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Readers vehemently oppose handgun law

This week's Oral Quarrel asked our readers how they felt about a local ordinance that would forbid handguns in the home. Some communities in other states already have enacted such ordinances.

Because of the overwhelming response, we were unable to transcribe all the answers. The following responses do show the general sentiment — opposition to such an ordinance. Following are some of the responses:

It makes the law-abiding citizens sitting ducks for the criminals. Criminals will always have guns.

I would not support an ordinance banning handguns because I believe each and every individual in this country should have the right to protect himself. If by any reason the individual has a permit for a handgun, so be it. Personally, we have a rifle which we would not hesitate to use should somebody break into our home.

Yes.

No, I would not support a ban on handguns. I use my handguns for target practice, and I think it should be a citizen's right to have a handgun if he wishes to. You have alcohol, you have guns, get rid of them and you'll get rid of a lot of trouble.

No, I would not support an ordinance as such. It would do little or nothing to curb crime at all. The restriction would be on the citizen, not on the criminal because criminals don't follow rules or regulations anyway. I do support tougher laws where guns are used in crimes. The lawmaker should spend more time trying to stop things like drunk drivers.

No way would I support something like that, and anybody on the council that ever voted for it would never get one of my votes again.

I would absolutely not support any type of ordinance banning handguns in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Absolutely not. It wouldn't do anything to take the guns away from the criminals.

No, I would not support a motion to ban handguns. It is against the Constitution, and I would not support it.

I want you to know that 30 seconds is not enough time to express my feelings on it, but I oppose any handgun restriction of any kind. I am law-abiding citizen, and I'll be damned if I will turn my stuff in.

No, I am against any kind of gun control law.

For anybody, it is an infringement on the Second Amendment, and if you look at the cities that have already banned handguns, like New York and San Francisco, their crime rates are higher than any other crime rates in the nation. It wouldn't accomplish anything, and it would hurt the innocent citizens who own handguns.

No way would I support the ordinance, especially being a woman. I have lived in this city for six years, and only twice have I needed the police because I thought somebody was breaking in my house, and nobody showed up.

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I definitely need a handgun, and I would never support anything of the sort.

No, I do not want handguns banned.

A big no. Also I would shoot to kill if I had a chance anyone breaking into my home to steal or molest my family.

No, I would not support anything like that. I think people must be crazy to think that banning handguns would stop people from having handguns in their home. A lot of law-abiding citizens would be law-breaking citizens just to prove that no one can tell them what the can or cannot have. I, for one, am that type of person.

In 1935 Adolph Hitler banned handguns and firearms, and I don't think Germany was so much of a free state.

With the incompetency of the police department in this locality and some others around the area, I certainly would not support any ordinance banning guns. It is the only protection left for the individual. The cops sure don't do anything about it. They can't catch cold.

No, I believe I should have the same right as the criminal. If they are going to carry guns, I will too.

Of course not. Having guns in the home is a guaranteed constitutional right. It's more of an obligation than a privilege.

No, I would not support a handgun ban in Farmington or Farmington Hills.

I will not support a bill banning handguns in my home, in my city or anywhere else.

It's too bad the do-gooders of this country don't think as much as they talk. It's a historical fact that disarming the public is the first step toward Communism. The law-abiding citizens that would go by this law are not the ones that are doing the crime with the handguns to begin with.

Definitely, I would not support an ordinance banning handguns in Farmington or Farmington Hills. The reason is, and I don't want to quote the First Amendment to the Constitution, it's just that I think that without the guns in our homes, especially handguns, we are subject to anyone breaking in and hurting someone. I do not want a ban on handguns.

I do not support the banning of handguns in Farmington or Farmington Hills.

I believe this law must be every

criminal's dream. They no longer have to worry about having any opposition to holding someone up or robbing stores.

Definitely not. I believe the so called do-gooders of this country should spend more time questioning why the existing laws are not upheld by the judges rather than trying to make new laws.

Most definitely yes.

I have been living in the city of Farmington for about 22 years, and I would not support a bill to ban handguns in the home. I believe they are very important to our society.

No way. I have the right to own one.

No, I would not because the burns that are moving into Farmington and the bad situations that have been happening lately, you never know when you have to use one. Farmington is turning to the pits.

No, I would not support your issue on the ban on handguns.

No, I do not approve of banning guns owned by private citizens, never have and never will, and my husband never did and never would have.

No, I do not support banning handguns in any home privately owned. Look back in history, and you take citizens guns away that don't have a criminal record, then you are left open to Russia or anyone else to come in to take over our country.

No, I would not support such a ban. What I would support is stronger enforcement of crimes which are committed with handguns, and that is where I think the problem is.

If they pass an ordinance banning handguns in Farmington or Farmington Hills, I will move out of either one of these cities.

No way, if you take away our guns, you might as well take away our lives. It is ridiculous. No one has the right to take away our guns.

I, for one, am against any ordinance prohibiting any guns from any position. I am 100 percent against it.

No way. If anybody would like to have a gun in their own home, that's their business. It's a constitutional right to own a gun.

Of course, I would not support such an issue.

No, I would not.

No, I would not support the ordinance. I have a handgun, and I intend to keep it. If an ordinance passed, I would have an illegal handgun.

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