

# **House District 100 Candidate Anne Weston's Speech Upon Accepting Endorsements from Gun Owners of America (PA), PA Liberty Alliance, and PA Gun Owners**

Gun ownership is about the right to self-defense – of ourselves, loved ones, and even of strangers. The right to self-defense is central in every human heart. Without this right, we have no protection for the other rights.

We know that the Left believes this also and highly values self-defense. Over the past 4-5 years, when data or opinions threatened their positions, they frequently eliminated those threats by killing people socially – cancelling them, blocking accounts, permanently deleting accounts for life. If they feel this threatened by data and opinions, does this not prove the right of human beings to bodily self-defense?

Crime begins with the desire to control others. A criminal wants to control your money, your space, your body. Wanting to benefit by controlling others is a sign of dysfunction, even psychosis. But such people do wander among us.

And so, the right to self-defense must not be infringed. Each person can choose the means that best suits them – firearms, knives, martial arts, prayer. That's your right as a human. We are safest when everyone is ready to defend themselves and others, and criminals who want to invade and control others are locked up.

As a woman, I know this very well. And as a relatively new firearms owner, I can attest to the benefits of learning to use a firearm. It is a total-person experience, involving the mind, body, emotions, and spirit. I have met all kinds of wonderful people from all walks of life. Gun owners are generous with their time and concern, kindly walking you through all the details of safety, marksmanship, and firearms care. If you want to restore your faith in humanity, learn to shoot!

In Southern Lancaster County, we have firearms galore. But clearly, we don't solve problems by shooting each other right and left. Our total crime is always below the PA and national average. Our murder rate is pretty much . . . . 0.

Rick Saccone introduced constitutional carry back in 2013, and it's been a yearly fight since. Why should we, who don't have problems obeying the law, wait this long to be rewarded with decreased regulation?

So here I am running against Bryan Cutler. How am I different?

Gun owners won't need to beg me for help. I'm not interested in political maneuvering but in fighting for the values of Southern Lancaster County. I will sponsor and co-sponsor legislation that protects the right to self-defense. This is not about weekend hunting, and it's not about recreational shooting events, delightful and

valuable as those two endeavors are. The heart of this issue is human autonomy and dignity – the right to determine the direction of your own life and protect yourself while doing so.

So I return to control issues. The people of District 100 are tired of being told what to do and being forced to foot the bill. We don't want our homes and farms lost to property taxes. We don't want gas taxes and horrible roads which jeopardize us all, including our Amish who live among us peaceably and just happen bring in a tremendous amount of tourism.

We don't want our money wasted at universities conducting inhumane fetal research. We don't want our children indoctrinated in racial hate and gender shame while breathing through masks.

We don't want our business destroyed by lockdowns, and our elderly lonely and cut off, and our jobs stolen when we resist a vaccine mandate. You elected officials wielding power over us while stripping us of ours – why didn't you fight harder for our freedoms? Are you seriously that easily bought?

We don't want to wonder if our votes will be swallowed up by fraud from the cities – especially when the result is a nation headed into the abyss.

We don't want to waste time for hours and break our heads trying to uncover exactly what is being done behind our backs.

The people of District 100 want freedom, opportunity, and individual responsibility. We know how to solve our own problems and take care of each other.

This is why I, a total non-politician, entered this race. I am tired of hearing excuses for why what's obviously wrong can't get fixed, or isn't a problem. I'm not the only one who feels this way. We want change. We want accountability. We want freedom and truth. We want our region healthy and strong, and we want our nation back. We are saying ENOUGH. BACK OFF, controllers! Hands off our America, and hands off Southern Lancaster County!

To those in District 100, elect me, and I will be forthright with you about all the issues. I will fight for your right to live unencumbered. I will fight for medical freedom and school freedom, for secure elections you can trust. I want to serve you because I have loved you from my earliest childhood, and your best has always been my best. Thank you.