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Subject: Large Majority of Gun Owners Support Existing Gun Laws and Support Possible Regulations; Many Believe NRA Does Not Represent Their Interests

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a majority of gun owners across the country support existing gun laws and support possible regulations, and also believe that the NRA does not represent their interests as gun owners. 72% support the current law regarding silencers, and 81% think the requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should be continued.

Many more gun owners support various regulations than oppose them. 83% support requiring a background check on all gun sales, including those sold online or at gun shows, and only 12% oppose this. Other regulations include: prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun (81/11), banning the sale of bump stocks and other devices that increase the rate of gunfire (70/25), banning the sale of assault weapons (54/38), and having a registration requirement for a person to own an assault weapon (61/33).

The NRA is not viewed as favorably as one might think among gun owners. 51% think the NRA does not represent their interests as gun owners. 59% strongly agree (47%) or somewhat agree (12%) that the NRA used to be an organization dedicated to gun safety, but it's been overtaken by lobbyists and the interests of gun manufacturers and lost its original purpose and mission, while only 35% disagree with this sentiment.

Key findings from the surveys include:

- A diverse, bipartisan bloc of voters is united in endorsing candidates who support requiring background checks for all gun purchases. Strong majorities of gun owners (71%), NRA members (62%), non-NRA members (73%), women (82%), men (63%), Democrats (82%), Republicans (57%), independents (74%), Latinos/Latinas (57%), whites (71%), African-Americans (59%), other non-white races (84%), and majorities in every age group all say they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports background checks for all gun purchases.

PPP surveyed 510 gun owners from May 1-2, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.

