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OCR P RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR WHITMER'S CALL FOR GUN CONTROL

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI ~ During her state of the state address, Governor Whitmer called for legislators to propose "red flag" laws, providing for "extreme risk protection orders". Brenden Boudreau, Executive Director of Great Lakes Gun Rights (GLGR) states, "These red flag laws have a 'by any means necessary' approach to our constitutional rights. They would remove the right to due process, the right to face your accuser, among many other issues. What we need now is to enforce the laws we have, stop releasing violent criminals and reform our bond process to protect citizens." GLGR is a no compromise defender of the 2nd Amendment.

Vance Patrick, Chairman of the Oakland County Republican Party (OCR P), believes "With rising crime and with judiciary hands tied by lack of bond requirements, it is not the time to focus on 'red flag laws', which run the risk of constitutional infringement, but don't really address the lack of community responsibility". Governor Whitmer also called for an increase of police funding, which is a good thing, as police budgets were decimated during the lockdown years. But what good is increased funding if it coincides with zero bail? This measure increases and incentivizes violent crime.

Bond reform law removed judicial discretion, mandating zero bail, which allows violent criminals to be released, with the majority never showing up for their trial. Wayne county statistics clearly show that over half of violent criminals released without bond do not show up to court. This uses up more resources, endangers our police, our neighborhoods and our families. Criminals do not care about the law. Red flag laws will not deter criminals, they will only erode our constitutional rights. It seems to be the goal of the Democrats to go after the 2nd Amendment of our constitution until it is so burdensome for law abiding citizens to own a gun, that it may as well be abolished altogether.

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