | e. <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting. |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive shooting. | f. <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional right. |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Informal sport shooting. | g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the above. |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Collecting. | h. <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above. |

4. The Florida Constitution Article I, Section 2 guarantees basic rights to all natural persons including the right to defend life and protect property. Do you believe that an individual has the right to use deadly force in defending him or herself and family, home and property from criminals?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.

5. In recent years, business owners, primarily corporate giants, have been knowingly violating the constitutional and statutory rights of customers and employees by attempting to ban possession of firearms that are locked inside private vehicles when they are parked in parking lots provided for use by the public and employees. The right to carry a firearm in a private vehicle for self-defense and other lawful purposes is clearly protected by the Florida Constitution [Art.I Sec. 8], by Florida law [s. 790.25 (4),(5)] and is well established in public policy.

The right to carry a firearm in a vehicle includes the right to leave it locked in a vehicle in a parking lot when shopping, at a movie, at a doctor's office, when visiting a friend in the hospital, at the grocery store or any other place law-abiding people commonly go. A vehicle is considered an extension of the home and property stored in a vehicle enjoys the same protection as a home.

Do you agree that constitutional and statutory rights do not end when you drive into a business parking lot and that no business owner has the right to tell a private citizen what legal personal property may be stored in a private vehicle in a parking lot?

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- a. Yes, and I would support legislation to stop anti-gun businesses from trampling the rights of customers and employees.
- b. Yes, and I would sponsor or co-sponsor such legislation.
- c. No, I would oppose such legislation. Please explain _____

Use separate sheets if necessary

6. Semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and handguns have been used for hunting, recreational shooting, organized competition (including the Olympics) and self-defense since their development over 100 years ago. Semi-automatics can only fire ONE shot with each separate pull of the trigger.

Military "assault weapons" are fully-automatic machine guns which are capable of firing MULTIPLE rounds with one pull of the trigger. They have been essentially banned from private civilian ownership since 1934. Further, in 1986, Congress banned the manufacture and sale of any new machine guns except for military and law enforcement use.

Contrary to fact, the term "assault weapon" has been deliberately misapplied by the media and anti-gun groups to deceptively encompass many different types and classes of semi-automatic firearms, and to specifically include common sporting, hunting and self-defense. The ultimate goal of this word-fraud is to ban millions of common, legitimate sporting firearms, legally owned by millions of law-abiding Americans.

Knowing this, would you still support state legislation restricting the private possession, ownership, purchase, sale and/or transfer of semi-automatic firearms?

- a. Yes, I support banning the sale or possession of semi-automatic firearms.
- b. No, I oppose banning the sale or possession of semi-automatic firearms.

If your answer is yes, please provide us with a *specific definition* of the "assault weapons" you would ban and why you would ban them. _____

7. Would you support legislation to restrict or ban the lawful manufacture, sale and/or transfer of firearms?

- a. No.
- b. Yes. Explain _____

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8. The protection of personal privacy rights of individuals is a growing issue in America. In some states, some big corporations have been randomly and selectively *SEARCHING* private vehicles that are parked in business parking lots. Business associations, representing these corporate giants have claimed businesses have a right to control the personal property locked inside a private vehicle. They have specifically included Bibles and firearms, as well as any other private possession, business owners or managers find offensive.

Would you support legislation to prohibit any business from searching private vehicles in parking lots except by on-duty law enforcement officers and based on due process?

- a. Yes, I would support such legislation.
b. Yes, I would co-sponsor such legislation
c. No, I would oppose such legislation. Please explain _____

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9. In 1987, in order to assure uniform firearm laws statewide and to protect citizens from a patchwork of local ordinances that are inconsistent and frequently unconstitutional, the Legislature overwhelmingly passed Florida's firearms preemption law (F.S. 790.33) which prohibits local governments from enacting local ordinances to regulate firearms and ammunition.

Nonetheless, numerous cities and counties are attempting to put themselves above the law and have intentionally begun to violate state law by adopting illegal ordinances to take away the firearms rights of residents and visitors. Consequently, individual citizens and organizations have been forced to bring lawsuits against these local governments to stop this illegal activity.

A. Would you support legislation to provide penalties for local governments and individual local politicians who willfully and knowingly violate state law?

- a. Yes
b. No

B. When citizens or organizations prevail in lawsuits against cities or counties that have violated state law and have unlawfully attempted to deprive citizens of their rights, would you support legislation that mandates the payment of attorney fees and court costs to those citizens or organizations?

- a. Yes
b. No

10. Florida state law mandates how firearm owners must store guns in their homes. It provides that firearm owners "*shall keep the firearm in a securely locked box or container or in a location which a reasonable person would believe to be secure or shall secure it with a trigger lock, except when the person is carrying the firearm on his or her body.*" Criminal penalties are imposed if gun owners fail to store firearms in this manner and the guns are subsequently accessed by minors.

Despite existing law, there have been repeated attempts by gun control advocates to mandate that all firearms in the home be stored *specifically with trigger locks*. Requiring trigger locks and locking devices on firearms greatly restricts their access for self-defense purposes and can potentially *increase* the risk of accidental discharge of a firearm. Would you support legislation that *mandates* the use of trigger locks/gun locking devices for firearms stored in the home?

- a. Yes, I support mandatory trigger lock legislation.
b. No, I oppose mandatory trigger lock legislation.

11. Would you support legislation that:

A. Places restrictions on the number of firearms a law-abiding citizen can own or purchase within a specified time period?

- a. Yes. Please specify types of firearms/time period: _____
- b. No

B. Restricts or regulates the sale/transfer of firearms between private individuals or family members?

- a. Yes. Please specify type of restriction/regulation: _____
- b. No

12. In the past few years, the 2nd Amendment has come under attack when Congress debated a so-called "Gun Show" Amendment. However, there is NO GUN SHOW LOOPHOLE. Current law REQUIRES that ALL persons engaged in the business of buying and selling firearms be licensed as firearms dealers. All firearms dealers are required to conduct background checks at gun shows for any and all firearm transactions, just like they do in their stores. As with other craft and hobby shows -- collectors who are not "engaged in the business" of selling firearms, but make occasional sales and purchases to enhance their collections are exempt. Would you support legislation that would mandate that sales between private individual gun owners and collectors undergo the same scrutiny and criminal background checks as licensed gun dealers?

- a. Yes, I would support such legislation.
- b. No, I would oppose such legislation.

13. Are you a member of the National Rifle Association, Unified Sportsmen of Florida, or any other firearm/sporting organization?

a. Yes. Please list organizations and latest years of membership. NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION 2005-2007

b. No.

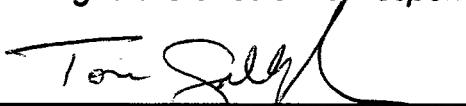
Please answer all questions. Questions that are not answered will be graded as a response against our position. If you need additional information on any question, please contact: Ms. Marion P. Hammer, Executive Director, Unified Sportsmen of Florida at (850) 222-9518.

--- CANDIDATE'S COMMENTS ---

(Please use additional sheets for additional comments you might have on any question or issue.)

AUTHORIZATION

This signature attests that responses on this questionnaire are the honest views of the CANDIDATE.



CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

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Date

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