

SCOPE Political Questionnaire

Name Joseph A. Griffo Party Republican

Office New York State Senate District 53

Check if no opinion Room for comments or explanation at end

Do you believe the purpose of the 2nd Amendment is (*check all that apply*):

hunting Self Defense Defense against foreign and domestic threats

Do you believe Self-Defense is a right and the 2nd Amendment protects - and does not grant - that right?

Do you believe the 2nd Amendment restricts firearms only to members of militia or other government agencies?

Do you believe a gun owner must retreat, before using deadly force, when faced with an unlawful intruder inside their house?

Do you believe a gun owner engaged in self-defense must retreat, before using deadly force, when outside their house?

Do you believe a home owner has the right to use deadly force inside the home to protect lives and / or property?

Do you believe a home owner has the right to use deadly force outside the home to protect lives and / or property?

Do you support legislation for total or partial bans any of the following: (*Check all that apply*)

Handguns Rifles Shotguns

Automatic firearms Semi automatic firearms Firearms

30 round magazines 10 round magazines 5 round magazines

***No to all of the above.**

As to firearm licenses, should New York State be: (*check the one that applies*)

Constitutional Carry Shall Issue May issue

Y N ? Do you support the USA rejoining the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty?

Y N ? Does it require Senate approval as a treaty?

Y N ? Do you support a ban on firearms over a certain caliber?

If so, what caliber? _____

Y N ? Do you support the 2005 "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" (PLCAA)?

Y N ? Do you believe the 2005 PLCAA supersedes and nullifies any state laws to the contrary?

Y N ? Do you believe that the NYS law classifying firearms as a nuisance violates the PLCAA?

Do you believe that increased civilian firearms ownership leads to:

Y N ? More Crime Y N ? Less Crime Y N ? Has negligible effect

Y N ? Do you support legislation requiring microstamping?

Y N ? Do you support pistol permit reciprocity with other states?

Y N ? Do you support Safe Storage laws?

Y N ? Do you support a gun purchase waiting period longer than the NICS required 3 days?

Y N ? Do you support laws limiting firearm purchases to a specific number per time period?

Y N ? Do you support laws limiting ammo purchases to a specific number per time period?

Y N ? Do you believe firearm possession is limited to only inside the residence?

Y N ? Do you support restricting ammo purchases only to the caliber of gun owned by the purchaser?

Y N ? Do you support mandatory liability insurance for all gun owners?

Since 1988, The United States Undetectable Firearms Act made illegal any firearm that is not detectable by walk-through metal detection. Given that, do you believe we need more state or federal “Ghost Gun laws?”

Do you support enhanced sentences for those that use a firearm while committing a felony?

Do you support New York residents being able to directly (not through an FFL) purchase ammo over the internet?

Do you support New York residents being able to directly purchase firearms over the internet, using an FFL and following NICS regulations?

Do you believe localities can pass more restrictive firearms laws than state statutes without the state’s permission

Comments:

I have long been a supporter of the Second Amendment Right of all citizens to possess firearms, and I am myself an owner of several firearms. In addition to opposing the New York SAFE Act, I have routinely opposed efforts to diminish the Second Amendment Rights of New Yorkers to access firearms and ammunition; gun control efforts routinely pursued by the Democrats in the Legislature, which have accelerated during recent legislative sessions, will have virtually no impact on crime rates. In fact, such efforts to restrict access to law abiding citizens will make it more difficult for New Yorkers to protect themselves during this current increase in violent crime throughout the state.

Recent legislation which I have opposed includes the following:

- S.13-A (Kaplan) – Banning unfinished frames or receivers;
- S.14-A (Hoylman) – Banning so-called “ghost guns”;
- S.1048 (Myrie) and S.7196 (Myrie) – The creation of a private right of action and civil right to sue gun manufacturers, something that would be devastating to Remington, which is located near my district and employs a number of constituents and/or their family members; and
- S.1235-A (Gianaris) – The establishment of a 10-day waiting period.

Signed Joseph A. Luffo Date May 26, 2022

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Party: Republican (also endorsed by the Conservative Party)
Office: New York State Senate
District: 53

Do you believe the purpose of the 2nd Amendment (check all that apply):

Hunting – **Yes**
Self Defense – **Yes**
Defense against foreign and domestic threats – **Yes**

Do you believe self-defense is a right and the 2nd Amendment protects – and does not grant – that right?

Yes

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No

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Yes

Do you believe a home owner has the right to use deadly force outside the home to protect lives and/ or property?

Yes

Do you support legislation for total or partial bans on any of the following: (check all that apply)

No to all of the listed items.

As to firearm licenses, should New York State be: (check the one that applies)

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More Crime – **No**

Less Crime – **Yes**

Has a Negligible Effect – **No**

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? – The reason for my answer is that I would like to see individuals support their local firearms dealers/gun shops; it is an issue of supporting local business.

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Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. DiIorio". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Date: May 26, 2022