

Jane Tolmach -- 36th Assembly District (ventura County)

I believe that legislation pertaining to firearms must be examined carefully and in terms of balancing different needs and priorities. On the one hand, there is definite need to make certain that people are protected from violent acts perpetrated with firearms by criminals and mentally unstable individuals. On the other hand, there is an equally definite need to protect the rights of individuals who are law abiding citizens to own firearms either for purposes of recreation, collecting, or self-defense.

I don't believe that there is any simple solution to this difficult problem. As I have indicated in my responses to your questionnaire, there are many facets to the problem. Part of the solution obviously involves toughening up the criminal laws in such a way as to remove criminals who use firearms from the streets of our communities. Part of the solution involves a system of firearms registration to enable police officials to trace stolen firearms. Part of the solution involves some regulation of the types of firearms which are manufactured and some regulation of the system of merchandising in order to stop the proliferation of cheap throw-away hand guns which are very easy to obtain by mail order and which seem to account for a disproportionate share of violent crimes.

At the same time, I don't believe that a law which would simply abolish the right to own guns would be either desirable or effective. All such a law would do would be to create a tremendous black market in the sale of firearms and we would probably find ourselves in the same situation we were in during the prohibition era -- trying to enforce an unenforceable law.

These are my basic thoughts on the subject of firearms legislation based upon the knowledge and information I now possess. I can assure you that I would study any proposed legislation in this area carefully and that I would listen to all points of view before reaching any final conclusions.

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WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE FOLLOWING?:

1. Abolishing of all forms of probationary sentences for persons convicted of serious felony crimes committed with the use of a firearm.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support
2. Mandatory prison sentences for persons convicted of serious felony crimes committed with the use of a firearm.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support
3. Mandatory licensing of handgun owners.
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4. Mandatory licensing of all firearms owners.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support
5. Mandatory registration of all handguns.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support
6. Mandatory registration of all firearms.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support
7. Outlawing the ownership of all handguns (antiques excluded), by the general public.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support
8. Outlawing the manufacture or sale of small (caliber or frame) handguns.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support
9. Taxation as a means for discouraging firearms purchase or ownership.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support
10. Regulated sport hunting as a proper and legitimate recreational use of our wildlife resources.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support
11. The individual's right (as opposed to the military) to own firearms.
Tend to oppose / support or Definitely oppose / support

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Dear Ms. Tolmach:

Over the years the subject of firearms legislation has received a great amount of attention by our legislative bodies, the communication media, law enforcement and the public. As you know, the division in opinion ranges from confiscation to repeal of the Gun Control act of 1968.

Our members, as well as the general public, are vitally interested in your attitude on gun controls. As a consequence, we respectfully request that you complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to this office.

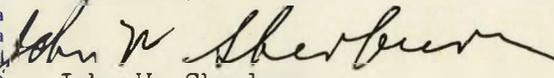
Each election year, the CRPA publishes an election issue in which we print the replies received from each candidate in the CRPA Newsletter and other sportsmen's publications throughout the state. In addition, this issue is distributed, statewide, through sporting goods dealers and other outlets.

For the benefit of those candidates who may not know the CRPA, we are the largest sportsman's organization in California, and the official State Association of the National Rifle Association of America.

Because of publishing lead time we must have your response not later than August 16.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


John W. Sherburn
President

P.S.: We are confident that you want your opinion expressed to the broadest segment of the voting public. We want to assist you in that objective. Please help us to achieve this objective.