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BALUKOFF CALLS NRA QUESTIONNAIRE BIASED AND LOADED

Believes Idaho government needs independent thinkers

BOISE, Idaho- Democratic gubernatorial candidate A.J. Balukoff announced today that he would not fill out a National Rifle Association candidate questionnaire, calling it "biased and loaded with leading questions that do not allow me to accurately state my position on gun laws." Instead, Balukoff wrote a letter stating his position on guns and sent it to the NRA, saying "Special interests gave us Idaho's Guns on Campus law. We don't need a governor and Legislature who are beholden to special interests. We need independent thinkers in government who answer to voters."

"I own several firearms, and I am an avid hunter and fisherman who holds an Idaho Lifetime Combination Hunting/Fishing license. I also enjoy shooting trap and skeet. I have always supported the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution." Balukoff wrote in the letter.

The NRA candidate questionnaire contained 23 questions with multiple-choice answers. "The leading questions and multiple-choice answers in your questionnaire allow for only polarizing and extreme positions," Balukoff wrote.

The NRA questionnaire made specific reference to Senate Bill 1254—aka the Guns on Campus bill. Balukoff wrote: "Question 6 in the questionnaire asked if I agree with the overwhelming majority of Idaho legislators who supported passage of Senate Bill 1254. I believe this bill was not necessary and creates more problems than it solves... It is an unfunded mandate that is causing our public universities, which are already underfunded, to incur millions of dollars in unanticipated costs to comply with the new law. Finally, it is a violation of local control. University presidents, faculty, and students should have the ability to determine the culture of their college campus. That culture should not be dictated from the Statehouse."

Balukoff's full letter along with the NRA candidate questionnaire can be found here:

<http://www.ajforidaho.com/campaign-news/balukoff-refuses-nra-questionnaire-releases-statement-on-guns>.

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About A.J. Balukoff

Idaho's Democratic gubernatorial candidate A.J. Balukoff was a CPA for 25 years. He is small business owner and 16-year trustee on the Boise School Board; he currently serves as the board president. He serves or has served on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including St. Luke's Treasure Valley, the Boise Philharmonic Association, and the Ore-Ida Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Balukoff believes that "Idaho Can Do Better" by ensuring that every child has access to a quality education; by rebuilding Idaho's economy so every Idahoan has the opportunity to earn a livable wage; and by restoring integrity, transparency, and accountability to state government. Balukoff promises to campaign and lead Idaho by working hard, telling the truth, and putting people first. Learn more about A.J. Balukoff at www.ajforidaho.com.