

I have been an advocate for responsible gun ownership for over 40 years. Yes, I have been touched by family firearm suicide and have given a lot of thought pertaining to control and regulation. There is never a clear cut line for some firearm issues, however there is a call for overbalance of current laws by some groups. Great attention and calm needs to be made when determining firearm legislation. We need to make decisions based on what is best in view of the constitution and individual rights.

I'm an advocate for the following issues:

- Shifting the burden of proof in self-defense cases to the state instead of the crime victim.
- Removing the "duty to retreat" from things a crime victim must do before defending their life from a deadly attack.
- Aligning Ohio law with Federal law / BATFE on the definition of a shotgun.
- Adding language to punish people who illegally buy a gun for a prohibited person (straw purchase).
- Reducing the penalty for "failure to notify" police during an official stop.
- Eliminating the requirement to post "no guns" signs in locations that allow firearms.

Thank you for your time.

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