

# CeaseFire Pennsylvania 2018 Candidate Questionnaire

CeaseFire Pennsylvania is the advocacy arm of CeaseFirePA, Pennsylvania's leading gun violence prevention organization. We seek commonsense legislative reforms to reduce gun violence, stop the flow of illegal guns into our streets, and keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them. We proudly work with mayors, police chiefs, city council members, and other elected officials, along with more than 60,000 citizen activists in cities and towns across Pennsylvania. For more information about our mission and accomplishments, please visit [www.ceasefirepa.org](http://www.ceasefirepa.org).

CeaseFire Pennsylvania wants to provide information to Pennsylvania voters about the candidates seeking to represent them in the State House and State Senate. To that end, we hope you will complete this questionnaire. CeaseFire Pennsylvania will use the results of the questionnaire to inform endorsement decisions in the upcoming general elections.

In order to be considered for endorsement by CeaseFire Pennsylvania, please complete the following questionnaire and submit it no later than September 1, 2018. If you have questions, please call us at 215-923-3151 or email us at [ceasefire\\_pennsylvania@ceasefirepa.org](mailto:ceasefire_pennsylvania@ceasefirepa.org).

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1. **Candidate Name \***

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2. **Office Sought, District \***

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3. **Political Party \***

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Democrat

Republican

Other:

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4. **Phone Number \***

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5. **Email \***

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6. **Current law requires background checks for all gun sales at federally licensed dealers, and for all sales of handguns in PA, regardless of the seller. However, private sales of long guns – rifles, shotguns and semi-automatic rifles – are exempt from both the federal and Pennsylvania background check systems. \***

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I would vote for legislation expanding the PA background check system to cover the private sale of long guns in the same manner as the private sale of handguns.

I oppose legislation expanding the PA background check system to cover the private sale of long guns in the same manner as the private sale of handguns.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Differences in how federal law and Pennsylvania law define prohibited purchasers have meant that certain domestic abusers have been able to maintain weapons they already own, despite being defined as prohibited persons under federal law. \***

*Mark only one oval.*

I support closing the gaps in Pennsylvania law that enable domestic abusers to access guns.

I oppose closing the gaps in Pennsylvania law that enable domestic abusers to access guns.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Do you support legislation that will allow family or law enforcement to petition for an extreme risk protection order to temporarily bar access to firearms by a family member who they believe poses an imminent threat of harming themselves or others? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

I support allowing family or law enforcement to petition for extreme risk protection orders.

I oppose allowing family or law enforcement to petition for extreme risk protection orders.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Pennsylvania is a “point of contact” state, which means we utilize our own state background check system in addition to the federal background check system. \***

*Mark only one oval.*

I oppose the elimination of the Pennsylvania Instant Criminal Background Check System

I support the elimination of the Pennsylvania Instant Criminal Background Check System

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Pennsylvania does not require a gun owner to report a missing gun -- whether lost or stolen -- to the police. \***

*Mark only one oval.*

I support statewide legislation requiring that gun owners report lost or stolen firearms to the police.

I oppose statewide legislation requiring that gun owners report lost or stolen firearms to the police.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

11. **Under the doctrine of preemption, Pennsylvania municipalities are barred from passing their own local regulations of firearms. \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- I support giving municipalities in Pennsylvania the authority to regulate firearms.
- I oppose giving municipalities in Pennsylvania the authority to regulate firearms.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

12. **In 2014, the Pennsylvania Legislature enacted Act 192, an expansion of the preemption doctrine, allowing gun owners and gun organizations to sue towns and cities that enact local ordinances, even if those ordinances have not been enforced against that gun owner or organization – or against anyone at all. Act 192 was struck down by the PA Supreme Court. Would you support reauthorizing the expanded preemption provisions contained in Act 192? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- I oppose reauthorizing the expanded preemption provisions of Act 192.
- I support reauthorizing the expanded preemption provisions of Act 192
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Pennsylvania lacks child access prevention laws that penalize adults when children gain access to negligently stored firearms. \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- I support adopting child access prevention laws in Pennsylvania.
- I oppose adopting child access prevention laws in Pennsylvania.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

14. **Do you support allowing non-security personnel -- including teachers, guidance counselors and administrators -- to carry firearms in public elementary or high schools during the school day? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- I support allowing non-security personnel to carry firearms in public elementary or high schools during the school day.
- I oppose allowing non-security personnel to carry firearms in public elementary or high schools during the school day.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. **Pennsylvania does not prohibit the transfer, sale, or possession of assault weapons. \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- I support a ban on transferring, selling, and possessing assault weapons.
- I oppose a ban on transferring, selling, and possessing assault weapons.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**16. Thank you! Please feel free to include additional comments**

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