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DEBATE FACT CHECK: MORENO AND DOLAN CAN'T BE TRUSTED ON GUNS

“Bernie Moreno and Matt Dolan betrayed Ohio gun owners and can’t be trusted to defend against the onslaught of liberal gun grabs,” said Ben Kindel, spokesman for LaRose for Senate. “Frank LaRose is a battle-tested conservative with a 100% pro-Second Amendment record who can actually be trusted to protect Ohio gun owners. That's why he's the only candidate in this race endorsed by Buckeye Firearms Association and other Ohio gun groups.”

Bernie Moreno’s anti-gun record:

Bernie Moreno was caught on tape in a 2019 interview bashing gun owners:

["But this whole gun debate, damn, we can't say this is how many magazines a gun can have. What gun do you need to have 100 bullets in it? That doesn't mean I'm going to take your g*ddamn gun away. Do you really have 100 bullets at one time?"](#)

- Bernie also sat on a foundation board when they donated over \$10 thousand to anti-gun groups.
 - (*“U.S. Senate Financial Disclosures: Bernie Moreno,” U.S. Senate Financial Disclosures, Filed 8/13/21*)

- In 2017, the Cleveland Foundation provided a grant to an organization dedicated to advocating for gun control.
 - (2017 IRS Form 990, The Cleveland Foundation, Filed 11/14/18)
- Everytown For Gun Safety Support Fund States It Is the “Education, Research, And Litigation Arm Of Everytown For Gun Safety,” An Anti-Gun Organization.
 - (“Our Initiatives,” Everytown For Gun Safety Support Fund, Accessed 12/8/23)

Matt Dolan’s anti-gun record:

- In 2017, Dolan questioned the benefits of “Stand Your Ground” legislation, claiming it made legal prosecution difficult to prove claims of self-defense.
 - (NBC-4 WCMH, 11/14/17)
- In 2019, Dolan criticized “Stand Your Ground” as “tone deaf to the feelings that are out there.”
 - (*Akron Beacon Journal*, 11/3/19)
- In 2020, Dolan voted against a DeWine-signed “Stand Your Ground” bill to eliminate a duty to retreat before shooting in self-defense.
 - (*The Massillon Independent*, 12/19/20)
- In 2020, Dolan voted against legislation allowing staff at public schools to be armed without first undergoing 700 hours of training.
 - (American Conservative Union's Center For Legislative Accountability, Accessed 6/26/23)
- In the 2019-2020 legislative session, Dolan sponsored legislation to expand voluntary background checks.
 - (*Dayton Daily News*, 10/7/19; *Dayton Daily News*, 11/5/19; *The Columbus Dispatch*, 7/12/21)
- In 2022, Dolan introduced a gun control bill that included “red flag” provisions to allow the police to seize guns from people not convicted of a crime. Dolan later removed those provisions from the legislation, which failed to advance out of the chamber.
 - (*The Plain Dealer*, 8/19/22; *The Athens Messenger*, 11/18/22; *Akron Beacon Journal*, 12/17/22)

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