



Buckeye Firearms Association

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Chairman Rob Frost
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RE: Republican Party of Cuyahoga County (RPCC) platform

Mr. Frost:

Buckeye Firearms Association is strongly opposed to the RPCC platform, specifically the section which seeks to “Oppose the efforts to curtail constitutional home rule in such areas as...gun control...” It is disgraceful that you are advocating local fees and registration for citizens exercising constitutional rights.

The party should be supporting Castle Doctrine (SB184/HB264), emergency powers (Katrina), fixes to transportation problems, eliminating restaurant restrictions, closing the media access loophole, eliminating required recurrent training, and mandatory gun safety education programs in schools for young children.

You should be aware that last year the General Assembly passed HB347 which establishes “uniform laws throughout the state” regarding firearms. Your platform goes against state law.

Your stance aligns you with the likes of Sherrod Brown (D), Hillary Clinton (D), Charles Schumer (D), Nancy Pelosi (D), Ted Kennedy (D), John Kerry (D) and Al Gore (D).

Your platform draft puts you on the side of Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson (D) who said he “does not care about state law” and would continue to enforce laws designed to harass law-abiding gun owners.

You are also at odds with *every* Republican member of the 126th Ohio House and most Republican Senators. They support the Ohio Constitution and the rule of law. They understand the importance of these issues to their constituents.

County residents have used firearms to defend their life. The National Academy of Sciences has concluded that gun control does not reduce crime. Gun control has contributed to double digit increases in Cuyahoga’s violent crime. It is past time for law enforcement to focus on prosecuting criminals instead of potential victims.

I strongly encourage you to repeal your language in support of gun control and replace it with strong language in support of lawful use of firearms for self-defense, hunting, competition and recreation.

Sincerely,

James M Irvine, Chairman
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cc Bruce Akers, Bob Bennett, Kevin DeWine, Chris Cox, NRA-ILA