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Casualties feared as Clinton, NRA spar GOP lawmakers avoid skirmish

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Congressional Republicans fear they will be hurt by the increasingly bitter rhetorical duel between the National Rifle Association and the White House.

"I don't know anybody who wants to discuss it," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, Texas Republican, told The Washington Times yesterday. "It's not a good discussion."

Republican staffers say the angry war of words between President Clinton and NRA Vice President Wayne R. LaPierre Jr. could hurt them in the November elections and damages the chances of any new gun-control or juvenile-justice initiatives emerging soon from a long deadlocked House-Senate conference committee.

Other anti-violence legislation that was in the works, including an expansion of Virginia's successful "Project Exile," will have to wait at

least a week while the spat dies down.

"For some members, there is the fear that politics will drive the ultimate resolution, or at least the appearance of politics," said Rep. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., Maryland Republican and a co-sponsor of the Project Exile bill. "That's not a pleasant outcome."

One of the most ardently pro-gun-rights Republicans, Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia, criticized his colleagues for avoiding a fight.

"It's a misplaced hope that by simply being nice to the White House, we will get the White House to stop beating us up," said Mr. Barr, an NRA board member. "The White House will beat us up no matter what. I wonder why our people haven't figured that out."

But Rep. Mark Souder, Indiana Republican and a firm opponent of new gun regulations, said the Republican fear is well founded.

The majority of Republicans oppose Democratic efforts to "chip away at the Second Amendment," he said, "but at the same time, it's not something you particularly want to refight over and over. We want to pick where we want to fight, not where the president wants to fight."

Mr. Souder said Republicans don't necessarily disagree with Mr. LaPierre on gun issues but his remarks give the president an excuse to focus narrowly on guns — where Democrats may have some advantage in public opinion — rather than on cultural causes of violence, such as media violence and the breakdown of the family, where Republicans have an advantage.

The latest flare-up between the NRA and the White House began with a new series of NRA ads criticizing the president's record and sincerity on enforcing gun laws. But it turned particularly bitter earlier this week when Mr.

LaPierre said the president was "willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda."

The White House called the comment "sick" and the president has been using the incident to pressure Congress to pass a package of gun-control measures. He has taken to reading Mr. LaPierre's comment at public speeches and using it to attack those who oppose his proposals.

Democratic leader Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, Missouri Democrat, jumped on the controversy yesterday, saying "the Republican leadership is looking for any available excuse to placate the NRA," even though Republicans have distanced themselves from Mr. LaPierre's comment.

Republicans say the exchange deepens the divisions in an already highly polarized political environment and has steered the resolve of Democrats.

"I don't think the bomb throwing — or shootout — has been very helpful," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, Alabama Republican. "I think the White House has been very hostile to gun ownership, and I think they finally got the reaction [from the NRA] they were looking for."

Mr. Armey agreed.

"There's been a hardening of the attitudes over the juvenile-justice gun provisions to where, frankly, if you go a little bit this way, you lose the conservative votes; you go this way, you lose the liberal votes ... so they've sort of logjammed that."

Mr. Armey and other Republican leaders say they will try to break apart the large juvenile-justice bill that contains the contentious gun provisions. They will attempt to save parts of the bill that impose tough penalties on persons who commit crimes with guns and explosives and that call for strengthening the nation's juvenile-justice system.

They also want to include some measures aimed at combating violence in the culture, including authorizing a federal study of media violence and allowing states to post

the Ten Commandments in public buildings, such as schools.

"There is a larger battle being waged," said a senior Republican staffer who asked not to be named. "Obviously, in the short term, this will have an impact; but in the long term, it won't have an impact."

Mr. Gephardt rejected out of hand any move to break up the bill.

Neither Mr. LaPierre nor the White House appeared ready to back down yesterday. In a joint appearance with White House spokesman Joe Lockhart on NBC's "Today," Mr. LaPierre stood by his attack on the president.

"I think that the fact is the president would rather make NRA rhetoric the issue rather than his own policies," he said.

"I don't think the comments, the really sick comments that Mr. LaPierre made, are reflected in the gun owners of this country, in Republicans that are aligned with the NRA," Mr. Lockhart said.

The Senate passed a package of gun regulations — including requiring the sale of trigger locks with handguns, a ban on large capacity magazines and clips, and background checks for all buyers at gun shows — in April of last year.

The House agreed to most of the restrictions in June.

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Albright warns Pakistan on border

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Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, on the eve of President Clinton's visit to South Asia, yesterday warned Pakistan to "respect" the cease-fire line in Kashmir and halt terrorism against India.

"Nations must not attempt to change borders or zones of occupation through armed force ... now that they have exploded nuclear devices," Mrs. Albright said

in a luncheon address to the Asia Society.

"Tangible steps must be taken to respect the Line of Control," she added, referring to the unofficial border dividing Kashmir into Indian and Pakistani-held sectors.

Mrs. Albright's statements yesterday marked a shift toward India

and away from decades of U.S. neutrality in the conflict, which sparked two Indo-Pakistan wars and erupted into an active insurgency about 10 years ago.

A senior U.S. official said the remarks were aimed at Pakistan, which Mr. Clinton will visit briefly during his trip Monday through March 25.

"Pakistan wants to change the border — not India," said the senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"There have been indications of increased Indian activity along the Line of Control, so this is a warning for both sides," said the official. "But it is Pakistan rather than India that is seeking adjustments."

Another senior administration official, however, said that "this is not a tilt towards Pakistan."

"This is a recognition that we have many more opportunities with India and many more concerns with Pakistan. This is not a tilt," the second official said.

The White House yesterday rejected implications raised by a New York Times report that Mr. Clinton decided to visit Pakistan in part because first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton received \$50,000 for her New York Senate race from a Pakistani-American political group at a Feb. 22 fund-raiser.

"The decision was made by the president in consultation with his foreign policy team based on our interest in the subcontinent, our interest in that part of the world, without regard to anyone's politics, including the first lady's," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said yesterday.

India has perhaps 500,000 troops in its portion of Kashmir. They are pinned down fighting an insurgency by militants — many trained in Pakistan and Afghanistan — who cross the Line of Control with Pakistani permission and encouragement.

Pakistan's chief executive, Gen.

Pervez Musharraf, who seized power last October, has called publicly for continuing the armed struggle to oust India from Kashmir.

"This is a recognition that things have reached the stage where if the two sides are to move away from a confrontation, there have to be tangible steps," said the senior U.S. official. "This is an evolution."

"Material support to forces bearing arms is not for states that have nuclear weapons capability," said the official.

The United States would be willing to help verify any agreement reached by the two nations to scale back their military confrontation, said the U.S. official.

However, he noted that U.S. spy satellites and other electronic observation assets may prove unable to track the movements of guerrillas or ground troops.

In her address, Mrs. Albright also called on Pakistan to end terrorism aimed at India, which accuses its neighbor of fomenting violence in Kashmir and other parts of the world's most populous democracy.

"We want to see steps to address the effects of terror on Pakistan's neighbors, notably India," she said.

Mrs. Albright firmly rejected Gen. Musharraf's contention to the Pakistan press that Mr. Clinton's visit was an endorsement of his military government.

"I want to leave no room for doubt," said Mrs. Albright. "In no way is this a decision to endorse the military coup led by Gen. Musharraf. And no one should interpret it as such."

At the top of Mr. Clinton's agenda in Pakistan will be "avoiding the threat of conflict in South Asia," followed by restoring democracy, fighting terrorism and preventing proliferation, she said.

While Pakistan clearly hopes Mr. Clinton will intervene in the Kashmir dispute, Mrs. Albright stuck to the Indian position barring outsiders from the issue: "The president is not going to mediate the Kashmir dispute ... unless both sides ask."

In her lengthy remarks, Mrs. Albright highlighted the new relationship with India a decade after the end of the Cold War, during which India was a leader of the anti-Western nonaligned bloc of Third World nations.

"Today, however, this mind-set of mutual distrust is beginning to change. ... There was always something unnatural and regrettable about the estrangement of our two democracies," she said.

She noted that India's economy quietly boomed in the 1990s, especially a software industry that attracted such U.S. high-tech giants as Apple, Texas Instruments, Oracle and Microsoft. But she noted that India's economic reforms still must improve transportation and reduce licensing red tape.

On India's nuclear weapons program, Mrs. Albright said, "We recognize fully that only the Indian government has the sovereign right to make decisions about what is necessary for the defense of India and its interests. But we do regard proliferation — anywhere — as our number one security concern."

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Dear Mr.

When it comes to keeping your guns and your Second Amendment rights after the next election on November 7, 2000, this letter could be the most important message you receive from the National Rifle Association.

I realize that November 7, 2000 seems like a long way off.

But if you want to have an impact on the outcome of this campaign, the time for you to get involved is right now.

With one-third of all NRA members registered as Republicans, one-third as Democrats, and one-third as Independents, we need to remind the candidates that we are not committed to any political party -- that we are committed to the candidates who share our views.

And the first thing I need you to do is mail the enclosed postcards to Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush -- to tell these candidates, and all other candidates, that they need to listen to the voters, NOT the press and the pollsters.

Today, Al Gore and George Bush are in the lead for the presidential nominations from their parties at next summer's conventions. And before this campaign goes one day further, I need you to get in touch with these candidates by mailing the postcards I've enclosed, to let them know what you think of their positions on two key issues that concern the NRA the most -- guns, and crime.

One of these candidates -- Vice President Gore -- believes that America's first line of defense against violent crime is to restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens, weaken the Second Amendment, smother gun owners with bureaucratic red tape, and make it harder and harder for people like you to own firearms.

The other candidate -- Governor Bush -- believes that America's first line of defense is to uphold the Second Amendment rights of those who own guns responsibly -- and to arrest, convict, and incarcerate those who use guns to commit violent crime.

I'm not asking you, Mr. _____, to commit your support -- or your vote -- to any particular candidate at this time. It's far too early for the NRA to endorse any candidates in the 2000 election. But you need to tell these candidates today that, instead of listening to the media and the pollsters in this campaign, they need to listen to voters like YOU. And you need to let these candidates know where YOU stand when it comes to criminal justice issues and firearms issues.

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That's why I am asking you to take a minute to get in touch with Al Gore and George Bush today, using the pre-addressed postcards I've enclosed.

And the second thing I want to ask is that you make a special commitment to the NRA today, and help us send a powerful political message to these candidates and all other candidates running for office next year -- that we at the NRA intend to be at three million members by January 1, 2000.

I'll tell you more about the importance of this new NRA membership goal in just a moment. But first, let me give you some details about these two leading presidential candidates, so that you'll fully understand the need for you to take part in this postcard campaign and make your views known to Al Gore and George Bush -- instead of them hearing "your" views as filtered by the press and slanted polls.

When it comes to solving America's crime problem, Al Gore and George Bush are as different as night and day.

According to the Clinton/Gore Administration's own numbers, Al Gore has stood by while this Administration has REFUSED to convict or incarcerate thousands of violent criminals who have violated federal gun laws. At this very moment, these criminals are at large on your streets thanks to Al Gore, Bill Clinton, and Janet Reno.

Al Gore has failed to support efforts by members of his own party -- including Assistant U.S. Attorney S. David Schiller of Richmond, Virginia and Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell -- to put gun-toting felons in prison through "Project Exile." Instead, Al Gore wants to give these criminals more opportunities for plea bargaining.

And just recently, Al Gore stood by when Bill Clinton, in what seems to me to be a calculated effort to boost his wife's standing in the New York Puerto Rican community, offered pardons to 16 Puerto Rican TERRORISTS who stole guns to use in their crimes and whose bombs killed six American citizens! That's not what most Americans call courage -- or how they would reward terrorists. And neither is it the position of the FBI or the Justice Department -- because they both recommended that the Clinton/Gore Administration NOT issue these pardons.

Al Gore cannot claim to support the death penalty if he supports pardons for those who commit heinous crimes. He cannot claim to support tough sentencing if his Administration allows criminals to plea bargain federal gun crimes to misdemeanors -- or allows those criminals to go free with no punishment whatsoever. He cannot protect us against terrorists if he is silent or indifferent when terrorists are pardoned.

You have heard Al Gore's claim that he has "reinvented government." But what he's really "reinvented" is parole, pardons, plea bargains and leniency for violent criminals!

In fact, as a result of the Clinton/Gore Administration's failed criminal justice policies, there are now more criminals on parole, on probation, and on your streets, than ever before in American history!

By contrast, Texas Governor George Bush has taken a clear, strong position against violent criminals. He has supported the death penalty in Texas -- in fact, Texas leads the nation when it comes to swift and sure death penalty punishment for those who commit the most heinous and vile crimes.

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He has supported mandatory prison sentences for violent crimes, the abolishment of parole for violent offenders, and tough juvenile justice laws which make it clear to young people that, if they commit violence against their fellow citizens, they will face harsh consequences.

In short, Governor Bush has pointed the finger at violent criminals and made it clear that the State of Texas will not tolerate those who abuse firearms and use them to commit violence against other citizens.

Al Gore, on the other hand, has HIS finger pointed directly at you and your guns, and he's made "gun control" one of the central issues of his campaign.

When the American people say they want "gun control," 60% of them mean that they want no plea bargains for gun crimes, and the swift arrest, conviction and incarceration of anyone who uses a gun to commit a violent crime. But that's not what Al Gore means when he says "gun control."

Al Gore says peaceable citizens like you who want to own handguns should be forced to undergo a government test and qualify for a federal government license to own a handgun -- or else turn over your guns to the authorities.

He believes that federal bureaucrats should be entitled to dictate which guns you can own, how you store your guns, and how many firearms you can buy. He's vowed to oppose the critical concealed-carry laws which enable law-abiding citizens in 31 states to obtain permits, carry firearms, and protect themselves against violent criminals.

And when asked if he would support additional curbs on your Second Amendment rights, Al Gore indicated that he would be willing to work hand-in-hand with the gun-ban lobby every day of his Presidency, saying, *"If other [gun control] provisions are needed, fine."*

In short, Al Gore never met a gun-control proposal he didn't like -- while Governor Bush has staked out just the opposite position.

As Governor, George Bush signed the law which enables law-abiding Texas citizens to obtain concealed carry permits. And, he signed Texas legislation which bans frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers -- lawsuits which anti-gun politicians are using in an effort to bankrupt the American firearms industry.

Bush opposes mandatory gun locks that would make your firearms useless for defense of your home and loved ones. He opposes waiting periods which allow criminals to go free, and instead supports instant checks which can enable the police to catch violent felons while they're in the act of attempting illegal firearms purchases.

Clearly, there is a world of difference between Al Gore and George Bush when it comes to the most critical issues in America today -- criminal justice, and the preservation of your Second Amendment rights.

Today I am asking you to mail the enclosed postcards to make it clear that the eyes of American gun owners are ALREADY focused on this campaign, that we are going to be actively involved in this election and that we are 100% committed to make a major impact.

I want you to tell Al Gore to rethink his position on Second Amendment issues before it's too late. And I want you to tell George Bush to listen to America's 80 million gun owners -- not to the press or anti-gun pollsters.

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By getting in touch with these candidates early in the campaign, you can make it clear that gun owners will be at the polls on election day -- not just NRA members, but the 22 million American gun owners who, according to national polls by The Gallup Organization, Harris Interactive (Harris polls), and Zogby Research, have indicated they vote with the NRA all of the time.

You can help encourage George Bush to continue his strong stance in favor of your Second Amendment rights, and to set an example for other candidates as well.

You can encourage Al Gore to face up to the fact that what American voters really want is CRIME CONTROL, NOT GUN CONTROL -- a message that will also be heard and understood by candidates who are now "sitting on the fence" on these key issues.

And you can make it clear that the American people want the next President to take the oath of office seriously to preserve and protect law-abiding citizens by arresting, convicting and incarcerating gun criminals and terrorists -- NOT by plea bargaining, paroling, and pardoning them!

When your state and local candidates hear about the massive numbers of postcards that George Bush and Al Gore are receiving on this issue, that's a message which will reverberate in every single campaign in America -- from the U.S. Senate and House races, to the more than 7,000 state legislative campaigns across the nation this year.

So please, mail your postcards today.

Then use the enclosed PRESIDENTIAL POSTCARD CONFIRMATION to confirm you've taken this important step. That way, I'll be able to tell the media, and the candidates who are running for office in your state, that gun owners are going to be more active in this election than any other campaign in American history !!!

Finally, when mailing your reply, please join me in making a special commitment to victory in the next election by enclosing a generous contribution to the NRA.

As I mentioned earlier in this letter, I have set a goal for the NRA to have at least three million members by the end of this year, December 31, 1999.

Why three million members?

Three million members is a magic number -- because right now the national media is claiming that the NRA is losing ground, losing members, and losing the support of the American people. You and I know that's not true, but that's what they're trying to make political candidates believe.

This is exactly the same thing the media said about the NRA back in 1990 and 1991, in the early stages of Bill Clinton's first presidential campaign. The media claimed that, because NRA membership had fallen below three million, we could no longer have a major impact on the 1992 national election, and that to win, candidates should take a stand in favor of more "gun control."

As you know, that's exactly what happened. The media created a self-fulfilling prophecy, and fence-sitting candidates jumped over to the anti-gun side. We saw the election of Bill Clinton to the White House and anti-gun majorities in the U.S. Senate and House.

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As a direct result, within the next two years we saw the passage of the Brady Law and the most sweeping rifle ban this nation has ever seen.

We cannot allow history to repeat itself. We cannot allow next year's election candidates to believe the NRA can't deliver the votes of America's 80 million gun owners.

We must do what we did after that 1992 defeat -- by rebuilding NRA membership over the three-million-member mark in 1999 just as we did in 1993, and winning the 2000 election just as we did in 1994.

By the time the 1994 election rolled around, the NRA had passed the three-million-member mark, causing the political landscape to shift away from "gun control" -- and candidates could read the writing on the wall.

Instead of anti-gun majorities being re-elected to Congress and enacting more gun control, the American people revoked Bill Clinton's majorities in the House and Senate, and elected those candidates who would support and uphold your Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

We can do the same thing now, if you will help.

On Monday, January 3, 2000, I plan to hold a press conference in Washington, D.C. and send a loud and clear message to every candidate running for office -- that the NRA has once again passed three million members and that we are READY and ABLE to elect the candidates who will PUNISH CRIME and UPHOLD FREEDOM !!!

This goal is reachable. As of the most recent report I received, the NRA has approximately 2,893,600 gun owners on our active membership roster. That means we need only 106,400 new members to reach 3,000,000 by December 31, 1999.

That's why, in addition to mailing your postcards to Al Gore and George Bush, I am asking you to make a personal commitment today to help the NRA reach three million members between now and December 31st, by making a special contribution in the amount of \$20, \$25, \$40, or even \$50.

Your contribution will enable us to fund a major expansion of all our membership recruitment efforts during the final two months of this year, to find 106,400 gun owners who will join the NRA and help us reach three million members by the close of this year.

And to acknowledge your help, I would like to do something special for you in return.

If you can make a contribution of \$25 or more, that would certainly be enough to enable us to recruit at least one new member.

And if you can send a gift in this amount or more, I will send you a "Three Millionth Member" Certificate of Recognition, personalized with your name, acknowledging you were part of the NRA team that helped us reach three million members on January 1, 2000, and attesting to the date your new member was recruited, and the city and state in which they live.

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I think this would be a great way to recognize you for your early efforts to ensure that our Second Amendment rights can survive, not just between now and the next election, but beyond Election Day and for the following four to eight years.

So just let me know on your reply whether you would like me to have this Certificate prepared and sent to you. I would be very pleased to do it.

My friend, this election, more than any other in American history, will determine whether your Second Amendment freedoms live or die.

Unless you want a President and a Congress who will be committed to the destruction of your Second Amendment rights for the next four to eight years, you need to be involved in this campaign, starting right now.

That's why I'm calling on you as an NRA member to get involved in this campaign RIGHT NOW to help ensure your right to keep and bear arms can survive after this election . . .

. . . By mailing your postcards to George Bush and Al Gore . . .

. . . And by sending the most generous contribution you can to help us reach the goal of three million active NRA members by the end of this year.

I can guarantee you that if we can reach this three-million-member goal by the end of the year, every candidate who is running for every political office in America will sit up and take notice. And that's a critical first step toward safeguarding your guns and your rights when the next President and Congress take office in January, 2001.

Please, mail your postcards today or as soon as you can. And please, help the NRA send a loud, clear message to every candidate running for office in the year 2000 - that the NRA is strong and growing, that we have more than 3 million members, and that ALL of America's gun owners will be heard at the polls on November 7, 2000!

Thank you, in advance, for all your help.

Sincerely,



Wayne LaPierre
Executive Vice President

P.S. The time to make your mark on this election is today. Please mail your postcards, and return the enclosed reply so that I can announce the number of postcards George Bush and Al Gore have each received. Please enclose the most generous contribution you can, and let me know if you would like me to prepare a special Certificate of Recognition for you when we reach three million members! Thank you again.

P.P.S. If you have Internet service, or know someone who does, please be sure to check out the NRA website, at www.nra.org, for more information on all the presidential candidates, and where they stand when it comes to criminal justice and Second Amendment issues. Before you decide which candidate to support, find out which candidates support YOU!

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I strongly oppose your call for government testing and licensing of gun owners. And I strongly oppose your policy of allowing violent criminals to go free and roam our streets — through plea bargains, probation, parole, and pardons — while you campaign for the destruction of my Second Amendment freedoms.

If you really want to do something about violent crime, then you should change your policy of pardoning, plea bargaining, and paroling violent criminals. And stop blaming law-abiding citizens for the failure of YOUR Administration to get tough on crime!

In the 2000 election, my vote will go to the candidate who supports the Constitution, NOT to a candidate who wants to destroy my Second Amendment rights and turn violent criminals loose on my streets.

Sincerely, _____

Dear Governor Bush:

I want to thank you for your support of the Second Amendment and your tough stand against violent criminals as Governor of Texas.

I hope that in the coming election, you will continue to set an example for other candidates — by continuing to voice your support for the right to keep and bear arms, and demanding that violent criminals face the punishment they deserve!

In the coming election, my vote will go to the candidate who most strongly supports all my Constitutional rights, especially my Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

Sincerely, _____



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Dear Mr.

The final days of every war are always marked by a decisive battle. In the Revolutionary War it was Yorktown. In World War I it was Meuse-Argonne. In World War II, the Battle of the Bulge.

With all my heart, I believe that you and I are now making history in the final, decisive battle for the future of our precious Second Amendment freedoms.

Now, as we begin not only a new century and a new millennium together, but also the most critical election-year battles you and I will ever live to see, please accept the enclosed commemorative Millennium Membership Card, embossed with your new NRA membership number. This limited edition card replaces your current card because of Y2K issues, and will be effective January 1, 2000.

In fact, after January 15, 2000, this card will be officially retired, so that only those Americans who were with the NRA at the dawn of the new Millennium will ever have the privilege of carrying this card. It is a symbol of your active membership at this unique time and will allow you to play a role in writing America's history books of tomorrow.

Look around you, the history of the next 100 years is being written right before your eyes, and the legacy of freedom you inherited is AT RISK.

Bill Clinton calls for American gun owners to be forced to register their firearms with the federal government -- then declares that it's only the first step. He talks arrogantly about wiping the entire culture of recreational shooting, hunting and personal protection from American life.

Al Gore intends to force every American gun owner to carry a national I.D. card. He didn't exactly say tattoo a number on your forearm, but you get the idea.

Bill Bradley wants to ban handguns. Janet Reno wants you to take a seat in a government classroom for indoctrination sessions from federal bureaucrats, who don't even understand the Constitution of the United States, before you're allowed to own a firearm.

Rich and greedy trial lawyers team up with anti-gun politicians in an attempt to bankrupt the

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firearms industry through multiple lawsuits and do away with the great names in American firearms manufacturing. The NAACP, despite its silence on enforcing existing gun laws that provide jail time for armed criminals, throws its weight behind these lawsuits.

And misguided corporations like Hallmark Cards and Sprint spend customer money in an attempt to suffocate the Second Amendment.

Right now in Congress, gun-hating Senators Charles Schumer of New York, Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, and Dianne Feinstein of California spend every waking moment attempting to drive the Second Amendment off the face of the planet.

Their efforts are fueled by the constant drum roll of the big media conglomerates, led by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, ABC, NBC, CBS, *Time* and *Newsweek*. Media conglomerates whose reporters want to rewrite history and the meaning of the Bill of Rights. Media conglomerates that think the First Amendment gives them the right to trash and destroy the rest of the Constitution, by demonizing you, me, the NRA, and the Second Amendment.

Those who want to ban your guns are confidently predicting that America in this coming century will witness the final destruction of the so-called "gun culture" -- their term for citizens like you who own guns for hunting, target shooting, collecting, or to protect themselves. They proudly predict that, within the next 100 years, support for private gun ownership and the Second Amendment will evaporate and die.

Please help the NRA and me prove this prediction wrong.

My friend, you and I are the enlisted volunteer soldiers in a great battle that could decide the future of freedom just as surely as Yorktown, Meuse-Argonne, or the Battle of the Bulge.

The fight today does not call for the sacrifice of our lives. But it's just as real. It's on the air. It's in the newspapers. It's over the Internet. It's in your city council, your state legislature, and of course, the United States Congress.

Now, as you and I begin this new millennium together, we must once again look deeply into our own hearts, and make a renewed commitment to winning the battle and the war. Anything less, and we will be overrun and overwhelmed by the enemies who have sworn to destroy our heritage, our values, our guns, and our freedom.

To win this fight, I am counting on your strength, and your courage -- every bit as much as our nation has counted on its brave men and women in uniform who pledged their lives in battle.

I am counting on you to replace your old NRA membership card with this new Millennium Card, as a symbol of your loyalty in this battle to save our guns and our gun freedoms -- not just for the coming year, but for the next 100 years.

To make certain that there are no problems with your membership benefits, I need you to let me know today that you've received your Millennium Membership Card by confirming that the new membership number on your card matches the number on your Millennium Member Reply.

At midnight December 31, 1999, this number will become your new, permanent NRA Membership I.D. number. I want you to begin the millennium, January 1, 2000 with a new commitment to our future.

So please, to ensure there will be no breaks in your membership service and our lines of communication after January 1, 2000, use the enclosed reply to confirm that you have received your Millennium Membership card and new NRA membership number today.

And, just as important, I am counting on you today to make a special, long-term commitment to the NRA -- so that the history books will record the year 2000, not as the year the Second Amendment and freedom were destroyed, but as the year you stood proudly in the face of enemy fire and won the battle -- and the war.

I am asking you to accept a special millennium offer to extend your membership commitment to the NRA, or make the ultimate commitment to freedom by becoming an NRA Life Member using this special millennium offer.

So that you can fully understand my reasons for this request, let me tell you that it's 3:30 in the morning as I write you this letter. I've just gone through back-to-back battles with the *Washington Post*, the NAACP, and Al Gore in defense of your freedom. At first light, CNN awaits with more anti-gunners. I'm so charged up that sleep is not much of an option.

As thoughts race through my head about how we can save the Second Amendment so that the United States does not go the way of England and Australia, I keep coming back to the same two things: More dollars to take our case to America and fight back, and more members so our battle lines can be fortified by enlisting more American patriots in defense of freedom.

I spend virtually every waking hour of every day fighting for our Second Amendment cause. I see almost every "news" report on TV, almost every newspaper and magazine article trashing your rights, and every attack that the gun-ban extremists lob at firearms owners.

And let me tell you, in the days and weeks and months ahead, we are likely to see even less honest debate, and even more lies, propaganda and slander -- not just directed at the NRA -- but directed at YOU, simply because you own a gun.

Through their vicious lies and slanders, they're trying to claim you are out of the mainstream -- hoping you'll give up your guns.

They say you shouldn't be able to serve as a scout leader, or on the vestry of your church, because you're a gun owner and an NRA member.

They talk about "the cult of the gun" -- and compare you with cult fanatics who unleashed deadly nerve gas in the Tokyo subway in 1995, serial killers, profiled mass-murderers like the Atlanta killer, mentally disturbed teenagers and anti-American terrorists. They say that parents who teach their kids to hunt and shoot should be treated like child abusers and social outcasts.

They call for "reasonable gun control." But what they really mean is, as the price for owning a gun, you should be treated like a second-class citizen -- tested, licensed, taxed, regulated, and monitored by federal government bureaucrats.

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And so-called "news" reporters such as Dan Rather are even attempting to rewrite history and "re-educate" the American people by claiming that the Second Amendment NEVER EXISTED as an individual right -- that this right is only for militias.

This is the story your fellow Americans are hearing each and every day.

And unless we make a renewed commitment together now, more and more Americans will come to believe these lies, distortions, and slanders. You and I will be politically isolated just as law-abiding gun owners were in England and Australia when the government destroyed the freedom granted in the Magna Carta. Like them, your guns will be crushed in a giant scrap heap along with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights itself.

That is not the legacy I want to leave for our fellow Americans next year, or one hundred years from now.

That is why I would like to announce to you today, right here and right now, a new NRA membership campaign for the 21st Century to reach 3.5 million active members, a number 107,000 higher than we had at any time during the 20th century, by Election Day 2000, less than one year from now.

With 3.5 million members, we can make it clear to the politicians, the media, and your fellow Americans, that the NRA represents real America, and that law-abiding gun owners are the REAL mainstream of America -- NOT gun-ban extremists and anti-gun media elites!

And we can send a loud and clear message to every politician running for office that at the beginning of the 21st Century our membership is already greater than in the last century -- and that the only candidates we will support are those who want gun control and prison time for criminals, not gun control for law-abiding firearms owners.

That's why I am asking you to renew your commitment to the NRA and to FREEDOM today -- by extending your membership or even becoming a Life Member.

To honor all the sacrifices you have made in the past, as well as to celebrate your active participation in the NRA at "the turn of the century," I have been authorized to make some very special opportunities available to you.

Help us today to build a solid fortress around the Second Amendment that will withstand the battering of anti-gun extremists in the coming year and in the 21st century by extending your membership for one year, two years, three years, or even by becoming a Life Member . . .

. . . And we will offer your choice of memberships at special Millennium Member rates -- and honor you with some very special commemorative Millennium gifts -- that will not be repeated except to your great-grandchildren one hundred years from now.

Extend your membership today for one year for just \$30 (normally \$35) and you will receive a special Millennium Member lapel pin which you can wear proudly or put away for future generations to cherish and enjoy.

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Extend your membership for two years for \$55 (normally \$60), or three years for \$75 (normally \$85) and, in addition to your lapel pin, you will receive our NRA limited-edition Millennium Member cap.

Or make the ultimate commitment by becoming a Life Member today for just \$500 -- a \$250 savings off the regular Life Membership rate of \$750.

If you make this commitment, you will receive a limited-edition, Millennium Life Member cap, a Millennium Life Member knife, inscribed with a unique limited-edition number, an official NRA Millennium Life Member pin, and a Certificate to attest that you became a Life Member on January 1, 2000, at the moment the new Millennium dawned.

And, no matter what decision you make -- whether you decide to extend your membership for one, two, or three years, or become a Life Member -- I would like to add one more special opportunity for you.

Between now and January 15, 2000, I would like you to have the opportunity to sign up any or all of your relatives or extended family members who are not now NRA members for a one-year membership, with full benefits, for just \$20 each.

Yes, that's an extraordinary bargain. But I know it's also an essential step if we are to defeat gun control legislation in the coming year, and if we are to lay the foundation now for the Second Amendment to survive throughout this entire century.

By extending your 21st Century membership today or becoming a Life Member, you will send an extraordinary signal to any 2000 election candidate who dares to support laws that would take away your gun rights. And you'll receive some great benefits -- including your Millennium Member cap and lapel pin -- benefits which will never be repeated in this century.

By signing up your family members and friends at the special NRA one-year membership rate of just \$20, you can help ensure that we will reach this 3.5 million member mark and send the politicians and America a message they cannot ignore.

Whatever you do -- whether it's extending your membership, signing up for Life Membership, adding family members to our NRA roster -- do it knowing that you are helping to save our guns. And please, be sure that your reply is postmarked by January 15, 2000, to take advantage of these once-in-a-lifetime membership opportunities.

With all my heart, I say thanks. I need you to know how important you are to me, and to say thanks, because only with your help will it be possible to win.

In closing, let me ask you to think about what you want your country to be like, ten years, twenty and yes, even one hundred years from now. I want you to consider this responsibility just as 100 years ago, in 1900, others were considering what the future held for them and our nation, and what they could do to ensure the survival of our Constitutional freedoms.

During the past 100 years, men and women from all walks of life and every part of the country have come forward, bravely accepted responsibility and willingly paid the price to ensure that our freedom reach the dawn of this new millennium. I'm talking about the likes of

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Teddy Roosevelt, Black Jack Pershing, Susan B. Anthony, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Marion Hammer, Charlton Heston, those that served at Bataan, Pearl Harbor, Corregidor, the Beaches at Normandy, and those who serve as a silent sentinel to our freedom as they overlook our Capitol from Arlington National Cemetery.

Americans just like you in 1900 were about to begin a century that would call on them to make sacrifices that would guarantee that our generation would inherit the freedom and legacy of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

When your great-great-grandchildren join together in 2099, to celebrate the end of the 21st century which we are now beginning together, what kind of nation will they live in?

What legacy and inheritance of freedom will you leave for them? And what will they think of -- when they think of you?

Will they have the freedom to speak their minds on political issues without fear of retribution from the government? Will they have the freedom to practice their personal religious ideals and values without interference?

Most important, will they live in a nation where the bottom-line guarantee of these freedoms is based on the right of the people to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution?

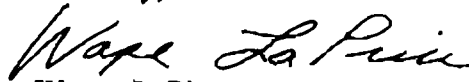
One hundred years from now, you and I will be gone from this earth. Our descendents who celebrate the end of the 21st century, one hundred years from now, may never know us in person.

But they will know what we lived for. And what we stood for. And what political freedoms we left for them.

Let our legacy and inheritance to them be one of freedom. Please commit yourself to the fight by extending your membership today or even becoming a Life Member, and/or by signing up as many of your relatives and family members as you can for membership in the NRA.

Thank you again. I look forward to hearing from you by January 15th, 2000, and to working with you closely in the new millennium.

Sincerely,



Wayne LaPierre
Executive Vice President

P.S. When you reply, be sure to confirm that your new Millennium Membership number on your card matches the number on your reply, so that we can be sure there will be no lapse in your benefits when the new year, the new century -- and the new millennium -- begin.

P.P.S. These special offers for your family and your extended family will allow you to give them the gift of freedom in the next century this Christmas or New Year's. Please be sure to respond by January 15th, so the family members you select can receive the official NRA Millennium Member card. After this date, this card will be retired, and no more will ever be issued.

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Please circle the letter corresponding to the answer of your choice.

1. The National Rifle Association believes that the Second Amendment to the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right of individual Americans to own and use the firearms of their choice. The NRA's opponents believe that it primarily protects the right of states to maintain a National Guard and that government may broadly limit private firearms ownership and use.

- A. I agree with the NRA that the Second Amendment guarantees law-abiding individuals the right to keep and bear the arms of their choice.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and believe that the Second Amendment only protects state military forces.

2. Nearly thirty cities have filed lawsuits against firearms manufacturers, importers and dealers seeking "recovery" of funds spent for law enforcement and other emergency services. These suits allege that the firearms industry's manufacturing and sales practices are such that the industry is responsible for armed crime committed by third parties. The NRA is supporting legislation that would clarify and reiterate the traditional legal principle that a manufacturer cannot be held liable for the criminal or unlawful misuse of a legal non-defective product that was lawfully manufactured and sold. As of the end of 1999, fourteen states had enacted such legislation.

- A. I agree with the NRA and, if elected, would support federal legislation barring civil liability against firearms manufacturers for the criminal or unlawful use of their products.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and would oppose such legislation.

3. In addition to lawsuits filed by cities, the Clinton Administration has announced plans to use the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support similar lawsuits against the firearms industry to be filed by local housing authorities. Such suits are just as baseless as those filed by the cities, and the NRA supports legislation which would forbid the expenditure of federal funds through any government agency in support of these actions.

- A. I agree with the NRA and, if elected, I will support this legislation.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and would oppose such legislation.

4. Approximately 4,400 gun shows are held across the United States each year. Gun shows account for only about two percent of the firearms used by criminals according to federal government research. The vast majority of exhibitors at these shows are federally licensed firearms dealers subject to the background check requirements created by the Brady Act in 1993 for all of their transactions. Non-licensees are not subject to such requirements, just as they would not be subject to such requirements for sales at their own homes; but under current law, an individual who repeatedly makes firearms sales for the purpose of livelihood and profit is already required to be a federally licensed dealer. Anti-gun officials and organizations advocate a vast bureaucratic regime to oversee gun shows, if not ultimately to drive them out of existence. The NRA does not oppose an expansion of instant checks to firearms sales by non-dealers at gun shows, provided that such checks are made readily available and conducted in a non-bureaucratic and speedy manner to account for the unique and temporary nature of these events.

- A. I believe that gun sales by private citizens who are not engaged in an ongoing firearms business should not be subject to federal background check requirements, whether the sales take place at a gun show or elsewhere, as is the present practice. If elected, I would oppose further regulation.
- B. I believe that all firearms sales at gun shows should be subject to timely background checks, but that occasional sales by non-licensees outside of the gun show environment should continue to be protected by current law and not further regulated. If elected, I would support legislation to that effect.
- C. I believe that all firearms transactions -- including private transfers between non-licensees -- should be federally regulated, and I would support legislation to impose such requirements.

5. Some anti-gun advocates have suggested that so-called "smart guns" -- firearms designed to be fired only by authorized users -- would prevent firearms accidents and the use of stolen firearms in crime. Legislation has been introduced in Congress to require that when such technology is available, only these types of firearms could be sold. Even manufacturers developing "smart guns" do not anticipate their availability for several years, and federal government research indicates that additional gadgetry on firearms may make them less reliable for self-defense purposes. While the NRA does not oppose technical research in this area to develop new options for consumers, the NRA strongly opposes government mandates regarding the design and construction of firearms.

- A. I agree with the NRA. If elected, I will oppose legislative "smart gun" mandates.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and would support legislation allowing only "smart guns" to be sold.

6. According to a recent study conducted by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) at Syracuse University, firearms laws violation cases referred to federal, state and local prosecutors by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) have dropped by 53.5 percent since 1992. While a few U.S. Attorneys, led by one in Richmond, Virginia who implemented Project Exile, have adopted a zero tolerance policy toward felony possession of firearms by violent criminals and drug dealers, the Clinton Administration refuses to require such prosecutions of current federal law across the nation.

- A. If elected, I will support legislation requiring the U.S. Department of Justice to fund and implement a nationwide program to ensure the prosecution of violent criminals and drug dealers who carry firearms.
- B. I would oppose such legislation and believe that it is more important to enact more federal gun control laws than to enforce current federal firearms laws.

7. The NRA opposes gun bans as a violation of both the Second Amendment and common sense. (However, fully automatic firearms, short-barreled shotguns, and certain "destructive devices" are currently very strictly regulated, and the NRA does not oppose those restrictions in their current form.) Which of the following statements best describes your opinion about banning firearms?

- A. I agree with the NRA. The federal government should not ban any firearms.
- B. I disagree with the NRA. The following types of firearms should be banned: _____
- C. I disagree with the NRA. All firearms should be banned.

8. Ammunition magazines are devices for holding ammunition ready for loading into the chamber of a repeating firearm. Anti-gun activists believe that the federal government should continue to ban the sale of magazines holding more than a specified and arbitrary number of cartridges. The NRA believes that magazine restrictions violate the rights of law-abiding citizens, without affecting criminal activity.

- A. I agree with the NRA that ammunition magazines should not be banned.
- B. I disagree with the NRA. Some ammunition magazines should be banned. Please specify: _____

9. In 1994, Bill Clinton signed the Omnibus Crime Control Act. A provision of this law imposed a ten-year ban on the manufacture for sale to private citizens of nearly 200 models of semi-automatic firearms. The law also prohibited the manufacture for sale to private citizens of ammunition magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds of ammunition. The premise for its passage was that these firearms and ammunition magazines are supposedly more dangerous than other firearms and magazines and are used disproportionately by criminals; both statements are demonstrably false.

- A. I agree with the NRA that the gun and magazine ban should be allowed to sunset in 2004.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and would support extending the gun and magazine ban.

10. The Brady Act, passed in 1993, mandated a five-day waiting period between the initial purchase of a handgun and its delivery to the buyer. This waiting period was eliminated in 1998 with the implementation of the National Instant Background Check System (NICS), operated by the FBI. Anti-gun advocates support reimposing the waiting period even though it was originally passed only as a stopgap measure to allow background checks until NICS became available. The NRA opposes new waiting period legislation.

- A. I agree with the NRA and would vote against imposition of a new waiting period.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and support reinstituting the waiting period.

11. The Brady Act itself, as well as the previous Firearms Owners' Protection Act of 1986, prohibits the use of records gathered in the course of firearms sales or background checks to create a national registration system for firearms, firearms owners, or firearms transactions. Nonetheless, the FBI is currently retaining records of lawful purchasers for up to six months. The NRA supports legislation to prohibit this *de facto* gun registration scheme and otherwise protect the privacy rights of gun owners.

- A. I agree with the NRA and would support legislation ending the FBI's record-keeping on lawful purchasers and protecting the privacy rights of law-abiding gun buyers.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and support the FBI's actions.

12. Firearm owner licensing is a system in which private citizens are required to obtain a permit from a government agency to *buy and/or own* a firearm. Licensing requirements may include fingerprinting, mandatory but arbitrary safety or proficiency training, and/or a statement as to why the firearm "is needed." The NRA is opposed to firearm owner licensing as a violation of citizens' constitutional rights, and as a waste of resources, since criminals will obtain firearms without complying with the requirements.

- A. I agree with the NRA and oppose firearm owner licensing.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and support licensing for some firearm owners. Please specify: _____
- C. I disagree with the NRA and support licensing for all firearm owners.

13. Firearms registration is a system in which a government agency maintains immediately accessible records of specific firearms owned by individual citizens. Current federal law prohibits the creation of a federal firearms registration system. Anti-gun advocates support firearms registration. The NRA opposes firearms registration as an unconstitutional and unnecessary measure which will be disregarded by criminals.

- A. I agree with the NRA and oppose firearms registration.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and support registration of some firearms. Please specify: _____
- C. I disagree with the NRA and support registration of all firearms.

14. Anti-gun advocates favor legislation limiting the number of firearms a law-abiding individual may buy in a specified and arbitrary time period (such as so-called "one-gun-a-month" laws), based on the claim that such limits reduce illicit firearms trafficking into states or cities with more restrictive gun control laws. The NRA believes that these laws have no effect on criminal behavior, since those who illegally engage in smuggling firearms to criminals do not abide by these or any other laws.

- A. I agree with the NRA and oppose "one-gun-a-month" and similar restrictions on firearms purchases.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and support such restrictions on firearms purchases.

15. Thirty-one states now have "Right to Carry" laws under which law-abiding citizens can exercise their right to carry firearms for personal protection. Legislation has been introduced in Congress to provide that a person licensed to carry a firearm by any state would be able to carry a firearm for self-defense while traveling throughout the United States, subject to both state and federal restrictions on the places in which firearms may be carried. The NRA supports such legislation.

- A. I agree with the NRA and would support right-to-carry reciprocity legislation.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and would oppose right-to-carry reciprocity legislation.

16. Since 1977, the District of Columbia has banned the possession of all handguns not acquired and registered in the District prior to that year. D.C. law also prohibits the keeping of a loaded rifle or shotgun in the home, effectively outlawing the use of firearms in otherwise lawful self-defense. D.C. has the highest violent crime rate in the nation. The NRA supports legislation to reform the D.C. firearms law and allow citizens to possess and carry firearms in lawful self defense.

- A. I agree with the NRA and would support legislation restoring the Second Amendment rights of D.C. residents.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and would oppose reform legislation, thus keeping the D.C. gun ban in place.

17. Despite the fact that current federal law bans the sale of handgun ammunition defined as "armor-piercing" to civilians, anti-gun activists seek to ban a wide variety of other types of ammunition that law-abiding Americans have used for self-defense, target shooting and hunting for more than half a century. NRA believes that further efforts to severely restrict the types of ammunition available to honest citizens are misdirected and unnecessary.

- A. I agree with the NRA that no further ammunition bans are needed.
- B. I disagree with the NRA. The following types of ammunition should be banned: _____

18. Under the Gun Control Act of 1968, imported firearms must meet a test of suitability for "sporting purposes" that is not required for domestically produced firearms. The National Rifle Association believes that this is an unjustified double standard which has been used improperly to regulate and ban the importation of firearms that are suitable for self-defense, collecting, and hunting, and that the standard will continue to be so abused unless it is reformed.

- A. I agree with the NRA and would support legislation to provide that any firearm which could otherwise lawfully be manufactured in the United States would also be allowed to be imported.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and believe the existing two-tier system should be maintained.

19. Numerous bills have been introduced that would make changes to the Federal Election Campaign Act. Many of those bills contain provisions regulating "express advocacy" with regard to federal candidates. The NRA opposes those bills as infringements on the First Amendment rights of Americans to speak out, individually or as members of groups, on legislative and political matters.

- A. I agree with the NRA and would oppose campaign finance legislation that restricts free speech.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and support such legislation.

20. Do you believe that an individual has the right to use deadly force to protect his or her life, and the lives of his or her family, from violent criminal attack?

- A. Yes.
- B. No. Please explain: _____

21. In the 1930s, with support from the nation's sportsmen, Congress established excise taxes on all new firearm and ammunition sales, which are collected at the federal level and then disbursed to fund wildlife management and other conservation programs. However, recent congressional hearings have demonstrated that some of these funds have been inappropriately diverted. The NRA supports reform legislation to require auditing and oversight to ensure that these funds are spent only on the specific purposes authorized by Congress.

- A. I agree with the NRA and will support such reform legislation and oversight.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and would oppose such reform legislation.

22. State wildlife agencies have the authority to manage wildlife within their state borders, including the taking of wildlife by means of hunting, fishing, and trapping. The exceptions to state authority are the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. There are efforts in every session of Congress to impose bans upon hunting and trapping or in some manner to extend federal control over traditional state wildlife management. The NRA supports the rights of the states to manage wildlife and opposes further federal expansion.

- A. I agree with the NRA that state wildlife management authority should be preserved and protected.
- B. I disagree with the NRA and believe that the Congress should address on a case by case basis whether federal intervention is desirable.

23. Sportsmen should have access to Federally owned or administered lands for hunting, fishing or trapping.

- A. I agree
- B. I disagree. Please explain: _____

24. Are you a member of the National Rifle Association, or of any other shooting, hunting or wildlife conservation organization(s)?

- A. Yes. Please list organizations and latest year of membership: _____
- B. No.

25. Are you now, or have you been, an elected official at any level of government?

- A. Yes. Please list position and dates in office: _____
- B. No.

26. Have you ever been a candidate for public office in the past?

- A. Yes. Please list office sought and year of campaign: _____
- B. No.

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