

TO: NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION BOARD

FROM: EDWIN MEESE III

RE: GROVER NORQUIST

DATE: 3 November 2015

It has come to my attention that accusations have been made against Grover Norquist concerning his loyalty to the United States and seeking his removal from the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association.

My own background includes over 50yrs of involvement with law enforcement, the legal profession, and national security. During the administration of President Reagan I was Counsellor to the President during the first term and Attorney General of the United States during the second term. I have also spent over 20yrs as a Military Intelligence officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. Most recently I served as a member of a 3-person Commission established by Congress to review the counterterrorism activities of the FBI. I am also a member of the NRA. It is on the basis of this experience that I make the following observations.

I have known Grover Norquist for over 25yrs and have worked with him in a number of organizations and projects. On this basis I have been able to closely observe him and know of his commitment to this country.

Grover is a patriot and loyal to the United States. He is a leader in the conservative movement and has distinguished himself throughout his professional life to the cause of freedom and responsible government. He has served several major civic and public policy organizations, in which he has demonstrated his ability and dedication. He has been a great asset to the groups he has served and should continue as a valuable member of the NRA Board.

If you have any questions or desire further information please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-

Thank you for your consideration of these observations.

Sincerely,

Edwin Meese III

FROM: MICHAEL CHERTOFF

RE: ALLEGATIONS OF FRANK GAFFNEY AGAINST GROVER NORQUIST

DATE: October 8, 2015

I have been advised that an effort is underway to recall Grover Norquist from his position as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association ("NRA"), instigated by Frank Gaffney and others associated with him.

I served as the Secretary of Homeland Security under President George W. Bush, and prior to that time was Assistant U.S. Attorney General for the Criminal Division during and after 9/11.

My professional life for four decades has been the rule of law, law enforcement, the protection of America's homeland and the fight against terrorism and Islamic extremism.

I have also had the opportunity to work with Grover Norquist on important efforts to combat violent Islamist extremism.

Grover Norquist is a natural leader and a patriot. He has exercised leadership on numerous issues of importance to the nation at some personal sacrifice to himself. His efforts to advance religious tolerance are admirable, and reflect an approach that supports our homeland security efforts. I do not know the motive of Frank Gaffney's scurrilous and continuing attacks against Mr. Norquist, but they should not be given any weight.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Respectfully,

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Michael Chertoff

From: Joe M. Allbaugh

RE: Statement Regarding Political Outreach to Muslims and Arab-Americans by George W. Bush 2000 Presidential Campaign Manager

Date: October 6, 2015

I served as the campaign manager for the George W. Bush presidential campaign in 2000, and subsequently as Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), a position I held on the date of the terrorist attacks against the United States...September 11th, 2001.

I also serve on the board of directors of the NRA, a position I have held since 2004.

I am appalled at the efforts by certain extremists to use the NRA for their own purposes to distract the NRA and its officers, directors and staff from our primary mission of defending the Second Amendment to the US Constitution – and to force our organization to deal with an effort to recall Mr. Grover G. Norquist from the NRA Board of Directors. Who is the individual that brought this charge? Which member, on the NRA board, is next to suffer such insults and character assaults?

I have known and worked with Grover Norquist for over 18 years...beginning when I served as Chief of Staff to then Texas Governor George W. Bush. Mr. Norquist’s efforts to build a national network of conservatives and work together for common goals, has been exemplary.

I have also known about Frank Gaffney for many years and Mr. Gaffney is simply not a credible source. He has generated these attacks against Mr. Norquist. It is quite disturbing to me that he and his small band of zealots have created this situation, using lies and falsehoods against an NRA member to achieve their ends.

I am aware that Mr. Gaffney alleges that Mr. Norquist was somehow responsible for interjecting certain Muslim individuals into the Bush 2000 campaign. That is completely false.

The Bush 2000 campaign alone, sought Muslim and Arab support – from many organizations and individuals, and on its own initiative. It was not pressured into

undertaking that outreach effort by anyone outside the campaign – not Mr. Norquist, nor anyone else.

As has been fairly widely reported over the years, senior advisers like Gov. John Engler began meeting with Muslim leaders as early as 1999.

The Bush campaign invited *many* Muslim leaders to a May 2000 meeting in Austin, TX, in an effort to recruit their support for Gov. Bush's candidacy for President. Mr. Khaled Saffuri, as head of the Islamic Free Market Institute, suggested some people to attend the meeting, as did other Muslim leaders, but the invitation list was determined by the campaign, not any outsider and not Grover Norquist.

Mr. Gaffney's allegation that Abdurahman Alamoudi somehow exercised "control" over the Bush campaign or the candidate's/campaign's policies, as has been suggested by Mr. Gaffney, is completely false. Mr. Alamoudi was invited to the May 2000 meeting of Muslim leaders in Austin, Texas, along with many, many others.

To my knowledge, Alamoudi never publicly endorsed the Bush-Cheney ticket in 2000. He gave a \$1000 contribution to the Bush campaign in May 2000, which was refunded to Mr. Alamoudi in October 2000. Contributions from Mr. Alamoudi to Hillary Clinton's Senate Campaign and other campaigns were also refunded during the same time period.

The allegations that somehow Mr. Norquist is or was responsible for 'bringing' Mr. Alamoudi into the Bush campaign are utterly false – primarily because Mr. Alamoudi was NEVER *part* of the Bush campaign in 2000. I should know...I was in charge.

In addition, during my tenure at FEMA, which included service before, during and after 9/11, I worked with many agencies, agents and individuals in the federal government regarding the threats to America from Muslim extremists. At no time, during my tenure as an individual closely involved with protecting America's homeland, were there ever any reports, allegations or concerns about Mr. Norquist as a potential 'threat' to America, nor were there concerns of any kind that Mr. Norquist was somehow infiltrating the federal government with Muslim extremists.

It is my sincere hope that the Recall Board will reject the efforts by those individuals who are trying to use the NRA for their own purposes, and urge that you unanimously reject the recall of Grover Norquist from the NRA Board of Directors.

Please contact me if you have additional questions. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

October 7, 2015

Cleta Mitchell, Esq.
Foley & Lardner, LLP

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

Grover Norquist tells me that Frank Gaffney is attacking him once again. I really don't know why. Grover has done much to foster tolerance for Muslim Americans. I have known him for years and I can attest to his being an exceedingly decent and honorable man.

I have never understood why Frank began to attack him. When I was still on Frank's board (I was one of his original board members) I called Frank to remonstrate and Frank denied he ever said anything bad about Grover! I subsequently left the board; I dislike ad hominem attacks; Frank Gaffney is prone to them.

In sum, I can only urge you to disregard any scurrilous attacks on Grover originating with Frank Gaffney; they are untrue, baseless and unfair.

Yours,

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Dov S. Zakheim
Former Under Secretary of Defense



BOB BARR

Member of Congress, 1995 - 2003

Fellow Second Amendment Supporters:

My colleague on the NRA Board of Directors, GROVER NORQUIST, is under attack and has been targeted for removal from the Board. To allow this to happen would severely weaken our ability to prevail against those who neither support nor understand how important it is to fight for our God-given and constitutionally-protected right to keep and bear arms.

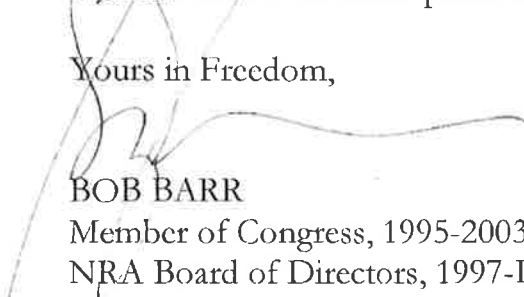
Please! Support GROVER NORQUIST and Vote NO! on the recall petition that has been lodged against him.

I have fought for our cherished constitutional values as a citizen, as a United States Attorney appointed by President Reagan, and as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives (where I was proud to be known as the "Go To Guy" for the Second Amendment).

I have known and worked with Grover Norquist for 20 years, and I know his support for the Second Amendment and the NRA is genuine, deep-seated, and substantive. For anyone to charge otherwise, as has been done in this outrageous and ill-founded recall petition, is absurd and without merit.

There is a reason Grover Norquist is known as one of America's best and most effective conservative advocates – because he is! We need to keep Grover Norquist on the NRA Board of Directors. He has been there always when we needed him, and we need to be there for him now. Say NO to these scurrilous attacks on a proud and effective Patriot! Say NO to an outrageous effort to remove a staunch Second Amendment champion from the NRA Board! And VOTE NO on the recall petition against Grover Norquist.

Yours in Freedom,



BOB BARR

Member of Congress, 1995-2003

NRA Board of Directors, 1997-Present

Open Letter from John Lott, President of the Crime Prevention Research Center

To those who support letting people defend themselves:

I have known Grover Norquist for over a decade and co-authored a book with him that covered the issue of guns and self-defense. In many forums, from television and radio to social media, Grover has educated people about the life saving benefits from letting people have the chance to defend themselves. He understands that it is the most vulnerable in our society — people who are relatively weak physically, such as women and the elderly, and those who are the most likely victims of violent crime, poor blacks who live in high crime urban areas — who benefit the most from having the option to defend themselves. There are few people who are willing to do more to make sure that Americans have these facts than Grover.

The notion advanced by Frank Gaffney that Grover is somehow in league with terrorists who threaten the US is so bizarre that it is hard to believe that anyone would take it seriously.

Regards,
John

John R. Lott, Jr., Ph.D.
President
Crime Prevention Research Center