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## Jack Ciattarelli on Gun Control

### No criminalization of all 50-caliber weapons

**Excerpts from legislation:** Revises definition of "destructive device" to include weapons of 50 caliber or greater. The current definition is 60 caliber.

- Exemptions for antique firearms or muzzleloader rifles; these firearms would continue with the current 60 caliber restriction.
- Individuals who lawfully own one of these newly prohibited firearms have one year in which to dispose of them.
- Establishes a buyback program to facilitate the voluntary surrender of these firearms.

**Excerpts from veto message:** New Jersey already has the second strictest gun laws in the US. In early 2013, the NJ SAFE Task Force recommended narrowly limiting one specific type of firearm: the Barrett 50 caliber long-range rifle. This bill goes well beyond that recommendation and would instead criminalize the ownership of a whole class of firearms.

**Legislative outcome:** Ciattarelli voted NAY; bill passed Senate 23-16-1; bill passed House 46-29-4; vetoed Sept. 9

Source: [New Jersey Legislative voting records: A 3659](#), Feb 21, 2013

### Rated 57% by the NRA, indicating a mixed voting record on gun rights.

Ciattarelli scores 57% by NRA on pro-gun rights policies

While widely recognized today as a major political force and as America's foremost defender of Second Amendment rights, the National Rifle Association (NRA) has, since its inception, been the premier firearms education organization in the world. But our successes would not be possible without the tireless efforts and countless hours of service our nearly three million members have given to champion Second Amendment rights and support NRA programs.

The following ratings are based on lifetime voting records on gun issues and the results of a questionnaire sent to all Congressional candidates; the NRA assigned a letter grade (with A+ being the highest and F being the lowest).

What the Grades Mean:

- A+: A legislator with not only an excellent voting record on all critical NRA issues, but who has also made a vigorous effort to promote and defend the Second Amendment.
- A: Solidly pro-gun candidate including voting record.
- AQ: A pro-gun candidate whose rating is based solely on the NRA-PVF Candidate Questionnaire and who does not have a voting record.
- B: A generally pro-gun candidate; may have opposed some pro-gun reform in the past.
- C: A candidate with a mixed record or positions on gun related issues, who may oppose some pro-gun positions.
- D: An anti-gun candidate who usually supports restrictive gun control legislation. Regardless of public statements, can usually be counted on to vote wrong on key issues.

- F: True enemy of gun owners' rights. A consistent anti-gun candidate.
- ?: Refused to answer the NRA-PVF Candidate Questionnaire, often an indication of indifference, if not outright hostility, to gun owners' rights.

Source: NRA website [10-NRA](#) on Aug 11, 2010

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#### Gubernatorial Debates 2019:

Barbara Buono KY: Bevin(R) vs. Goffetta(R), lost primary vs. Aetkins(D), lost primary vs. Beshear(D) vs. Edeker(D), lost primary  
Cory Booker LA: Edwards(D) vs. Rispono(R) vs. Abraham(R)  
Joe Rullo MS: Bryant(R), retiring vs. Foster(R) vs. Hood(D) vs. Reeves(R) vs. Waller(R)  
John Wisniewski MS: Bryant(R), retiring vs. Foster(R) vs. Hood(D) vs. Reeves(R) vs. Waller(R)  
Kim Guadagno MS: Bryant(R), retiring vs. Foster(R) vs. Hood(D) vs. Reeves(R) vs. Waller(R)  
Phil Murphy MS: Bryant(R), retiring vs. Foster(R) vs. Hood(D) vs. Reeves(R) vs. Waller(R)  
Seth Kapel- MS: Bryant(R), retiring vs. Foster(R) vs. Hood(D) vs. Reeves(R) vs. Waller(R)  
Dale MS: Bryant(R), retiring vs. Foster(R) vs. Hood(D) vs. Reeves(R) vs. Waller(R)

#### NJ Senatorial:

#### Gubernatorial Debates 2021:

Bob Huglin NJ: Murphy(D) vs. Ciattarelli(R)  
Cory Booker NJ: Murphy(D) vs. Ciattarelli(R)  
Hirsh Singh VA: Northam(D), term-limited vs. Herring(D)  
Jeff Chiesa VA: Northam(D), term-limited vs. Herring(D)  
Murray Sabrin VA: Northam(D), term-limited vs. Herring(D)  
Rich Pezzullo VA: Northam(D), term-limited vs. Herring(D)  
Robert VA: Northam(D), term-limited vs. Herring(D)  
Menendez VA: Northam(D), term-limited vs. Herring(D)  
Stuart VA: Northam(D), term-limited vs. Herring(D)  
Weissner VA: Northam(D), term-limited vs. Herring(D)

#### Gubernatorial Debates 2020:

DE: vs. Carmey(incumbent) - no challengers yet  
IN: vs. Holcomb(incumbent) vs. Melton(D) vs. Woody  
Myers(D)  
MO: Parson(incumbent) vs. Nicole Galloway(D) vs. Jim Neely(R)  
MT: Bullock(retiring) vs. Fox(R) vs. Perry(R) vs. Gianforte(R)  
vs. Stapleton(R) vs. Olszewski(R) vs. Neill(D)  
vs. Schreiner(D)  
NC: Cooper(incumbent) vs. Forest(R) vs. Holly Grange(R)  
ND: Burgum(incumbent) vs. Michael Coachman(R)  
NH: Sununu(incumbent) vs. Volinksky(D) vs. Dan Feltz(D)  
PR: Rossello(D) vs. Wanda Vazquez Garced(D)  
UT: Herbert(retiring) vs. Huntsman(R) vs. Cox(R) vs. Jeff Burningham(R)  
VT: Scott(incumbent) vs. Rebecca Holcombe(D)  
WA: Inslee(incumbent) vs. Bryant(R) vs. Fortunato(R)  
WV: Justice(incumbent) vs. Folk(R) vs. Thrasher(R)  
vs. Vanover(D) vs. Smith(D) vs. Ron Stollings(D)

## Jack Ciattarelli on other issues:

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Govt. Reform  
Gun Control  
Health Care  
Homeland Security  
Immigration  
Infrastructure/Technology  
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Local Issues  
Principles/Values  
Social Security  
Tax Reform  
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Welfare/Poverty