

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GUN RIGHTS

# DEFENDING THE SECOND AMENDMENT STANDING UP FOR FREEDOM

Mr. Arthur Lieber.

Please find the enclosed 2014 National Association for Gun Rights Candidate Survey, which we hope you will read carefully, complete and return to our office by 4/25/2014.

Our survey covers a wide range of topics related to our right to keep and bear arms, and United States firearm and self-defense issues. Though we cannot ask every question pertaining to gun rights that a member of Congress will face, this survey is meant to inform voters about your general views on their gun rights.

The results of our survey, unlike many organizations, will be made public. We mail them to our members and make them available on the internet. Failure to return the survey by the deadline will be reported to our members and the voters of your state.

I have enclosed a Background Briefing flyer that outlines some of the methodology and background on the questions we ask.

Results are not considered official until we receive the original, signed copy through regular mail. Your completed survey is due by 4/25/2014.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact our office toll-free at (877) 405-4570 or by e-mail at FederalSurvey@NationalGunRights.org.

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt return of our survey.

Regards,

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**Executive Vice President** 



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This 2014 Federal Candidate Survey is prepared for Arthur Lieber running in Missouri for the U.S. Congress in 2014, as a member of the Democratic Party.

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	Please return your completed and signed survey no later than 4/25/2014.
1.	Do you believe the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights is an individual right, protected by the Constitution of the United States of America, and it is the duty of the United States Congress to protect that right?
	Yes No Not Sure
2.	If elected, would you oppose legislation to limit the sale, manufacture, importation, or possession of rifles, shotguns or handguns (including semi-automatic firearms); or magazines with certain arbitrary capacity limits?
	Yes No
3.	Would you support legislation to restore the Second Amendment rights of the over 140,000 military veterans who have wrongfully been denied their rights under the pretense of "mental health issues," without proper adjudication before a court?
	Yes No
4.	Would you oppose legislation to include private mental health records of law-abiding citizens who have NOT been adjudicated mentally ill by a court in the National Instant Check System, thereby stripping them of their Second Amendment rights?
	Yes No
5.	Would you oppose legislation to expand federally mandated background checks through the National Instant Check System, including banning private firearm sales, banning private sales at gun shows, or prohibiting temporary transfer of firearms for self-defense or hunting?
	Yes No
ó.	Would you support a repeal of the Lautenberg Domestic Misdemeanor Gun Ban, which suspends gun rights for offenses as slight as spanking a child or grabbing a spouse's wrist?
	Yes No

Would you support legislation to repeal the so-called Federal "gun-free school zones" ban?
Yes No
Would you use your legislative powers to abolish or significantly decrease the power, budget and authority of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to track gun owners, sellers and buyers?
Yes No
Would you support an amendment to the "USA Patriot Act" to protect firearm purchases from the warrantless "national security letter" search authority of the Federal government?
Yes No
Would you oppose legislation that would expand the definition of "gun trafficking" to treat many private firearms gifts and sales with the same penalties as criminal enterprises where large quantities of firearms are sold to drug cartels or other criminals?
Yes No
* Please Note: Failure to answer a question will be graded as an anti-gun answer.
Candidate Authorization
My signature affirms that the answers given above accurately represent my beliefs as a candidate for the United States Congress in the 2014 election.
Signed: AM R Lube 04/28/2014 Date

#### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GUN RIGHTS

### LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP PLEDGE

To Gun Owners across America,

As an individual seeking representative elected office, I pledge that I will uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. In particular, I pledge to follow in the footsteps of the Founding Fathers of this great nation. I pledge to be a leader, not merely a follower.

I will provide gun owners across America with Legislative Leadership in the U.S. House.



#### **Ouestion #1: The Second Amendment**

The Second Amendment unequivocally protects an individual's right to civilian gun ownership. Like the First Amendment, there is no question that the right belongs to the individual rather than the state.

#### Question #2: Firearm Prohibitions and Magazine Capacities

Magazine capacity limits are simply arbitrary restrictions that fail to grasp the nature of firearms and their intended use. Limiting the number of cartridges one firearm can hold at any given time is akin to limiting the number of words a journalist is allowed to print.

#### **Ouestion #3: Veterans' Second Amendment Protection**

Over 140,000 military veterans, who have not been found to be a danger to themselves or others, have been denied their Second Amendment rights without due process and that number continues to grow. Our veterans deserve an opportunity to have their rights restored.

#### **Question #4: "Mental Health" Records**

Mental health data should be controlled and have oversight by those who are experts in the field of mental illness -- i.e. not local Sheriffs, but trained psychiatrists. The idea of giving mental health data to a national background check system calls into question both the doctor/patient privacy right as well as the ability of non-professionals to determine what is, in fact, mental health data. The term is very ambiguous and one that is not even agreed upon by professionals.

#### Question #5: Expanded Background Checks

Expanding background checks only assures that in order to exercise Second Amendment rights, one would have to first submit to de facto government-run gun registration.

Simply put, the Brady Bill which established the NICS system is unnecessary. It has created an extraneous bureaucracy that serves only to make the lives of law-abiding gun owners and dealers harder by making them jump through extensive bureaucratic hoops. It does not affect criminals, and there is absolutely no evidence suggesting that the Brady Bill has lowered crime in any way.

#### Question #6: Lautenberg Gun Ban

Under the Lautenberg Amendment, a citizen can be stripped of his Second Amendment rights simply by being accused of domestic violence charges -- in some cases including spanking a child or grabbing a spouse's wrist. Violent criminals do not take the time to check and see if it is legal for them to carry a firearm; this is yet another law affecting only those who obey the law to begin with.

#### Question #7: "Gun-Free" School Zones (Criminal Safezones)

To imply that any area can be made "gun-free" without security at every possible entry point is not only disconnected from reality but also ignores the law and the intent of the Second Amendment. Making a school zone "gun-free" only prevents law-abiding citizens from being able to protect themselves in a crisis, while assuring criminals of a soft target with unarmed victims. A person intent on shooting children in a school will not suddenly change their mind because a law has declared it to be a "gun-free" zone.

#### **Question #8: BATFE Reform**

The recent events surrounding the colossal failure known as "Project Fast & Furious" by the BATFE have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that the agency is not only in need of a serious overhaul, but dangerously corrupt to the level of bringing loss of life to other federal law enforcement agents.

#### **Question #9: Patriot Act Amendment**

The language from the so-called "Patriot Act" itself and from people such as the Homeland Security director has shown clearly that the act's provisions are directed more at law-abiding citizens of our own country than at any foreign threat. The so-called "Patriot Act" enables law enforcement agencies to label individuals as "terrorists" for actions as simple as buying supplies at a surplus store. This is clearly an infringement on individual liberties and provides little to no value in the actual realm of security.

#### Question #10: "Gun Trafficking" Legislation

The intention of expanding "gun trafficking" legislation is not to stop or curtail large scale criminal instances of gun trafficking but rather to redefine what gun trafficking is currently understood to be. This redefinition would render the unknowing or negligent gun owner a criminal, on par with career criminals who receive large amounts of money to arm gangs, cartels, and other organized criminal groups. This would result in otherwise law-abiding citizens being imprisoned for federal gun crimes and being subject to obscene penalties.