



# Ron Kearny

As a presidential nominee, I thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. I have been practicing falconry since the mid 1980s with a lot of dabbling dating back into the 1970s. My experience has been mainly with large longwings. I have primarily been involved in flying Prairie Falcons, Peregrines and various large hybrids at ducks and upland game.

Since the late 1990s I have also been involved in falconry based bird abatement, and currently make my living flying falcons in that capacity. Though I am currently a bird-abatement professional, as well as a practicing game hawk, my focus has always been falconry, as opposed to “demos”, ‘rehab’, or ‘education’.

I was an early member of the Wild Raptor Take Conservancy (WRTC) and had a role in creating its successor, the American Falconry Conservancy (AFC). I have been a constant supporter of the AFC’s mission, and have served in the past as an officer through several presidential terms, as AFC Secretary.

I would like you to know that I am Libertarian-leaning, and I believe in liberty as our founding fathers intended. As far as I’m concerned, the smaller our federal government, the better; as long as individual rights are preserved. Thus, I support true science in legislation as it concerns falconry regulations. I am uncompromising in my stance about our Constitutional and Individual Rights. Still, I am pragmatic enough to accept incremental compromise and understand the need for us to prioritize our political goals; there is no need for hot-headedness when it comes to securing our rights as hunters. At the end of the day, I support falconer’s rights.

Thank you for your attention.