



Gun Owners of Maine News Bulletin

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DECISION 2018: WHO WILL DECIDE YOUR GUN RIGHTS?

Candidate Grades

In order to help Mainers cast informed votes, Gun Owners of Maine has issued gun rights grades for candidates for the offices of U.S. Representative, U.S. Senate, Governor, Maine House of Representatives, and Maine Senate. These grades reflect the candidate's views on matters relating to the rights of gun owners, and are based on public statements and actions, questionnaire responses, and in the case of officeholders, votes and other official actions.

Updated candidate grades can be found online at:

gunownersofmaine.org/grades-2018

Governor

Alan Caron, Grade: *F*

Favors bans on so-called "assault weapons", magazines, bump stocks, and favors imposing universal background checks.

Terry Hayes, Grade: *F*

Supports bans on so-called "assault weapons", bump stocks and supports universal background checks.

Janet Mills, Grade: *F*

Once a pro-gun legislator with an A rating from the NRA, Janet Mills

Your Freedom Isn't Free

Mainers are fortunate to live in a place where they enjoy some of the best firearms laws in the country. Gun Owners of Maine has helped make it that way, and helps keep it that way. But the reality is that, even for a grassroots organization like us, it takes resources to carry out our mission to defend and extend gun rights. In the current climate, with a richly-funded anti-gun lobby pushing state and Federal anti-gun bills, we are stretched pretty thin. We survive on the support of gun owners like yourself, for whom your gun rights are too valuable to leave to someone else's generosity. Paid memberships, donations and raffle ticket sales are all important forms of support for our work. Please consider supporting us, so we can continue to defend and extend our gun rights, and pass them along to the next generation.

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has reversed course, and embraced anti-gun rhetoric during her gubernatorial campaign, going so far as to take pride in her new NRA F rating, remarking "I wouldn't usually be proud to get a failing grade... but this time I'll make an exception."

Shawn Moody, Grade: *A*

Moody's public statements have opposed new gun controls, and he has specifically pledged to uphold his oath to protect and defend the right to keep and bear arms provisions of the Federal and Maine constitutions. He has vowed to veto unconstitutional gun legislation, and to protect schools with armed resource officers and active shooter training, and he has actively engaged Maine's gun rights advocate community.

US Senate

Eric Brakey, Grade: *A+*

As a State Senator, Eric Brakey was the prime sponsor and principal advocate of the Constitutional Carry law, the most significant advance in gun rights in Maine history. He has been a consistent defender of gun rights, with a perfect voting record on gun bills in the Maine Senate.

Angus King, Grade: *D*

As a US Senator, Angus King has voted to ban large-capacity magazines, and voted against national concealed carry reciprocity. He has endorsed a package of gun-control measures by gun-control champion Senator Chuck Schumer, including universal background checks.

US House, 1st District

Marty Grohman, Grade: **B**

During his service in the Maine House of Representatives, Grohman has generally cast his vote in favor of strengthening gun rights. He voted in favor of Constitutional Carry, expanding reciprocity for concealed carry permits and prohibiting gun registration, and voted against no-due-process red flag laws.

Mark Holbrook, Grade: **A**

Holbrook takes a no-compromise stance on gun rights, firmly opposing new gun restrictions and favoring repeal of existing ineffective and onerous gun laws.

Chellie Pingree, Grade: **F**

Pingree has made gun control a central feature of her legislative agenda, and supports all manner of gun restrictions, including reinstatement of the failed Federal Assault Weapon Ban and banning large-capacity magazines, and opposes national concealed carry reciprocity.

US House, 2nd District

Jared Golden, Grade: **F**

As a State Representative, Golden voted for bills that would produce a patchwork of gun-free zones across the state, allow police to seize firearms with little or no due process, impose civil and criminal penalties on citizens who innocently and unknowingly sell a gun to a prohibited person, and voted against Constitutional Carry and against expanding concealed carry reciprocity.

Bruce Poliquin, Grade: **A+**

Poliquin has consistently voted in favor of gun rights, including national concealed carry reciprocity, removing suppressors from the NFA, and protecting veteran's gun rights. He opposes bans on semiautomatic firearms and large-capacity magazines.

Maine State Senate

Grade	Candidate
C	BELLOWS, Shenna
F	BREEN, Catherine
F	CARPENTER, Michael
F	CARSON, Everett
C	CHENETTE, Justin
F	CHIPMAN, Benjamin
A+	CYRWAY, Scott
A+	DAVIS, Paul
D	DESCHAMBAULT, Susan
A+	DIAMOND, G.
A+	DILL, James
A	DOW, Dana
A+	ESPLING, Eleanor
A+	FARRIN, Bradlee
A+	FOLEY, Robert
F	GRATWICK, Geoffrey
A+	HAMPER, James
F	HERBIG, Erin
A	JACKSON, Troy
A	KEIM, Lisa
F	LAWRENCE, Mark
F	LIBBY, Nathan
F	LUCHINI, Louis
B	MALABY, Richard
F	MILLETT, Rebecca
F	MIRAMANT, David
A+	POULIOT, Matthew
A+	ROSEN, Kimberley
F	SANBORN, Heather
AQ	STONE, Matt
A+	TIMBERLAKE, Jeffrey
D	VITELLI, Eloise
B	VOLK, Amy
A+	WOODSOME, David

Maine State House

Grade	Candidate
AQ	AMADON, Anne
AQ	ANDREWS, John
AQ	ARATA, Amy
A+	AUSTIN, Susan
AQ	BLACKBURN, Cody
AQ	BOOTH, James
F	BROOKS, Heidi
A+	CAMPBELL, Richard
F	CASÁS, Owen
A+	CEBRA, Richard
A+	CHACE, Paul
AQ	COLWELL, Nancy
A+	COREY, Patrick
A+	CRAIG, Garrel
AQ	CURRIER, Robert
A	DILLINGHAM, Kathleen
F	DOORE, Donna
A	DUNPHY, Michelle
CQ	DUPUIS, Stephen
AQ	FAULKINGHAM, William
A	FAY, Jessica
AQ	FECTEAU, Justin
F	FREY, Aaron
F	GATTINE, Andrew
AQ	GLUSKER, James
AQ	GREENWOOD, Randall
A+	GRIGNON, Chad
A+	HAGGAN, David
F	HANDY, James
A+	HANINGTON, Sheldon
A+	HANLEY, Jeffery
A+	HARRINGTON, Matthew
A+	HAWKE, Stephanie
A+	HEAD, Frances
B	HICKMAN, Craig
C	HIGGINS, Norman
F	HUBBELL, Brian
F	HYMANSON, Patricia
AQ	JAVNER, Kathy
A+	JOHANSEN, Chris
F	JORGENSEN, Erik
AQ	LACHANCE, Mike
AQ	LAPOINTE, Daniel
AQ	LEBIDA, Guy
AQ	LORRAIN, Tony

Maine State House (continued)

Grade	Candidate
A+	KINNEY, MaryAnne
F	KORNFELD, Victoria
A+	LOCKMAN, Lawrence
A	LYFORD, Peter
F	MADIGAN, Colleen
F	MADIGAN, John
A+	MAREAN, Donald
D	MARTIN, John
D	MARTIN, Roland
A+	MASON, Richard
F	MASTRACCIO, Anne-Marie
F	McCREA, David
F	McCREIGHT, Joyce
F	McLEAN, Andrew
F	MELARAGNO, Gina
F	MOONEN, Matthew
AQ	MORRIS, Joshua
F	NADEAU, Catherine
A+	O'CONNOR, Beth
F	O'NEIL, Margaret
A+	ORDWAY, Lester
A+	PERKINS, Michael
F	PERRY, Anne
A	PICKETT, Richard
A+	PIERCE, Jeffrey
F	PIERCE, Teresa
A+	PRESCOTT, Dwayne
F	RECKITT, Lois
A+	REED, Roger
F	RILEY, Christina
AQ	ROBINSON, Kimberly
F	RYKERSON, Deane
A+	SAMPSON, Heidi
F	Saucier, Robert
F	SCHNECK, John
F	SHEATS, Bettyann
A+	SIMMONS, Abden
A+	SKOLFIELD, Thomas
AQ	STANLEY, Maynard Jr
A	STANLEY, Stephen
C	STEARNS, Paul
A+	STETKIS, Joel
A	STEWART, Harold
A+	STROM, Scott
A+	SUTTON, Paula
F	SYLVESTER, Michael
F	TALBOT ROSS, Rachel
F	TEPLER, Denise
F	TERRY, Maureen
A+	THERIAULT, Timothy
F	TIPPING, Ryan
AQ	TRAVERS, Michael
F	TUCKER, Ralph
C	TUELL, William
A	VACHON, Karen
A+	WADSWORTH, Nathan
F	WARREN, Charlotte
A+	WHITE, Dustin
D	ZEIGLER, Stanley

