



Pam Bondi: Second Amendment Record, Concerns, and Questions for Confirmation

Pam Bondi served as Florida’s Attorney General from 2011 to 2019, her tenure includes actions and positions that oppose Second Amendment rights and defend gun control measures.

Key Actions and Positions:

1. Active support of “Red Flag” gun confiscation laws:

- a. Following the tragic Parkland shooting in ‘18, Pam Bondi relayed in a White House briefing that her office was instrumental in writing Florida’s “Red Flag” gun confiscation law: “We are going to bring in something called the ‘Gun Violence Restraining Order’... So what we want to do is let law enforcement come in and take the guns...law enforcement will have 72 hours to determine whether they should give those guns back, or they can go to a judge and say ‘Your honor, please keep these guns. We feel this person is still a danger to himself or others’ whether they’re in or out of custody.”

This law has been used to strip gun rights from thousands of Florida citizens, including children as young as eight years old.

White House. (2018, February 22). *Remarks by President Trump in a meeting with local and state officials on school safety*. Trump White House Archives.

2. Active support of age-based firearm purchase restrictions, bump stock bans, and gun purchase waiting periods:

- a. Also following the Parkland shooting, Florida enacted the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (2018), raising the minimum age for purchasing rifles to 21, among other measures. A lawsuit was filed challenging this provision, but Bondi’s office successfully defended the law, arguing it was a reasonable restriction to enhance public safety.

This legislation served as a model for other states seeking to enact age-based firearm restrictions, further eroding the rights of young adults to bear arms.

Duke Center for Firearms Law. (2023, March). *Litigation highlight: Eleventh Circuit upholds Florida’s under-21 purchase ban*. Duke University.

2. Active opposition to open carry rights:

- a. In *State v. Norman* (2012), Dale Norman, a concealed carry licensee, was arrested for openly carrying a firearm, violating Florida’s open carry ban. The trial judge questioned the constitutionality of the ban and referred the matter to

the appellate court. Attorney General Bondi's office intervened, filing documents to prevent the appellate court from reviewing the case, effectively defending the open carry prohibition.

Firearms Policy Coalition. (n.d.). *Florida Carry: Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi fights against gun rights*. Firearms Policy Coalition.

Summary:

Bondi's office went further than merely fulfilling a constitutional obligation to defend the state's statutes in the courts. Bondi took the initiative to actively support and defend gun control measures, even to assist with the drafting of Florida's "Red Flag" law. Since much of this anti-gun activity followed a tragic shooting, this raises serious questions about what other gun control measures Bondi would support should the unthinkable happen again.

Key questions Pam Bondi must answer:

- 1. Do you still support stripping gun rights away from individuals who have never been charged with a crime?**
- 2. Do you believe 18-20-year-olds who may vote and serve in the military should be stripped of some or all their gun purchase, possession, and carry rights?**
- 3. Do you believe law-abiding citizens have a constitutional right to carry firearms openly?**
- 4. Do you support the DOJ and ATF regulations banning bump stocks, home-built firearms, Forced Reset Triggers, etc.?**
- 5. Do you support the ATF's rule redefining "Engaged in the Business" of selling firearms?**
- 6. Would you support agency rules expanding background check requirements?**
- 7. Would you instruct the DOJ to immediately cease defending ATF gun control measures in court?**
- 8. Would you work to file criminal charges for the fatal ATF shooting of Bryan Malinowski?**
- 9. What measures would you take to seek justice for victims of ATF persecution like Mark Manley, whose home was invaded and whose kids were held at gunpoint based on an erroneous warrant?**