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2020 GENERAL ELECTION

The 2020 General Election here in Delaware is just about upon us. This is perhaps the most important election of our time. Never before has our most basic right to keep and bear arms been under attack and in danger of being eliminated.

It is vitally important that you vote and get your family and friends to also vote.

This election edition of the DSSA newsletter contains the grades and endorsements for the upcoming November 3, 2020, elections here in Delaware, **located at the end of the newsletter**. The following information is provided as a service to our members and is designed to provide our members with information as to how we view each of the various candidates for public office in terms of their support for the rights of hunters, sportsmen, shooters and gun owners with special focus on the fundamental right to keep and bear arms. For simplicity, familiarity and ease of use, the grading system used herein is very similar to that used by the NRA-ILA Political Victory Fund. The following is a list of those candidates that DSSA supports.

They have all expressed their unequivocal support for our right to keep and bear arms:

The following candidates are strongly recommended:

- Governor - Julianne E. Murray
- Lt. Governor Donyale Hall
- Senate District 5 Cathy Cloutier
- Senate District 7 Anthony Delcollo
- Senate District 14 Bruce Ennis
- Senate District 15 Dave Lawson
- House District 7 Jim Haubrich
- House District 8 Dan Zitofsky
- House District 9 Kevin Hensley
- House District 12 Jeff Craig
- House District 17 Tim Collins (Write-in)
- House District 21 Mike Ramone
- House District 22 Mike Smith

- House District 26 Tim Conrad
- House District 27 Tripp Keister
- House District 28 Bill Carson
- House District 29 Bill Bush
- House District 30 Shannon Morris
- House District 31 Richard Harpster
- House District 32 Andrea Bennett
- House District 33 Charles Postles
- House District 34 Lyndon Yearick
- House District 35 Jesse Vanderwende
- House District 36 Bryan Shupe

Please take the time to review the candidates and get out and vote. It is also not too late to contribute to their campaign.

Elections Have Consequences

By: John C. Sigler
NRA Past President
DSSA Past President

Yes! Elections do have consequences. Just ask Barak Obama – that’s what he said when he appointed two rabidly anti-gun United States Supreme Court Justices to the Bench.

The question is; do you understand those consequences? Do you REALLY understand the importance of your vote?

When you elect a President or a Governor your votes have consequences. Governors and Presidents nominate judges, sign and veto legislation, propose legislation, and appoint cabinet members who set policy and who hire and fire bureaucrats who can make your life miserable, or make your life better, depending on the politics of the appointing authority – your votes have consequences.

Although we don’t elect our judges, we do elect the people who appoint them and the people who vote to confirm or reject them – your votes have consequences.

Those judges will ultimately decide what our Constitutions, both State and Federal, actually mean. Those judges will determine what rights you have and what rights you will lose – your votes have consequences.

When you elect Senators, both State and Federal, those Senators vote to confirm or reject those judges – your votes have consequences. *(continued on page 4)*

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DSSA is providing the following information as a service to our members!

FEDERAL CANDIDATES

U.S. Senate

(R) Lauren Witzke AQ (D) *Chris Coons F

U.S. House of Representatives

(R) Lee Murphy AQ (D) * Lisa Blunt Rochester F

STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

Governor

(R) Julianne E. Murray AQ (D) *John C. Carney F

Lt. Governor

(R) Donyale Hall AQ (D) * Bethany A. Hall-Long C

STATE SENATE

DISTRICT 1

(R) Steve Washington ?
(D) Sarah McBride F

DISTRICT 5

(R) * Cathy Cloutier C
(D) Kyle Evans Gay F

DISTRICT 7

(R) *Anthony Delcollo A-
(D) Spiros Mantzavinos F

DISTRICT 8

(D) *David P. Sokola F

DISTRICT 9

(R) Todd Ruckle ?
(D) * Jack Walsh C

DISTRICT 12

(D) *Nicole Poore F

DISTRICT 13

(R) Alexander Homich ?
(D) Marie Pinkney F

DISTRICT 14

(D) * Bruce Ennis A+
(R) Craig Pugh AQ

DISTRICT 15

(R) * David G. Lawson A+
(D) Jacqueline Hugg F

DISTRICT 19

(R)*Brian G. Pettyjohn A+
* Indicates Incumbent

DISTRICT 20

(R) *Gerald W. Hocker A+

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 1

(D)*Nnamdi Chukwuocha F

DISTRICT 2

(D) *Stephanie Bolden F

DISTRICT 3

(D) Sherry Dorsey Walker ?

DISTRICT 4

(R) Jordan Nally ?
(D) *Gerald L. Brady D

DISTRICT 5

(D) *Kendra Johnson D

DISTRICT 6

(D) *Debra Heffernan F

DISTRICT 7

(R) James Haubrich C+
(D) Larry Lambert F

DISTRICT 8

(R) Dan Zitofsky AQ
(D) Sherae'a Moore F

DISTRICT 9

(R) *Kevin Hensley A
(D) Debbie Harrington F

DISTRICT 10

(D) * Sean Matthews F

DISTRICT 11

(R) *Jeff Spiegelman A+

DISTRICT 12

(R) Jeff Craig ?
(D) * Krista Griffith F

DISTRICT 13

(D) * John L. Mitchell F

DISTRICT 14

(D) *Pete Schwartzkopf F

DISTRICT 15

(R) Michael Higgin ?
(D) *Valerie Longhurst F

DISTRICT 16

(D) *Franklin Cooke F

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DISTRICT 17

(D) *Melissa Minor-Brown F

DISTRICT 18

(D) *David Bentz F

DISTRICT 19

(D) *Kimberly Williams F

DISTRICT 20

(R) *Steve Smyk A+

DISTRICT 21

(R) *Mike Ramone A-
(D) Stephanie Barry F

DISTRICT 22

(R) *Mike Smith B-
(D) Luann D' Agostino F

DISTRICT 23

(D) *Paul Baumbach F

DISTRICT 24

(D) *Edward Osienki F

DISTRICT 25

(D) *John A. Kowalko F

DISTRICT 26

(R) Timothy Conrad ?
(D) Midinah Wilson-Anton F

DISTRICT 27

(R) Don "Tripp" Keister C+
(D) Eric A. Morrison F

DISTRICT 28

(D) *William J. Carson A+

DISTRICT 29

(D) *William Bush A+
(R) Robin Hayes AQ

DISTRICT 30

(R) *Shannon Morris A+
(D) Chuck Groce ?

DISTRICT 31

(R) Richard Harpster AQ
(D) *Sean Lynn F

DISTRICT 32

(D) *Andrea Bennett A+
(R) Cheryl Precourt AQ

DISTRICT 33

(R) *Charles S. Postles A+
(D) Rachael King ?

DISTRICT 34

(R) *Lyndon Yearick A+
(D) Adewunmi Kuforiji ?

DISTRICT 35

(R) *Jesse Vanderwende A+
(D) Darrynn Harris ?

DISTRICT 36

(R) *Bryan W. Shupe A+
(D) Greg Fuller D

DISTRICT 37

(R) *Ruth Briggs King A+

DISTRICT 38

(R) *Ronald Gray A+

DISTRICT 39

(R) *Daniel Short A+

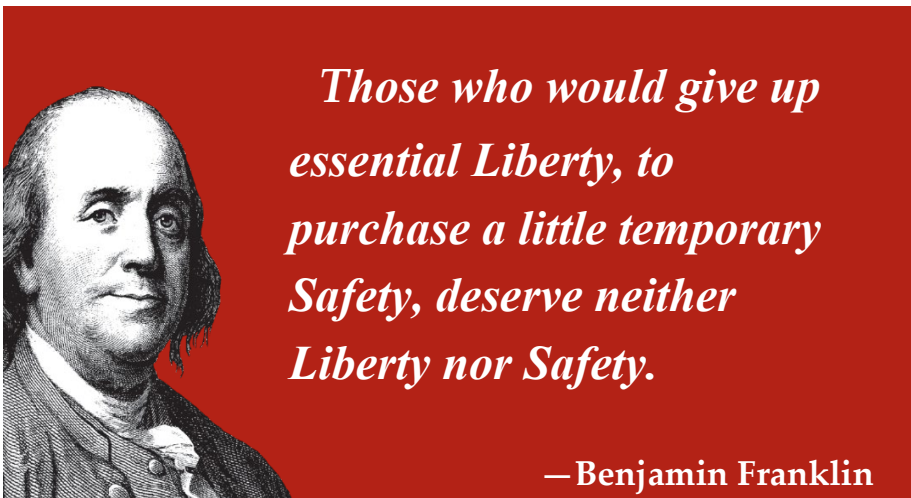
DISTRICT 40

(R) *Timothy Dukes A+

DISTRICT 41

(R) *Richard Collins A+

* Indicates Incumbent



Here's What the Ratings Mean:
Ratings and endorsements are based solely on a candidate's support of our Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and do not take into consideration a candidate's position on other unrelated issues.
A+ A legislator with not only an excellent voting record on all critical NRA issues, but who has also made a vigorous effort to promote and defend the Second Amendment.
A Solidly pro-gun candidate. A candidate who has supported NRA positions on key votes in elective office or a candidate with a demonstrated record of support on Second Amendment issues.
AQ A pro-gun candidate whose rating is based solely on the candidate's responses to the NRA-PVF Candidate Questionnaire and who does not have a voting record on Second Amendment issues.
B A generally pro-gun candidate. However, a "B" candidate may oppose some pro-gun reform or support some restrictive legislation.
C Not necessarily a passing grade. A candidate with mixed record or positions on gun related issues, who may oppose some pro-gun positions or support some restrictive legislation.
D An anti-gun candidate who usually supports restrictive gun control legislation and opposes pro-gun reforms. Regardless of public statements, can usually be counted on to vote wrong on key issues.
F True enemy of gun owners' rights. A consistent anti-gun candidate who always opposes gun owners' rights and/or actively leads anti-gun legislative efforts, or sponsors anti-gun legislation.
? Refused to answer the NRA/PVF candidate questionnaire or a candidate who has made contradictory statements.

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When you elect Representatives and Senators, both State and Federal – your votes have consequences. Those Representatives and Senators make the laws – laws that could ban your rifles, your shotguns, your pistols and revolvers. And here in Delaware, those same Senators and Representatives have the power, all by themselves, to amend our Delaware Constitution and to repeal your Right to Keep and Bear Arms – your votes have consequences.

This year, more than any other year, Freedom is on the ballot – and your votes have consequences. Look around you, watch the news, and you'll know it's true.

During this most recent Delaware Primary we saw the far-left element of the Democratic Party punish the Senate President Pro Tempore and several members of the House Democratic Caucus for standing with you to protect your right to keep and bear arms, replacing them with far-left "progressives" who have publicly announced that they are coming for your guns – those votes in the Democratic Primary had very real consequences.

Here's what's at stake this year – here's why your votes will have far reaching consequences. Here's what you can expect from the far-left, so-called "progressive" gun-grabbers in next Delaware General Assembly:

1. Another bill to ban and confiscate your AR-15, together with a long list of other currently legal rifles, pistols and shotguns;
2. Another bill to ban and confiscate standard capacity rifle, pistol and shotgun magazines
3. Another bill to register all firearms, and maybe even tax them
4. Another bill to ban firearm ownership by adults between the ages of 18 & 21 years
5. Another bill to gut our self-defense laws, severely limiting and restricting your God-given right to defend yourself, your home, your business and your family
6. Another bill to repeal State Preemption, allowing every city, town, and county to pass their own patchwork of draconian anti-gun laws.
7. Another bill to repeal our concealed carry laws and perhaps even repeal "open carry"
8. Another bill to require a license to purchase a firearm, and separate license to simply own a firearm
9. Another bill to ration and limit firearm purchases to "one-gun-per-month"
10. Another bill to impose a "waiting period" for the purchase of defensive firearms
11. Another "red-flag" type bill, or worse
12. Another bill to add one or more additional classes of people to the list of "prohibited persons"
13. Another bill to restrict where and when you can possess, much less carry, a firearm
14. And who knows what other crazy ideas the so-called "Moms" and other Bloomberg and Soros funded organizations may demand of their bought-and-paid-for legislative advocates.

Look for the appointment and Senate confirmation of anti-gun judges to the Delaware judiciary at all levels. And look for a long list of draconian, anti-gun regulations coming from all of the various executive branch bureaucracies all of which will require a new court challenge.

Every 10 years, the General Assembly goes through "reapportionment" and draws the lines for the various Senatorial and Representative Districts for the next 10 years. Your votes this year will determine the balance of power in the General Assembly when those lines are drawn. Yes! Your vote has long-lasting consequences – especially this year.

The people whom you elect this year will determine how your children and grandchildren are educated and what they are taught; how safe you and your family will be at home, at work and at school; how much of your hard-earned money you will keep and how much the government will take in taxes; how many jobs will be saved or lost in Delaware; how many businesses will thrive and how many will be destroyed; and much, much more – your votes have consequences.

VOTE FREEDOM FIRST!

November 2020 and YOUR Gun Rights

By: A Concerned Citizen

As you all know, 2020 is an election year. In 1987, the Delaware Constitution was amended as follows, Article I, Section 20 of the Delaware Constitution, enacted in 1987, states: "A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and State, and for hunting and recreational use."

Over the last year and a half, several Delaware politicians have tried to strip away these rights. Bryan Townsend, Newark Senate District (11), introduced a bill, SB 68 that if passed would ban virtually ALL semi auto rifles, Black Guns, AR's etc. (interestingly, On March 18th this year, He walked into Cabela's and bought a Kimber Micro 9 Pistol and 40 rounds of hollow point ammo) Laura Sturgeon, Senate District (4) Hockessin and Senator Sokola (D)(8), introduced Senate Bills 82, 69, and 70. This legislation mandated that all persons would be required to obtain a purchase card to buy a gun and would be limited to 1 handgun per month, and limit magazine capacity to 15 rounds or less.

These Senators have also voted AGAINST your gun rights;

- Elizabeth Lockerman District 3
- Darius Brown District 2
- David Sokola District 8

These House members have voted AGAINST your gun rights;

- Nnamdi Chukwuocha District 1
- Kimberly Williams District 19
- Stephanie Bolden District 2

- Paul Baumbach District 23
- Kendra Johnson District 5
- Edward Osienski District 24
- Debra Heffernan District 6
- John Kowalko District 25
- Raymond Seigfried District 7
- Earl Jaques District 27
- Krista Griffith District 12
- Sean Lynn District 31
- Valerie Longhurst District 15
- Melissa Brown District 17
- Franklin Cooke District 16
- David Benz District 18

These Senators have SUPPORTED your gun rights;

- Anthony Delcollo District 7
- Bruce Ennis District 14
- Dave Lawson District 15
- Brian Pettyjohn District 19
- Gerald Hocker District 20
- Cathy Cloutier District 5

To review all Senators backgrounds on bills they have supported, simply research their history at <https://legis.delaware.gov/Senate/District> then click on the candidate, then scroll down to the bills they have supported. It is very easy to find politicians who either support or oppose your gun rights. The right to purchase, own, and use a firearm is your Constitutionally Protected Right, both in the United States as well as in the State of Delaware.

This fall, your vote will be important to maintain these rights. Please, register to vote, it does not matter what party you support, what does matter is that you review your Senate, House and Presidential candidates, review their back ground on gun rights and vote accordingly.

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After A Child's Accidental Shooting Death, Pennsylvania Appeals Court Rules Federal Gun Industry Protection Law Unconstitutional

By: Laura Ly, CNN
Submitted By: Vickie Prickett

J.R. Gustafson, who was killed in March 2016 after his 14-year-old friend unintentionally shot him with a semi-automatic handgun that he believed was unloaded.

A Pennsylvania state appeals court has decided that the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act of 2005 is unconstitutional, court documents filed on Monday show.

The PLCAA is a federal law that prohibits civil lawsuits from being brought against gun manufacturers and distributors as a result of misuse of their products by others.

The law says businesses should not "be liable for the harm caused by those who criminally or unlawfully misuse firearm products or ammunition products that function as designed and intended."

But the PLCAA violates the 10th Amendment, Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Deborah Kunselman said, which guarantees states' rights -- essentially stating that matters which are not delegated to the federal government by the US Constitution and are not Constitutionally prohibited, fall under the authority of the state government.

"The only portions of the PLCAA that do not offend the Constitution are its findings and purposes ... and a few definitions," Kunselman wrote.

The 63-page decision also took issue with arguments that the law falls under Congress' power to regulate interstate commerce.

"We hold that merely because, at some point in time, that gun passed through interstate commerce, does not give Congress perpetual authority to regulate any harm it may cause," Kunselman wrote.

The decision came down as part of a case against gun manufacturer Springfield Armory, Inc. and firearms store Saloom Department Store. In March 2016, a 14-year-old unintentionally shot and killed his friend J.R. Gustafson in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, with a semiautomatic handgun that he believed was unloaded.

Gustafson's parents sued both Springfield Armory and Saloom Department Store, asserting that they "were negligent and strictly liable for manufacturing and/or selling the defective handgun that caused their son's death," court documents state, alleging the gun's design was defective because it lacked a safety feature "to disable it from firing without the clip attached." In January, a trial judge in Westmoreland County dismissed the lawsuit after ruling that the PLCAA gave immunity to both the gun manufacturer and firearms store. The Gustafsons appealed. Following Monday's court decision, the case will be sent back to the trial court.

CNN has reached out to attorneys for Springfield Armory, Inc. and Saloom Department Store for comment on Monday's court decision. They previously attempted to have the case thrown out and argued the PLCAA protected them from being held civilly liable for the child's death, court documents show.

The Gustafsons' lead attorney, Jonathan Lowy, is also Vice President of the Brady Campaign, a nonprofit organization that advocates for gun control and against gun violence. Lowy called Monday's decision a "win for the parents of J.R. Gustafson and other victims of gun industry negligence and misconduct, who will now have their day in court." "In finding that PLCAA is unconstitutional in its entirety, the Superior Court of Pennsylvania properly recognizes that states have the authority to hold negligent gun makers accountable in court, and to ensure that all victims have the right to seek civil justice

against wrongdoers who cause them harm," Lowy said in a statement.

In a news release Monday, the Brady Campaign said the Pennsylvania superior court is the first appeals court to hold PLCAA unconstitutional in its entirety.

"This access-to-justice victory for gun violence victims shows why it matters who sits on our nation's court," Brady Campaign President Kris Brown said in a statement.

The next court date for the case has been scheduled for October 28, online court records show.

And now you know why Judicial Appointments, and who wields them, are important.

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You and your Firearms ARE 'On the List'

By: Frank Nedza

Every once in a while, I will run into people who ask about my usual shooting related T-Shirt. The conversation will turn to shooting Clubs, guns, the NRA and DSSA. I recently talked to several people who said that they didn't need to support the NRA or DSSA, as no one was coming to take their shotgun, and that they didn't see the need for anyone to own an 'assault rifle'. When I asked how his Remington 1100 was different than an AR-15, and how that was different than an M1 Garand, and how that was different from a Glock or a 1911, it stumped him. After talking with him a while, I think I got through to him that firearms, when owned by responsible persons, are all good. I think I also made the point that though his shotgun might not be at the top of 'the list', it is still on it –just down a bit from those scary "AR-14's" (whatever those are...). His initial attitude though is unfortunately all too common in the world of shooting, and I would like to take a minute of your time to talk about the reasons why I think it is important for us as shooters to support each other, and respect our individual choice of firearms.

From the DNC Official Party Platform (emphasis Mine)

Gun violence is a public health crisis in the United States. Over 100,000 people are shot and nearly 40,000 people die annually from guns—devastating countless families, friends, and communities. Note how they don't talk about the ILLEGAL use of firearms and include those numbers in their platform. For example the Chicago shooting toll as of this minute: 3357 shot, 571 killed We can and will make gun violence a thing of the past. Addressing the gun violence crisis requires supporting evidence-based programs that prevent gun deaths from occurring in the first place, including by making mental health care more accessible and supporting suicide reduction initiatives, funding interventions to reduce homicides and gun violence in neighborhoods, and strengthening protections against domestic violence. Democrats will also ensure the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have sufficient resources to study gun violence as a public health issue, including the ongoing health care, mental health, economic, and social costs that can affect survivors and their families for years.

Democrats will enact universal background checks, end online sales of guns and ammunition, close dangerous loopholes that currently allow stalkers, abusive partners, and some individuals convicted of assault or battery to buy and possess firearms, and adequately fund the federal background check system. We will close the "Charleston loophole" and prevent individuals who have been convicted of hate crimes from possessing firearms. Democrats will ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and high capacity magazines. We will incentivize states to enact licensing requirements for owning firearms (sounds a lot like registration to me) and extreme risk protection order laws that allow courts to temporarily remove guns from the possession of those who are a danger to themselves or others. We will pass legislation requiring that guns be safely stored in homes. And Democrats believe that gun companies should be held responsible for their products, just like any other business, and will prioritize repealing the law that shields gun manufacturers from civil liability.

Some of the above could almost sound reasonable, until you hit the highlighted parts –note how they don't distinguish between the illegal use of firearms, as in Chicago, which has logged nearly 3400 shootings as of this moment, and this in a "Gun Control Paradise". "End online sales of ammunition" – one can also envision a 'California-like' requirement for a background check for EACH ammunition purchase. "Ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and high capacity magazines". **"Incentivize states to enact Licensing Requirements for owning firearms"** –making the Second Amendment a truly second-class amendment by being the only Constitutionally Guaranteed freedom subject to licensure.

I am sorry if I offend any Freedom-Loving Democrats out there (and I know they exist) but the above comes right from the DNC. I guess they didn't ask any Blue-Dog Democrats for ideas on platform positions.

I could go on (and on), but the point is, as long as the firearms in question are used safely and responsibly, we should support that use wholeheartedly! Benjamin Franklin, one of this country's Founding Fathers who said at the signing of the Declaration of Independence "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." Those words apply to us right now, and we really need to stick together; shotgun owners, Glock owners, AR-15 owners, and all the rest of us and...

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