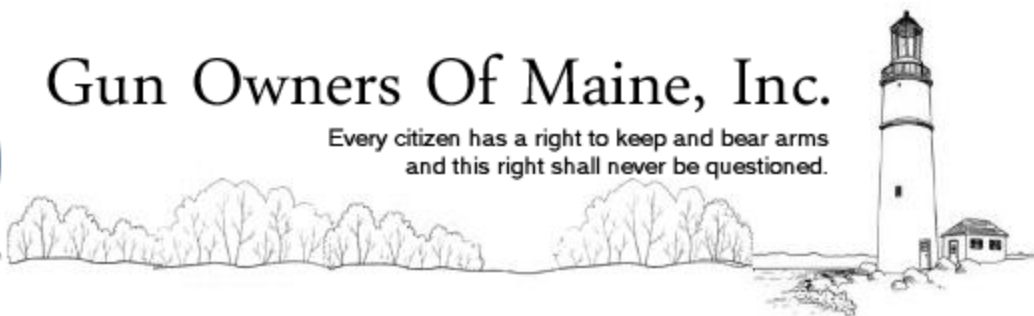




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Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms  
and this right shall never be questioned.



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## **2014 Gun Owners of Maine Gubernatorial and Congressional Candidate Grades**

*LePage, Poliquin, Misiuk awarded top grades*

*CHINA, MAINE, 9/26/2014* - Gun Owners of Maine is pleased to present its candidate grades for the 2014 Maine Gubernatorial and Congressional candidates. These grades are based on the candidate's record of support or opposition to gun rights issues, and include votes, official actions, public and private statements, as well as support, endorsements, and grades issued by pro- or anti-gun groups.

In the Governor's race, Gov. Paul LePage earned the top grade of 'A', for keeping his pledge to support gun rights, and to veto anti-gun legislation should it reach his desk. Opponents Mike Michaud and Eliot Cutler earned 'F' grades, Michaud for his support of universal background checks and links to anti-gun advocates Gabrielle Giffords and Mike Kelly, and Cutler for his public statements supporting gun control.

In the Senate race, Sen. Susan Collins earned a 'B' grade for her voting record on gun issues. Her opponent, Shenna Bellows, earned an 'F', for her indifference to gun rights while with the ACLU, her belief that the Second Amendment protects a collective, not an individual right, and her public statement that she dropped her membership in the NRA when they became "too extreme."

The First Congressional District race incumbent, Rep. Chellie Pingree, earns an 'F' grade for her across-the-board support of any and all gun control measures. Challengers Isaac Misiuk and Richard Murphy both earn an 'A' grade for their no-compromise support of gun rights.

Finally, in the Second Congressional District race, Bruce Poliquin and Blaine Richardson earned an 'A' grade for solid support of gun rights. Emily Cain earns a 'D' for her support of numerous gun-control measures.

The grades awarded to candidates by Gun Owners of Maine do not constitute endorsements of candidates or political parties, but represent our assessment of the candidate's stance on gun rights issues.



## 2014 CANDIDATE SCORECARD

<b>Governor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paul LePage (R) <b>A</b></li><li>• Mike Michaud (D) <b>F</b></li><li>• Eliot Cutler (I) <b>F</b></li></ul>	<b>Senate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Susan Collins (R) <b>B</b></li><li>• Shenna Bellows (D) <b>F</b></li></ul>
<b>US House of Representatives, 1st District</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Isaac Misiuk (R) <b>A</b></li><li>• Richard Murphy (I) <b>A</b></li><li>• Chellie Pingree (D) <b>F</b></li></ul>	<b>US House of Representatives, 2nd District</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bruce Poliquin (R) <b>A</b></li><li>• Blaine Richardson (I) <b>A</b></li><li>• Emily Cain (D) <b>D</b></li></ul>

### **ABOUT GUN OWNERS OF MAINE**

Gun Owners of Maine is an all-volunteer, grassroots Maine nonprofit corporation dedicated to preserving and protecting the right of the people to keep and bear arms. Gun Owners of Maine is a non-partisan citizen activist group and as such does not endorse any political group. Gun Owners of Maine assists members and non-members alike in locating training and educational resources to further responsible firearms handling and ownership.

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