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1	The NRA has sold out to Obama before, now they pretend to be mad at him? What a bunch of drivel. Jim Marvel	Mar 17, 2011 8:14 PM
2	It was fine.	Mar 17, 2011 8:14 PM
3	I think NRA is making all the essential points, which the prez will simply ignore, and go on about his Statist way.	Mar 17, 2011 8:17 PM
4	The NRA letter was good but not harsh enough.Maybe the Rabbi who wrote bloomberg a letter should write a letter to obama.	Mar 17, 2011 8:22 PM
5	The NRA is an important voice for responsible, law-abiding citizens who believe that each of us has the right to own guns for our own safety and protection... It is truly regrettable that there are far too many Americans who are so xenophobic about gun ownership that they are so quick to blame the ills of our society on the fact that crooks and criminals have guns.	Mar 17, 2011 8:22 PM

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6 I am a NRA member until July 2012. I always buy the 5 yr plan. I have been doing this for about 40 plus yrs. NO MORE! That SOB LaPiere sold out to Reid and his son for the Nov 2010 election. They (NRA) got 60 mil for that shooting range in Nv and they put a spread about it with a pics of Reid in the mag. This was just before the election. They also did not back any of the opponents of the Reid creeps. The NRA does very little for us but claims a lot. THEY CAN GO TO HELL.

Mar 17, 2011 8:23 PM

For God and Country,
Richard Allen Behrendt in the great free state of Arizona

7 It is about time the NRA has finally gotten a backbone. I think it was a good letter. I would like to see the NRA more strident about "shall not be infringed" and shall not be infringed by any means, by any level of government. It is also past time the NRA joined the rest of us and called for the abolishment of the BATFE.

Mar 17, 2011 8:24 PM

8 Great letter!!!!
It told the truth about Obama's real agenda when it comes to 2nd amendment rights.
He would be happy if no one in our country would be able to own a gun.
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9 The letter is much too long for Obama to read. Letters must be 1 (ONE) page for him to understand. His stance is one way: to wrest guns out of our hands and force us into slavery. A concerted effort. The American people are being dumbed down and then frightened by experts at mass behavior. RE: Edward R. Bernays work on mass control of the people.
While NRA is the biggest gun rights organization, I do realize they must "play politics" but indeed, they must get more conservatives (I use the word loosely) on their side. KFS, Asheville, NC

Mar 17, 2011 8:26 PM

10 No the NRA should be fighting harder in the realm of gun rights.
They need to be more proactive in the fight for Second Amendment rights.

Mar 17, 2011 8:29 PM

11 The NRA could not be more clear! It's time to stop demonizing those citizens who decide to protect their own lives. I truly believe that an armed society is a safe society.
Just look at Australia today. They're crime rate has blossomed in light of their NO GUN policies. We cannot allow that to happen in the USA. Our 2nd Amendment guarantees us all the right of self defense.

Mar 17, 2011 8:29 PM

Gary H. Weinberg

12 The NRA is NOT doing enough. As the largest pro-gun organization in America, they should be much more aggressive, activist, and outspoken toward the government about the entire assault on the 2nd Amendment by both Obama and his criminal cabal of judges, senators, congressmen, advisors, and Czars.

Mar 17, 2011 8:30 PM

13 I am a member of the NRA. They are wonderful group. They could be more proactive and less political. However, this letter is excellent. It shows courage and good sense. I congratulate them.

Mar 17, 2011 8:31 PM

Ben Echols
LIFE MEMBER

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14	I'm a Life-Endowment NRA member, and this letter talks tough, but NRA has slipped in the fight to protect the Second Amendment. Since I read the Chris Cox piece, in the now defunct, Free Hunters magazine, stating that the Second Amendment was about hunting, I've had no use for him, and the NRA in general seems to have gone soft, and appear to be willing to sell some out. I much prefer GOA and JPFO today. Gregory A. Russell Sr.	Mar 17, 2011 8:31 PM
15	My opinion is that LaPierre should not even meet with Obama. LaPierre is looking for a compromise, an appeasement that will "temporarily delay the Obama puppet's push for disarmament. But appeasements never last. As in Hitler's case with Hungary or was it Poland, [the Blitzkrieg](?). His letter should have been a demand in no uncertain terms that there will be "hell to pay". He should have said that in no way will we allow our constitutional rights to be taken away.	Mar 17, 2011 8:31 PM
16	About time the NRA finally stood up to the administration instead of trying to compromise with our rights.	Mar 17, 2011 8:32 PM
17	The NRA needs to push more aggressively to promote Constitutional (AKA Vermont) carry, getting rid of the restriction on new machine guns getting registered for civilian ownership (I only say this because I know the Congress is not ready to totally getting rid of the requirement that MG's intended for civilian sale be registered and the transfer tax) and otherwise destroying egregious violations of the American people's right to keep and bear arms. As to getting criminally insane persons on federal no sales lists in a timely manner, I have issues with these lists. however, as long as we got them we need to make sure people who should be on them are on them and people who should be removed have their rights restored in a timely manner without unjust foot dragging.	Mar 17, 2011 8:33 PM
18	While I'm a Life Member of the NRA, I'm more active as a Life Member in Gun Owners of America. GOA is very involved in gun rights, and I don't feel NRA is doing all it could be doing for American gun owners. Kathe W.	Mar 17, 2011 8:34 PM
19	The letter was well done and to the point. I think they did a fine job.	Mar 17, 2011 8:35 PM
20	I am a life member of the NRA. I did read the article, and think it was well written. If it was written in a manner that is scolding or condescending, it would never be forwarded to the CIC, and just trashed, regardless of who wrote the letter!	Mar 17, 2011 8:36 PM
21	I believe that there could have been more said, but I do not know what good it would do. As long as I can remember the anti-gunners have been tireless and underhanded. The Constitution is what it is and means what it says, It is not written in legalese. I am so tired of elitist trying to pick and choose what We The People can and can not do, when it was put on parchment long ago. SherryM	Mar 17, 2011 8:36 PM

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| 22 | <p>I praise you for standing strong with all your members and never letting the lefties gain an inch. This is why I'll always be a member of the NRA and will recruit my family and friends. May God bless you and continue to give you all the resources you need to continue your task.</p> <p>Sincerely yours, Enoc Olmeda</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:37 PM |
| 23 | <p>No. The NRA clearly supports "managed gun control."</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:37 PM |
| 24 | <p>I was a member oif the NRA for a number of years but let my membership lapse several years ago because I felt (and still feel) that the NRA was and is far too concilliatory in their interactions with the "Government". For the same reasons, I became a member of JPFO because I need to be associated with folks who actively and aggressively speak out and don't worry about having a bigger museum. I must say, however, that the subject letter shows me a small but encouraging move toward a badly needed more confrontational approach.</p> <p>WR McGrath</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:38 PM |
| 25 | <p>In general, yes. However the NRA has also had a history of supporting the likes of Harry Reid and others who are no good for this country.</p> <p>My concern with the NRA is they have gotten too cozy with the Washington elite and are losing touch with the true American.</p> <p>I have faxed them and written letters excoriating them for some of their stances and I will continue to do so. Keep up the good work.</p> <p>Bob Soule
New Hartford, CT</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:38 PM |
| 26 | <p>Sorry but not good enough. I was an NRA member for many years and an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor. After the right to carry law passed in Minnesota, the NRA told all instructors who had paid to take their course that they were prohibited from using the NRA name in any of the instructors class material or advertising. That ended my relationship with them. When I heard that they had helped re-elect Harry Reid, I immediately joined JPFO.</p> <p>Their letter to Obama sounds good but their action over the course of many years proves to me that they are in the business to stay in business and will compromise our rights if need be. The JPFO on the other hand is bold and courageous in speaking the truth.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:42 PM |
| 27 | <p>NO! The NRA hasn't done what they say they'll do for years. They are just another bunch of wimpy politicians who want to show "wins" in their column, no matter the cost to liberty in the USA.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:42 PM |
| 28 | <p>The letter was too wishy-washy. I'm tired of the NRA being so "polite" that they refuse to tell the truth. I'm also tired of the fact they are willing to give in on so much. We need to go all the way back to repealing the 1968 gun control act. I am a former NRA member</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:42 PM |

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| 29 | <p>As usual, the NRA attempts to paint itself as the only voice of armed Americans, and the only one doing anything to support the rights of people to defend themselves. This, of course, is an absolute lie.</p> <p>Second, tracking guns has little or nothing to do with preventing violence, and not much more value in finding and prosecuting violent criminals. Most guns used in crime are stolen, altered or "unregistered" one way or another. Just plug the word "screwdriver" or "kitchen knives" into all of the "laws" regulating guns and see how insane they are. Oh wait... the UK has done just that and their violent crime is going off the charts.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the real problem is the criminalization of individuality and private behavior. Government at every level has taken on the role of owner and "nanny," with more and more things and behaviors prohibited, taxed and regulated. The promised utopia of safety for everyone doesn't seem to be coming soon. There always seems to be one more tightening of the thumb screws required.</p> <p>So, since the "laws" are not stopping violent crime - and it seems silly to assume that those who make such "laws" are unaware of their actual lack of effectiveness - we have to ask just what the purpose might be for all those laws and regulations... Total control? Total disarmament? Haven't we been down this road before?</p> <p>Never again?</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:44 PM |
| 30 | <p>I think the letter is a step in the right direction and support the NRA. We as Americans have the obligation and the right to stand up to the government policies that would harm future rights of all Americans. Thank you, Respectfully, Steve Hladysz</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:45 PM |
| 31 | <p>I must say that I am rather surprised by the incredibly soft approach that is taken in the letter. It saddens me that a venerable organization like the NRA, of which I am a life member, is basically kowtowing to the imposter-in-chief. They need to get in his face, like JPFO would, and call him on his communist actions in trying to subjugate the masses through civilian disarmament. Remember all dictators throughout history disarmed their citizens before they led them down the path to slaughter. The 20th century has proven that with the murder of over 80 million people by their own leaders. Obama is a criminal and all that are in legion with him are also criminals. There is no other way to say it. We as Americans have to impeach him and null and void all that he has done including all those that have been placed on the Supreme Court. Impeach NOW!</p> <p>Richard E. Dunne
Laguna Hills, CA</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:46 PM |
| 32 | <p>As a Life Member of the NRA since 1974 I am in favor of most of the actions they have taken over the years to protect the rights of the firearm owner. Their recent letter to Obama took exactly the right tone and stated the right actions that should be taken. The administration, if they had any brains or insight to the real problems, should use this letter as a frame work for any future activities involving firearm's regulations.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:46 PM |
| 33 | <p>I agree with the NRA no use talking to those people only one thing on their minds NO GUNS .</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:49 PM |

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34	I have been very disappointed in the past with the NRA and with some of the answers I have received after emailing them on issues. This letter seems to finally send a strong message to Obama and I would back it by stating that any offense against the Second Amendment will result in immediate petition for impeachment hearings to begin. As President he swore an oath to uphold and support THE Constitution and he has flagrantly been abusive to the constitution even though he claims to be a constitutional scholar! I am an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor as well as an RSO (Range Safety Officer) and a Certified Home Firearm Safety Instructor and am glad to see this strong letter to Obama from the NRA and the millions of members it represents! We need to call Obama out on ANY abuse of the Second Amendment especially if he tries and end run by Executive Order!	Mar 17, 2011 8:49 PM
35	I agree with the NRA -- talking with the dear leader is useless, because Obama is not interested in any "compromises" in our favor, only in the direction of government control. I believe that best possible result that could come out of it would be a PR opportunity for Obama that makes the NRA look bad for refusing to budge. I believe (hope?) that all gun rights groups learned their lesson in the 1990s, that compromise in the direction of less freedom will never again be an option.	Mar 17, 2011 8:50 PM
36	I am not sure if they are doing as much as they could along the lines of sending a clear message to Obama that we, the American People, whom he is supposed to be representing, WILL NOT hand over our 2nd Amendment Right to him or anyone. I bet Obama spends the rest of his life with "armed" guards around him and his family.	Mar 17, 2011 8:50 PM
37	I think the NRA will do more when people learn about JPFO and the "educational" material offered. NH Live Free or Die! not live freeze and try	Mar 17, 2011 8:51 PM
38	Neither Wayne LagrowaPier or Chris Cox are to be trusted. While their answer may be technically correct it would mean a lot more if they hadn't recently been in bed with Harry Reid.	Mar 17, 2011 8:52 PM
39	It's an open declaration of war on the administration and the President. It is what is needed. Elton. C. O'Byrne Major USMC (Retired) Campbell University Jacksonville NC 28540	Mar 17, 2011 8:53 PM
40	The NRA has done good work and I can't imagine where we would be without them over the long term... But I believe they have been around so long that they have become a large single issue ingrained corporate bureaucracy. That became very apparent to me during the DICLOSE Act fiasco. Most of us do not want anyone to bargain away one of our rights for another. We prefer a more no compromise Bill of Rights stance. If we sacrifice one right for another, we may win a battle but we lose the war.	Mar 17, 2011 8:53 PM

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| 41 | An apostate Moslem is by Sheria law at the VERY LEAST forbidden to enter a Mosque. Yet our President does so with impunity? Yet he professes to be an apostate Moslem? He by inaction is backing the government in Lybia? He bows to the King in Saudi Arabia? His wedding ring goes to the jeweler during Ramadon? He cannot condem Moslem terrorists? Now he wants to disarm willing Christians and Jews? Hello, I hear the rumble of 1936, so hows it by you? I was but a child in those days but I remember!! | Mar 17, 2011 8:54 PM |
| 42 | No | Mar 17, 2011 8:55 PM |
| 43 | They do a good job of vocalizing my thoughts. That effort specifically, was a good example of their efforts rather than squishy compromise. The JPFO, is a more focused group that can say things like "Abolish the BATFE, repeal the NFA '34 and the GCA '68" without drawing the fire that the NRA would. I will always support the JPFO. I'm a former NRA member, but if they can show that kind of backbone on a regular basis, I'll support them again. | Mar 17, 2011 8:56 PM |
| 44 | <p>The NRA leadership is and have been the "the great compromisers"of the 2nd Amendment.</p> <p>What part of "shall not be infringed" do they not understand? "Shall not be infringed" means there can be NO COMPROMISE now or ever.</p> <p>Fabian Socialists like Obama and his ilk know and love the incremental compromise game of politics called "how to cook a frog."</p> <p>I'll end with a quote from the book Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal" by Ayn Rand.</p> <p>"The spread of evil is the symptom of a vacuum. Whenever evil wins, it is only by default: by the moral failure of those who evade the fact that there can be no compromise on basic Principles."</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:59 PM |

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| 45 | <p>Dear JPFO: Of course the NRA (--I'm a member) is NOT doing enough! As big an organ as the NRA is, they should be MUCH more aggressive, calling for O'Bama's impeachment on many more issues than the supremely important 2nd ammendment. All the NRA members I know are often disappointed that they(NRA) don't go far enough. The JPFO could attack the "grabbers" pointing out how and where the anti-gunners are supported by the Globalist organs. We've NOW had two fairly recent attacks on USA soldiers--WHY are the soldiers DENIED personal carry on their own bases/tranport? I can predict there WILL be more base-attacks, simply because Jihadists KNOW they won't have to face a gun, themselves, stopping their killing sprees, until wrestled to the floor by unarmed soldiers/perimeter guards arrive/both. The dis-arming of soldiers is CRIMINAL, and is like some bank stating on signs in their windows: "We hire NO armed guards--This bank is a "gun-free" zone, --all robbers will be allowed to leave and not impeded by the staff in any way. We also prohibit concealed carry" Bank robbers would "line-up" to relieve them of their deposits! Jihadists are lining-up to relieve themselves of getting "caught/stopped", because an UN-ARMED soldier might as well be a grade-schooler against an AK-47 with a folding handle and taped magazines! The Globalists must "own" the Republicans (--except the tea partiers), in addition to the Democrats, because there have been NO congressional investigations into WHY there's no prosecution of the 2nd-largest terrorist incident since 911, the Hassan-killings. It does NO GOOD to "blame" the cowardly generals hiding-behind political-correctness(--of course, they ARE to blame!), if soldiers STILL... aren't allowed... concealed carry..., after these murders. Even our Noble Israeli bretheren are sometimes "guilty", for in Lebanon of the 80s, ONLY the Israelis stopped a truck-bomb sent against their barracks, and THEN, it was ONLY because the Israeli soldier in question had DISOBEYED ORDERS(G-D bless him, may he have earned the highest medal!) and was able to slap a clip into his galill machine gun!</p> | Mar 17, 2011 8:59 PM |
| 46 | <p>I have left the NRA. They do not do enough and they have supported Democrats who have voted with Obama. NRA needs to support only true conservatives. I will not re-join this group until they support only conservatives and reject all liberals and RINOs.</p> <p>Mike from Minnesota</p> | Mar 17, 2011 9:00 PM |
| 47 | <p>What more can they do at the moment? Yes</p> | Mar 17, 2011 9:00 PM |
| 48 | <p>Given the pandering of the NRA over the last few years to whatever administration, it's a welcome change. Advising the President that he surrounds himself with people conducive to achieve preconceived objectives is a constant in politics. It's identical to the UN and it's Carbon Tax (in fact the Worlds first Global Tax! - to benefit the UN). The NRA just reminded him that they are aware of his agenda and ask for the door to be open for other views, if only to preserve the notion of Democracy. Peter Cunningham</p> | Mar 17, 2011 9:02 PM |
| 49 | <p>Neither the NRA, SAF or even JPFO is perfect. I think the NRA is doing a great job at what they do best - lobbying. Sometimes, in politics, one has to speak out of both sides of their mouth. In other words, this NRA "public" "soft-soap" letter might just be a ploy to gain support from certain law makers for future use. The NRA has significant clout - JPFO might gain more if they figured out how to use this pro-gun asset to their advantage. Dissing the NRA (in-fighting), as JPFO has done, does not serve any of us well. I'm an NRA and JPFO life member. Chuck Klein www.chuckkleinauthor.com</p> | Mar 17, 2011 9:02 PM |

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50	Well written, too bad it is only preaching to the choir :-(NRA are you going to cave on this like you caved when they offered you a deal ???? You lost my respect, and support, at that point. Carol former life member.	Mar 17, 2011 9:03 PM
51	As an NRA Life Member, I think not bad for the NRA. Louis Schwartz, Ansonia, CT	Mar 17, 2011 9:04 PM
52	"The primary reason many Americans support gun ownership is...(essentially criminal control)." Really? It's possible that's why MOST Americans support gun ownership but that is not the basis of the argument why The Framers included the Second Amendment in The Bill of Rights. I had trouble finishing the letter after that one. He should have led with the BATF's disgraceful Operation Fast & Furious and asked if that's where the nut in Tuscon got his sidearm. The Emperor has no clothes. I do miss Charlton Heston.	Mar 17, 2011 9:04 PM
53	They not only are NOT doing enough but much of what they are doing is counterproductive. I'm speaking particularly of the "deals" they cut w/ the gun grabbers. Also of whom they endorse for office. Last November we were surprised to see 3 Liberal Democrats endorsed for house seats out here in NM. I have ceased my long term habit of donating to NRA-ILA due to these issues and would leave NRA altogether were it not required for membership at all ranges out here.	Mar 17, 2011 9:08 PM
54	The NRA has made much money from its loyal membership. But what are the benefits? I can only think of the cost. That is to say that the NRA has willingly, knowingly and intentionally cooperated with the government (both Democratic and Republican office holders) to incrementally destroy the Second Article to the Constitution. The NRA is, without a doubt, the LOYAL opposition flying false colors to its membership. Brian A. Cavallo Lt Col, Armor, USA (Ret)	Mar 17, 2011 9:08 PM
55	I have not been a member of the NRA for some time. There have been two reasons: 1) everytime they want money, I'm a "loyal member in good standing", but if it comes time for me to wonder what has happened to my "renewed in advance" membership, or where my magazines are, they never heard of me. And 2) everytime it's time for them to display some backbone, to stand up against the Feds and other antis, they caved ... a little moral courage is what's needed, not "sweet reasonableness". For the above two reasons, I tend to confine my support (damned little of it is financial, due to straightened circumstances, i.e., grinding poverty) to the JPFO and the GRNC ... two organisations that aren't afraid to say the truth. BUT ... the cited letter ALMOST looks like something I'd sign.	Mar 17, 2011 9:11 PM

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56	<p>The NRA needs to start aggressively backing libertarian candidates instead of Republicans. Republicans cannot be relied upon to protect the Bill of Rights. Only libertarians, (and I am not referring to weasels like Bob Barr), who believe in the Zero Aggression Principle can be relied upon to uphold all of the Bill of Rights. Republicans and Democrats will trade gun rights for votes because at the end of the day they are 2 sides of the same coin; interested in power at the expense of Liberty.</p> <p>blueview</p>	Mar 17, 2011 9:12 PM
57	lawful people possessing firearms-remain lawful people;	Mar 17, 2011 9:12 PM
58	I am more confident of the NRA defending our rights to keep and bear arms with Chris Cox helping lead the way.	Mar 17, 2011 9:12 PM
59	They have to back senators and representatives who support the 2nd amendment. Not senators like Harry Reid.	Mar 17, 2011 9:18 PM
60	I think the NRA is a necessary evil. I belong because they need my membership to show strength in numbers. They have lost their compass, and seem to be run by people furthering their own personal goals. I think Gun owners of America is a better thing to belong to, to protect our rights. NRA gave Harry Reid \$4950.00 for his last campaign, and now are trying to justify it. They also tried to make a deal to not oppose the bill with Pelosi and Reid muting are voices. Just one of many errors made by Wayne and Cox. . They gave several antigunners the endorsement in the last election, even after being informed by local members they were wrong. They ignore the local rank and file, I think they are forgetting who they represent.	Mar 17, 2011 9:18 PM
61	<p>I am an NRA benefactor member. Active in an effective state association (not NRA affiliated). While the NRA has done good nationally they have hurt us in this state more than helped. The state affiliate is ineffective and the NRA will not support anything "not invented here". It is the same dog fight no matter who feeds the dog.</p> <p>The NRA has, not surprisingly, taken on the characteristics of all large organizations. They will more effective when they return to a "no compromise, no retreat posture. I am tired of what appears to be a slow ceding of our rights to appease those who would take them under the banner of "politics". I do not wish the "death of a thousand cuts". Time they learn that politicians only respect superior power in the form of votes and money.</p> <p>By the way, my states "shall issue" concealed carry law began in the local YMCA with a conversation between my state representative and myself.</p>	Mar 17, 2011 9:20 PM
62	This is the best so far. For awhile, I was very disappointed by the response from NRA, I'm glad to see they are finally "more or less" speaking like I think. (If I sent a letter to Obama, I would probably be arrested). 30+ years life member of NRA.	Mar 17, 2011 9:23 PM
63	I think the NRA is the traditional protector of the 2nd Amendment Rights but defense is not getting it! We must go on the offense and attack / defeat those that oppose our Constitutional Rights! Whether they are think tanks, social opposers or elected officials, its not a minor issue and continual pressure, hard continual pressure is the posture we need to assume.....otherwise we lose!	Mar 17, 2011 9:24 PM
64	The NRA letter is a great BEGINNING...Let them join the credible Investigative Reporters in exposing the (Mmm, Mmm, Mmm) Muslim, Marxist MacDaddy!!! Surely SOMEONE in the NRA membership has access to the truth about this impostor...	Mar 17, 2011 9:25 PM

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| 65 | 'focus on criminals or mental health issues'--typical nra bs; the founders were only concerned with the most dangerous of criminals--the political class

'encourage people to report red flags'--so the appropriate authorities could respond to thought crimes

the nra would have no problem with this pres if only he was a republican | Mar 17, 2011 9:25 PM |
| 66 | The NRA is little more than a front organization -- please see my published essay here:

http://strike-the-root.com/81/knight/knight1.html | Mar 17, 2011 9:28 PM |
| 67 | obama is useless. he is weakening our country and trying to remake it into an ersatz version of some third world dictatorship.
his attack on gun ownership is a sop to the worst elements of the hard left.
his insane spending is more than the planet can afford.
stopping oil drilling is plain stupid.
printing excess currency is repetition of the worst mistakes of the weimar republic.
i will be glad when we are rid of obama and his c0-conspirators. | Mar 17, 2011 9:28 PM |
| 68 | The NRA sucks. Go along to get along. Happy to lose our rights incrementally. What the hell do they do with those hundreds of millions of dollars?

Why do they pretend that guns are only for hunting? We own guns because they can save our lives and protect us from those who would harm us, including our own governments.

I'm a member of NRA along with JPFO, 2nd Amendment Foundation, Concealed Carry Assn., ANJRPC, and Gun Owners of America. I wish the NRA had a small fraction of the energy and integrity that those groups do. | Mar 17, 2011 9:29 PM |
| 69 | While there are areas where I believe the NRA could be more forceful, I think overall they are doing a good and valuable service to all gun owners. They are, without a doubt, the 900 lb. gorilla in the room whenever the anti-gun lobby starts to plot and scheme.
I do wish they would be more proactive in advocating for nationwide constitutional carry and for the elimination of the BATFE. But I understand that even their resources are not without limit and they are picking their fights as they deem best. | Mar 17, 2011 9:32 PM |
| 70 | no the nra hasn't done near enough | Mar 17, 2011 9:35 PM |
| 71 | It is unconscionable for an organization allegedly created to support a constitutional right, to advocate in a letter so many other unconstitutional violations (e.g. vigorous prosecution of drug war cases). But it's not surprising. NRA has been like this for a long time. That is one of the reasons I have quit the organization. They care nothing for freedom. | Mar 17, 2011 9:36 PM |

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72	This was a very "nice", very open letter to the president, asking that he stand behind the Second Amendment. The NRA also offered alternatives to problems regarding the wrong people having guns. The problem is that in my opinion, this letter will do nothing to change this administration's mind and it's agenda. "Nice", practical talk with these people will get you no where. They don't care what the Constitution says. They don't care what the American people think. They don't care about our citizen's rights. They are arrogant, self serving, and they have no intention of changing. The only thing we can do is hope and pray that November 2012, comes faster then this president's plan to, in my opinion, annihilate the rights of the U.S. citizens and totally destroy our Constitution. Pray, pray very hard that it won't be to late!	Mar 17, 2011 9:37 PM
73	NRA has to do much, much more to get me back as a member. If they follow the JPFO and GOA examples and convince me they have made the necessary fundamental change, in time I might consider re-joining. As for Wayne LaPierre's letter, it's written well enough, but NRA has usually been pretty good about its rhetoric. It's just that when it came down to backing up good concepts, they have consistently failed. An open letter is interesting, because we presume the recipient will neither read it nor learn of its existence. So why bother? The people who actually do read the message already agree, so the letter is basically a vent of the writer's frustration. An open letter can, however serve as a starting point for discussion, as this particular letter has.	Mar 17, 2011 9:38 PM
74	The only way to stop Obama marching our country toward a socialist government with total gun control is to keep the pressure on him and members of congress. Obama can't be trusted to serve the majority over his own drive to disarm all Americans. The gun control groups and Obama are not concerned with truth and honest facts. Keep up the good work of making Obama and congress see they are being watched carefully and that gun control is not the answer or even possible. Anyone willing to weaken the honest law abiding citizen and their ability to defend themselves and empower the criminal even more than they are now is guilty of any murders, rapes, injuries or loss of valuables caused by the now emboldened criminal.	Mar 17, 2011 9:39 PM
75	As usual, the NRA is clueless and is actually aiding and abetting the gun grabbers. Since when is the purpose of the 2nd amendment to protect ourselves from criminals?! The purpose of the 2nd amendment is to protect ourselves from government! The NRA is giving the federal government the perfect excuse to build a police state (that is to say, more of one), then claim crime to have been conquered and therefore that people no longer need guns. Remember, this is the same government that tempts honest men into committing minor crimes, then sends 300 killers to assassinate his wife and children in order to prove they are in control. The NRA needs to stop pretending to protect gun rights while secretly helping the anti-gun lunatics. When the NRA announces on national television that 'WE NEED GUNS TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM GOVERNMENT', only then they will be doing their job.	Mar 17, 2011 9:40 PM

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| 76 | <p>I think the NRA has got to the point were they are thinking along the same line as our government. "Bigger is better" as a business and government. But they are both wrong! This country's biggest strength is its people not its government or big businesses.</p> <p>The NRA came to be because people needed to unite to protect us from the growing government. But now the NRA is starting to become part of the problem by focusing on one thing (the second amendment)! They have forgotten the PEOPLE.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 9:41 PM |
| 77 | <p>This was an excellent letter to Barry Soetoro.
I resigned the NRA, for being sell-outs many years ago.
We shall know them by their fruits.
I feel they are pandering to their membership.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 9:42 PM |
| 78 | <p>No! The NRA is not doing enough to protect the Rights of it's membership. This letter to Obama is a joke! Mr. La Pierre and Mr. Cox write as if Obama is their long lost buddy, and they're in a high school debate. The very first paragraph of the letter sets the tone, when they state that the primary reason that tens of millions of Americans own firearms is that they fear violent criminals roaming the streets undeterred. The PRIMARY reason that Americans own firearms is because they fear their GOVERNMENT! When I read letters like this one, I can't help but believe that the NRA's management team is selling out their members, and all firearms owners across America. ---DPB</p> | Mar 17, 2011 9:44 PM |
| 79 | <p>the fact is regardless of what you think of the nra,yes at times they have turned left
when in hindsight they should have turned right but the fact is we would not even be talking
about our right to keep and bear arms if not for the nra,i am a nra member a jpfo member
and gun owners of america member ,second amendment foundation member,citizens right to keep and bear arms member,i do not always agree,i have my own opinion on gun laws
"no one has the right to make any gun laws" thats like regulating the air we breath,the state of vermont is proof that gun laws are not needed,just put people who try to harm other people in prison,the only law we need is to treat others as we would be treated</p> <p>not one gun law can stop a person from trying to harm another person only a person with a gun can stop a madman ,,thats why anti-gun people call the police because they have guns..do the math</p> | Mar 17, 2011 9:45 PM |
| 80 | <p>I think that the response was appropriate. Wayne LaPierre does an outstanding job of providing the point of view of responsible citizens while deflecting the same tired old ignorance about gun ownership by the foaming at the mouth cowardly surrender monkeys. I don't have a problem with people who want to be sheep, that is their decision. I do have a problem with the wolves trying to coerce me into becoming a sheep, and there is not much useful dialog that could be exchanged with those who would try to enslave us. At some point you just get tired of listening to the same old lies and you make sure that your rifles are clean and your magazines are fully loaded and ready for action.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 9:47 PM |

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| 81 | Pharaoh Obama cares not about the voice of the people. Pharaoh Obama cares about ONE thing, control. Pharaoh Obama is a long-game means-to-an-end player. Pharaoh Obama has proven time and time again that he gets what he wants, routinely ignoring law, ignoring the Constitution, ignoring us. Know, prepare, and be silent. | Mar 17, 2011 9:47 PM |
| 82 | No the NRA has not done enough. I am a member mostly because they are the only ones who have instructor certification courses; I am a certified firearms instructor. I support JPFO, National Gun Rights Organization, Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, and Gun Owners of America.
The NRA has been willing to compromise on the 2nd Amendment way too much. They have become far too willing "to work with politicians" whose gun rights record are tenuous at best.
I believe the 2nd. stands on its own and is not open to interpretation. The sentence regarding the Militia also stands on its own. If the left interpreted the 2nd. the same way they interpreted the 1st. every single household in America would have a fully functional, loaded and ready to go military rifle and lots of handguns.
Too little and I hope, not too late. | Mar 17, 2011 9:50 PM |
| 83 | It is weak and compromising. As proof: "We also agree (with Obama) that the second amendment guarantees an individual the right to keep and bear arms," that's fine and good. However, how does that square with "...drug dealers, gang members, and other violent felons caught possessing firearms." That is fraud on the part of the NRA, a gang member is innocent and can possess firearms unless and until he/she does a crime of a certain nature. Then, they should be prosecuted for the crime and not for possessing firearms. Firearms possession is not a crime, but hurting someone is even if it is with a rock. So the NRA is a fraudulent organization stealing NRA memberships. They are part of the problem. It was them, I believe who helped institute the law creating 'firearm free zones' and for that they should be ashamed. Nothing but a shameful, compromising organization. | Mar 17, 2011 9:50 PM |
| 84 | Obama is a lawyer trained in constitutional law. It is no surprise he is finding a way to do an end-run around Congress to institute another gun ban. His tool is the BATF and Traver and Holder are his hit men. We need to fire-up Congress to halt this crafty and sneaky campaign to circumvent our government to ban guns from law-abiding citizens. No gun ban will keep a gangster, drug dealer, or mentally deficient person from getting hold of lethal and illegal weapons. Lovelle Mixon murdered two of the four Oakland officers with a fully auto AK47. Show me where any American citizen can legally own such a weapon.
Sincerely, Harold "Cappy" Gordon, NRA and JPFO member. | Mar 17, 2011 9:50 PM |
| 85 | well, given the record of studied silence by the NRA on a number of key issues for the last several years, and their pronounced indifference to the 'gunwalker' incident until dragged into it at the eleventh hour (my friends Mike Vanderboegh and David Codrea were the prime movers in the disclosure of the scandal and the coverup after agent Terry's murder) , I can only assume that this letter was ghost written and LaPierre rubber-stamped it ; it was also amusing to note that the letter claimed that the NRA had such a large part to play in all things Second Amendment, in the closing lines - now THAT would be like LaPierre. Show up after others have done all the footwork, read a speech and accept any accolades offered.
- julian - | Mar 17, 2011 9:51 PM |

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86 No, The NRA is not doing enough. It needs to take its fight on the true principals of the Second Amendment. Mar 17, 2011 9:51 PM

The Second Amendment uses the word "well regulated"

The dictionary used at the time of the writing defines Regulate as "to make regular".

Guns in the hands of American Citizens should be "made regular" and not controlled in any manner by the Federal Government or State/Local governments.

Yes, Most likely the primary reason Americans own firearms are for protection, Personal protection, family protection, protection of any person in need of it. However, there are other reasons. Reasons like livestock and crop protection, like property protection, and yes, protection from our own government placing us in harm or denying our personal liberties and freedoms or overly infringing on the individual states or the Republic, which is sadly slipping away.

Yes, "We the people" are the final militia and our given rights should not be infringed.

I do not appreciate our Second Amendment being interpreted any other way.

Many more Americans then you currently imagine believe the power and size of the ATF should be severely cut and The "F" should be taken out of BATF. PERIOD.

I recently read a bumper sticker that said "Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms sounds like it should be a convenience store, not a government organization." 'Nuff said.

Sincerely,
Benny Krumnow

87 The NRA like all gun rights advocates needs to understand that all gun laws are repugnant to the Constitution and as such are illegal. What part of "INFRING" is it that they as well as the courts do not understand? They should all refer to what the Forefathers had to say about the 2Nd. Amendment and understand the price they all paid for that to be adopted as the guardian of the Constitution as a whole. There are plenty of laws on the books explaining the penalty for criminal activities and that is all that is needed whether a weapon used in a crime is a base ball bat, knife, screw driver, arsenic, explosives, motorized vehicles, electricity or a gun. Give the country back to the people and restrict the government to staying within its boundaries as noted in the Constitution. (Anglo America) Mar 17, 2011 9:53 PM

88 I personally think the NRA is only after money. The more they can get maybe they will be able to build themselves another office building and fill it with the best office furniture available. They send more flyers out to try and get more money but they are spending millions of dollars on this. If we give money it should be used SOLELY for the purpose We The People Intended!! Mar 17, 2011 9:53 PM

1SG Walter E. Horn USA Ret.

89 NRA is not doing enough... they are too soft. Mar 17, 2011 9:55 PM

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90	Great letter by the NRA. My thoughts exactly. JPFO needs to remember that this president is the enemy of the 2ND amendment, not the NRA. We need to stand together.I love both organizations	Mar 17, 2011 9:55 PM
91	I am not currently a paid member - I had a free membership. I believe that the NRA is soft peddling the entire situation! Political correctness run amuck again!!!!	Mar 17, 2011 10:00 PM
92	The NRA has the right intent, but fails to adequately take positive action	Mar 17, 2011 10:01 PM
93	As a life member of both the NRA and GOA I only wish the NRA had the cajones that GOA has. We need to get back to the point before the existance of BATFE and never allow the government to take so much power. With all the members NRA has you would think they would be more aggressive in defending our RIGHTS!	Mar 17, 2011 10:04 PM
94	Where is JPFO's letter to Obama??	Mar 17, 2011 10:04 PM
95	No, the NRA needs to coordinate with GOA, JPFO and the other pro-gun groups to show a united front. There needs to be more action and less talk. Anti-gun pols need to be brought to the attention of all gun owners and voted out of office. Main street media needs to be called on all inacturate reporting of firearm incidents.	Mar 17, 2011 10:07 PM
96	NRA said people own guns to protect themselves from criminals. NRA said the Feds need to enforce existing gun laws. Neither are solid positions. The 2A was put in place to defend the republic against would be despots. NRA should have used language conveying that. Current gun laws and administrative actions are too tough for regular citizens. A government that doesn't trust its citizens with guns is a government that can't be trusted by its citizens.	Mar 17, 2011 10:08 PM
97	I have been a member of the NRA for many, many years. Lately they seem to be slipping and not keeping the gunowners of this country in their greatest interests. I have and will continue to be a supporter of the Second Amendment Foundation, the REAL NO NONSENSE /Compirmise gun lobby in this country. I probably will still support the NRA in the future though. It really depends on their future track record, and how much they actually fight for the American Citizens gunrights. Semper Peratus. Acta Non Verba!	Mar 17, 2011 10:13 PM
98	I agree with this letter from the NRA. Since I am just a cranky old man, I will say that in the case of Tucson, a serious lack of security, combined with the school's failure and the sheriff to take steps led to the shooting of the Congresswoman. Any public meeting should have several security guards, most in plain clothes watching the crowd for unusual and aggressive actions. Even the gun that shot President Lincoln would have been deadly under the total lack of trained security protecting the Congresswoman James Macklin NRA Life since 1966 Wichita, KS.	Mar 17, 2011 10:15 PM
99	I have been a Life Member in the NRA for almost 30years. I believe that the NRA compromises to much. Why didnt they appose the Veterans Disarmement Act? Also why dont they Fight the BATFE for wrongly charging people with owning Machine Guns?	Mar 17, 2011 10:23 PM

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100	Doing a good job.	Mar 17, 2011 10:26 PM
101	I have been an NRA member and supporter for many years. They are able to accomplish certain things without much effort because of their high membership numbers, but I think they have compromised excessively and unnecessarily on some issues in order to avoid a real fight on the tough issues. Other organizations have done all the heavy lifting in the courts.	Mar 17, 2011 10:26 PM
102	The letter has made some very good points, But it does not go far enough. The NRA seems to always steer clear of class III weapons holders and others trying to legally obtain such license. The right to bare arms covers ALL arms not just certain types the government chooses to infringe on. It does not address the other unconstitutional laws of 34,68, 1986 etc. Just like the "assault weapons ban" jailing owners of guns with a pistol grip, bayonet lug, calaspable stocks. Jailing citizens for using the right to bare arms is in itself unlawful but you don't hear them say anything about that!	Mar 17, 2011 10:27 PM
103	I was an NRA member until they became too friendly with Harry Reid. They stopped just short of endorsing him, but I'm told they did give funds to his campaign. I am very disappointed with the NRA.	Mar 17, 2011 10:27 PM
104	WHY AREN'T THEY IN THERE TO STOP ADVANCEMENT OF TALKS AND PUTTING A STICK IN THE SPOKE OF GUN CONTROL PROGRESS	Mar 17, 2011 10:28 PM
105	NRA works hard but Gun owners of America is working harder	Mar 17, 2011 10:28 PM
106	Nra has not done enough other than gun control in a soft form. The NRA doesn't stand by 'booting the batfe'. Matter of fact any bill supported by the NRA that helps the BATFE is a red herring in it's self!	Mar 17, 2011 10:30 PM
	<p>Let us go about the lock down the NRA has on shooting ranges where you have to join the NRA in order to use shooting ranges, money for membership, then money for a safety training course. It' an insult to me as I've been around and shooting firearms safely for about 25 plus years of my life.</p> <p>Further more I take the stance Mr. Zelman took about joining the NRA. See JPFO's "I'll join the NRA when.." Written by Mr Zelman himself. When a person joins the NRA and plops down money for membership, they are not a friend of the NRA, they ARE the NRA. What a joke being an NRA member is starting to become.</p> <p>I call for an audit of the NRA, where the money is going, who is running the NRA behind closed doors, and who makes choices like screwing Vet's, or signing the machine gun law back in the Reagan era. This bullcrap pushed by the NRA of our traditional hunting rights is indeed bullcrap, Hunting is a fringe benefit of having the second amendment!</p> <p>Going further lets take a look at the NRA HQ in Fairfax. Seems that their gun museum is off limits to members who want to pony up and squeeze a few rounds off, But if your name is "Larry the Cable Guy" and have a show on the History Channel you can waltz in and fire an array of firearms!</p> <p>Maybe I'm just wasting my time in writing this...I will be surprised to see my words published! -Todd Ohio</p>	

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| 107 | <p>The NRA has done a lot of compermissing in the past & has it's problems , I'm a life member & I am not happy with the NRA. Have they done enough ---NO-- in some cases they have sold out. I believe the GOA is a better group now & support them</p> <p>I do think the letter is good and correct , but there should have been more effort before the Nov. elections, but it didn't happen as I think the NRA has sold out to the one worlders! Thanks for this opportunity to voice my opinion.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 10:31 PM |
| 108 | <p>I do believe the N.R.A. letter was well thought out and did explain to the President their thoughts on the issues. But, having said that I still believe that the N.R.A. should be present at the talks.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 10:32 PM |
| 109 | <p>Hello-</p> <p>I think the letter is very good except the part about censoring reports on the criminals minute by minute coverage on the news....Censorship is not acceptable. But being smart and intellectual is. You guys need to use some of the policies that NYC uses. At any public hearing with politicians or any event at MSG there are metal detectors. Just as there are at the airports. Arizona is an open gun state, so there needs to parameters that goes with that freedom. Perhaps public events with more than 50 or 100 persons, guns shall not be allowed. In NYC, a few years ago a councilman was shot dead. Now everyone goes through metal detectors to get into city hall.....People in the public eye, such as politicians, need additional security measures. I hope this helps. Richard Goldman</p> | Mar 17, 2011 10:43 PM |
| 110 | <p>They raise SOME good points, but my question is: is it too little, too late?</p> | Mar 17, 2011 10:47 PM |
| 111 | <p>I believe that the NRA leadership is and has been betraying its membership since Neal Knox was run off by Wayne Lapiere and others around him. It was Knox who brought Lapiere up through the ranks only to be betrayed. Most NRA members do not realize that the 1968 gun control act, which was patterned after and taken from the Nazi gun control , was supported by the NRA leadership of that time including Charlton Heston. I have been a long time member of the NRA but I am considering supporting an organization that is truly fighting for our second amendment rights and our liberty. That is why I started supporting your organization two years ago.</p> <p>I think this letter is a smoke screen aimed at convincing the present members that they are truly the number one org fighting for our gun rights when they are the great compromisers.</p> <p>I am considering no longer supporting them.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 10:51 PM |
| 112 | <p>I think they made their position clear and submitted it respectfully. They may not have gone far enough with demanding he support the 2nd ammendment and not undermine it and our rights given by God and not the US Government. The fact that our rights to protect ourselves come from a much higher authority than the Federal Government and/or the "United Nations" is not discussed nearly enough.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:02 PM |

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| 113 | <p>To answer the question, NO!</p> <p>While it's a pretty good letter, and, frankly, more than I expected, it does little to deal with the root problems.</p> <p>The war on drugs is a farce. It doesn't work, and only promotes a profit motive in black market drugs and violence.</p> <p>NRA, along with the rest of the organizations, should be promoting the right to bear arms, not a limited, regulated privilege! If Vermont can have one of the lowest gun crime rates in the US, doesn't that say something for Freedom?</p> <p>It's time to repeal the drug laws, and the gun laws, and, seriously, punish those who hurt others.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:03 PM |
| 114 | <p>I don't trust the NRA. They are out for their own political gain. They have not been honest in the past and are arrogant when questioned.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:18 PM |
| 115 | <p>I thought that the NRA's letter to Obama was remarkably polite, to the point and certainly far more understated than what I would have written.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:20 PM |
| 116 | <p>Addressing the NRA letter to Obama, specifically, I think it was very well stated and to the point. However, addressing the NRA's performance in general, they are far too compromising. Unfortunately, they have the greatest numbers, and, therefore, the strongest political influence. But they don't use their political clout to take a strong, uncompromising stand. I don't like to say it, but I believe that the NRA is more interested in self-preservation than it is in the principles it purports to defend. If the threat to our right to keep and bear arms is ever completely subdued, the NRA will lose most of its fund raising ability, its membership, and its relevance. Like most things social and political, it is more about the money than anything else. Lots of people make a very good living either assailing or defending gun rights. Each side supports the other in a symbiotic cash generating relationship. Neither side actually desires total victory, for in their victory would also be the seeds of their demise. Both sides depend upon the strength of their adversary for their own strength. After all, who would donate money to defend something which is no longer a threat?</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:21 PM |
| 117 | <p>I think that we must become more vocal on the issue of the Government enforcing existing firearms laws and the prosecution of criminals in Federal Courts. We are doing a good job on pointing out the false statements made by various gun-control organizations, but should keep vigilant on the issue of the BATFE making "gun control laws" via policy rather than existing laws which protects the law abiding gun owner. Thank You.</p> <p>J. William Bell
NRA Patron Life Member</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:23 PM |
| 118 | <p>The NRA may have written a helpful letter to Obama but they have been doing an abysmal job year after year after year.</p> <p>They do not support pro 2nd amendment candidates.. they prefer people who are anti 2nd amendment but can "win" where's the win for the public?</p> <p>They continue to emphasize that present laws are ok which they are not and they talk about 2nd amendment as though it was for a sport not for defending oneself from both criminals, AND government (including government criminals who often are police).</p> <p>Lynn</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:23 PM |

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| 119 | I am a life member of the NRA.
Since the "Cincinnati reforms" I have been generally pleased with their defense of the 2nd.
But, like all bureaucracies, the leadership has a tendency to "seek peace" with powerful political adversaries, to the detriment of our eternal rights.
We must be continually vigilante to give them "backbone". | Mar 17, 2011 11:28 PM |
| 120 | I wonder at the sudden change? NRA has been doing nothing but sit on their duffs and take in money for several years now. Are they losing members? Anti-gun Obama won't read the letter anyway and if he does he'll just laugh at it! | Mar 17, 2011 11:29 PM |
| | Gene | |
| 121 | I believe so. The letter to the President was stern enough and spoke my feelings. We need actions. We need pro-gun and pro-liberty legislation passage from the administration due to this letter and other NRA efforts. We need results, not just talk. | Mar 17, 2011 11:34 PM |
| 122 | I think that after that Chicago fiasco that ole Wayne tried to take credit for, he still hasn't washed all of the egg off of his face. How is it that everyone except ole Wayne is voted in on a temporary basis ?
I'll wait and see where this goes.
Semper Fi,
Traveler. | Mar 17, 2011 11:43 PM |
| 123 | I have never been a member of the NRA and I probably never will be. Maybe I should have joined them when Charlton Heston was the president of the NRA but that is water under the bridge now anyway. I do not think that they are doing enough for me to send them dues for membership and I think that what they have done with this letter to President Obama is far too little and too late. I and everyone else will be watching to see just what they do in the future. It is my opinion that they have been in bed with the BATFE for way too long and I do not foresee a divorce anytime soon. I am presently saving my pennies, nickles and dimes for a membership to the JPFO. | Mar 17, 2011 11:46 PM |
| 124 | I think the NRA should do much more, such as the pushing to repeal all unconstitutional gun laws, holding LEO's accountable for the violation of citizens rights, and actively campaigning for the abolition of the BATFE. And stop trying to sell me wine and anything else that doesn't fight to restore my rights. They should set an example for congress, and reduce their spending by cutting the massive corporation that they have become down to deal with protecting the second ammendment for all gun owners, even ones the ugly black guns with big magazines, or ones which go rat-a-tat-tat. Not just no farther, but restore it to where it started. SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED ! | Mar 17, 2011 11:47 PM |
| 125 | If people in New York City are not able to protect themselves with there basic rights, this city will never be a safe place, we need to hear more of the NRA in the city! | Mar 17, 2011 11:50 PM |

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| 126 | <p>It is good to see the NRA addressing some issues with President Obama. However, I don't think the NRA is doing all it can and I don't think Obama cares. The media and our " Gun Controlling "elected officials seem to have a partnership. They have the ear of the public. Things the general public needs to know in order to make an informed decision is not forth coming. The Liberal Media hides the facts about self defense and the true nature of crime in the U.S.A. The current administration is not a friend of the Constitution, Self Defense or Democracy. We are at war.</p> <p>The NRA sending a letter to Obama about Gun Control, Crime and self defense is like a Chicken coop sending a letter to the "Alpha Wolf ", asking him to not eat us. The NRA needs to send a letter to the American People and let us know the danger we are in.</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:52 PM |
| 127 | <p>I'm an NRA Life Member. I regret being such. The NRA has done nothing regarding what has become known as Project Gunwalker. Agent Terry was murdered using ARs and AKs purchased under the BATFE's Fast and Furious program. Terry was murdered more than 3 months ago and the NRA is just now making reference to it.</p> <p>I could go on and on about the NRA being part of the problem not the solution. The supported Harry Reid's reelection in Nevada, simply by ignoring Sharon Angle.</p> <p>To hell with the NRA. They are a disgrace to us who believe in Freedom and Liberty.</p> <p>Dan Galena
Erie County, Pennsylvania</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:53 PM |
| 128 | <p>As a fairly long standing member of the NRA I have been disappointed in a few things they have done. This particular letter is on target and makes me glad that I have stuck with the NRA for as long as I have.</p> <p>I also think that the JPFO has a little bit of responsibility for helping keep everyone's feet to the fire. I better start paying something to JPFO too.</p> <p>R. Lund
Boise, ID</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:55 PM |
| 129 | <p>NO, The NRA is NOT doing anywhere nearly enough!! I've been a Life member since 1968, and a Benefactor member for about 3 years now ~ I much prefer Gun Owners of America or JPFO for my information about 'gun control' and to protect my 2nd Amendment RIGHTS!!</p> <p>The NRA is too 'politically correct' and has always been too quick to equivocate with the Dumbocraps and Republistupids over 'reasonable' efforts to effect gun control ~</p> <p>Carroll Kemp
LTC, USA (Ret)</p> | Mar 17, 2011 11:56 PM |

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| 130 | <p>The NRA are a bunch of compromised, ego driven, sell-outs only seemingly interested in our 2st amendment rights.</p> <p>I used to be a member of the NRA several years ago, and have ALWAYS wondered why their actions never seemed to get the average American citizen in control of protecting their God given rights to abuse by their OWN government.</p> <p>They are not in favor of America's Founding Father's explicit demands, via the 'Bill Of Rights' & the 'Constitution', to keep our 'Out-Of-Control' government from abusing our God given rights to protect ourselves, our home, and our families.</p> <p>Run the no ethical bastards out of town in the next Masonic 'T' Party elections. Then maybe the gaums helping bring our nation to its last -stand knees will finally wake-up and gain control of their senses.</p> <p>Michael Vaughan - Lexington, KY</p> | Mar 18, 2011 12:02 AM |
| 131 | <p>The NRA is not a protector of the 2nd Amendment secured rights of the people. Compromising and deal making with the government does nothing to protect the liberty of the people but, instead, stifles rights.</p> <p>In addition to not helping stop the feds, it also ignores the treasonous actions by local and state governments that in fact do not have any authority whatsoever to regulate in any fashion the inherent, inalienable right to keep and bear arms. Never in the Constitution for these united States of America does it state, "as long as the government approves".</p> <p>The duty of the NRA should be to work on repealing every regulation placed on the people illegally by the feds, state governments and local government the state creates.</p> <p>None have supremacy over the people or their rights.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 12:03 AM |
| 132 | <p>Excellent letter, to the point, right on target!</p> <p>The NRA is doing all that can be done in light of the socialists influence and policies that Obama has brought into our government.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 12:06 AM |
| 133 | <p>My wife and I are both NRA Life Members. I think the NRA is a great organization, but it needs to compromise a lot less and be a lot harder with those against the 2A. It needs to be focused on being lean, efficient, and remove any internal politics and time/money-wasting. It needs to recruit better spokespersons and board members...those that the public (in general) would respect.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 12:07 AM |
| 134 | <p>The NRA wil compromise our rights; the the GOA stands fast. In fact, the NRA helped write most of the gun control laws.</p> <p>Steve Porak</p> | Mar 18, 2011 12:12 AM |
| 135 | <p>I often wonderful if the NRA is engaged in a "tango of mutual self intetest" with President Obama and otherwise politicians. After all, once one side wins the game, their existence is not longer needed. The continuing duel between polar opposites gaurantees their existence and place at the public trough. Or have I become too cynical? Perhaps that's what's happens to those of us loyal NRA members who live in states like New York and feel that their long-time suffering has been ignored.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 12:30 AM |

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| 136 | <p>I am an endowment member of the NRA. I was absolutely disgusted with the NRA support of Harry Reid for the U.S. Senate from Nevada. Reid speaks like a "pro-gun" person but is completely in bed with the anti-gun Pelosis, Bloomberg, Kagens and Sotomayors of the world. I threatened to drop membership in the NRA and sent a letter to which the NRA never responded. I figured it's all free now so they just do not get anymore contributions. Zero, zilch, nada. Likewise, the letter is more weak "requests" for favor from an anti-Constitutional President. The attitude must be to take back our gun rights as since 1968 they have been slipping away via a death by a thousand cuts. You could actually argue that they started with the ban on automatic weapons in the 1930's so for half of the NRA's life we have steadily lost ground. I think it was Patton that said "no one ever won a war being on the defensive" and obviously we are losing this war on our 2nd Amendment rights. If Obama gets one more appointment to the USSC we are in real trouble.</p> <p>Matt Ditzhazy</p> <p>calditz1@roadrunner.com</p> | Mar 18, 2011 12:40 AM |
| 137 | <p>What else can they do?
I'd go to Washington DC for a pro-Gun Rally.
Talk about a multi-million man march, we could shut that city down for a few days and get some attention.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 12:43 AM |

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138 I believe the NRA is misguided at the expense of gun rights in the U.S. and worldwide. The NRA could be doing 100 times more with the same resources, if the NRA simply possessed better strategy. I believe the NRA and other gun organizations miss the key issues and opportunities they should be pounding on to educate a world that does not understand the importance of firearms.

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For weeks, the Libyan people have been fighting for democracy, and have been slaughtered in the streets for their efforts. The NRA has failed to grab any media attention to help others understand the connection between the Libyan people's disarmament, and their inability to overthrow a dictator thus far. Gun control groups of course remain silent, and probably laugh at how the NRA allows such opportunities to go by. The anti-gun media hides the connection between firearms and democracy as history unfolds by these factors before our eyes, and tunes coverage away while the Libyan people shout "We want guns! We want guns!"

However, even greater opportunities are missed. U.N. Security Council Resolution #1970 of February 26th 2011 works directly against the Libyan people, by creating an arms embargo and banning all arms to Libya under the guise of cutting off pro-Ghadafi mercenaries. Unfortunately, this cuts off the very small arms the Libyan people lack, and should be receiving to be able to fight for their democracy. This global policy error stems from a combination of nations wanting to control the outcome of this conflict, combined with a shared anti-gun mentality and agenda. What the Libyan people need is the arming and empowering of their entire population, as the Second Amendment intends here, which is precisely how our American democracy was formed. Instead, the majority of Libya people will end up hating the meddling foreigners for hand-picking which groups to work with and support, while cutting off the arms the people desperately need. The U.N. Security Council Resolution of March 17, 2011 suggests that if arming the population protects civilians, that perhaps it is permitted, but with such vagueness, that one would think that hiding the role of firearms in protecting democracy is Security Council's true primary agenda.

The NRA should have spokespersons on every major news network, and run ads on TV, and have their members email the media to educate others. At times of such great opportunity, millions of people could be taught the value of the Second Amendment, and converted into firearms rights supporters with these simple points explained, like a light switch in their minds... had the NRA simply thought to turn the switch on. Instead the NRA focuses on many of the wrong issues, led astray by the very anti-gun agenda they oppose. I love firearms rights with all my heart, but I will not contribute financially to the NRA while they sleep through golden opportunities to educate the world to the connection between gun rights and democracy. Maybe I am not alone.

139 Obama always tells the public what it wants to hear before implementing his low-down schemes to fulfill his agendas. This time he tries to make himself a supporter of gun rights. Now he can point to this buncha Bull and say, "See what I said ! I'm good ! I'm for gunowners ! I'm better than those dirty old Republicans ! " And all the while giving his Czars more regulatory power to do just the opposite. Hes is a serial liar.

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141 I am an NRA member, but do not always agree with them, as I feel they are a bit too willing to compromise with those who would limit a Constitutional Right which a free Nation CANNOT afford to compromise. I am EXTREMELY HAPPY that the NRA said "NO" to Obama. I feel the NRA made a very convincing argument, but I am dissapointed (but not at all surprised unfortunately) that the media did not publicize, point by point, the well written reply by the NRA. Mar 18, 2011 12:55 AM

142 This is a great letter. I just wish the actions of Wayne LaPierre and Chris Cox were as strong as this letter would indicate. There has been no action I've been able to detect that would restore the right to keep and bear arms of our choosing regardless of where they are made. The 1986 import ban and ban on purchase of newly manufactured automatic weapons, for example, actually seems to be something the NRA supports. Excuse me? Why can all our enemies get these weapons and we're saddled with much more expensive but less capable versions when it comes time to defend our homeland? I am really quite tired of all the lip service done in the name of defending the Second Amendment when even the senior leadership have trouble understanding the words, "shall not be infringed." Yes, Board of Directors member Ted Nugent seems to get it, and coined the term Second Amendment Absolutist to describe his position. Should that not be a prerequisite for being a board member or to hold any staff position within the NRA? Mar 18, 2011 1:02 AM

Great letter, guys, but let us do more than write letters that the addressee will ignore and couldn't care less about. Instead, it's time for some serious reform. It's time to start holding the elected members accountable. We have a veto-proof majority of pro-gun legislators in both chambers. I know they have a lot on their plate right now just unscrambling the budget mess, but this may well be the perfect time to start repealing stupid laws - while the media and other anti-freedom sycophants are distracted elsewhere. Get some powerful Second Amendment Absolutist legislation drafted and introduced that will roll back the gun laws in this country to about 1911. The 100th anniversary of John Browning's venerable handgun would be a great time to restore the manufacture and sale to private citizens of another of his great designs, the Browning Machine Gun.

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 Constitutional Originalist
 Second Amendment Absolutist
 Three Percenter
 Oath Keeper
 ...and rather fed up with politicians, including those in the NRA Headquarters.

143 In view of the signing of United Nations provisions that support A global gun ban I feel that is not getting enough attention by the N R A or the media and will be an important issue in the near future. Mar 18, 2011 1:19 AM

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| 144 | Just finished reading the NRA letter to President Obama and agree with the concerns expressed in it. The thing I noticed is that this letter is stronger than their previous communications with previous administrations, including the Clinton administration that had AG Janet Reno on board. Of particular interest are several specific questions that the Administration should be encouraged to answer. BATFE's "Operation Fast and Furious" is a new name for an act known as either Gun Runner or Gun Walker is one example. | Mar 18, 2011 1:25 AM |
| 145 | I'm a lifetime member of NRA, & also of JPFO, GOA.
I liked the way this letter was written. I just want the organizations I belong to, to fight for my rights, our rights. Everyone goes about things in their own way. Life is about taking the path you feel is a better fit for you. And there are also different paths that will effect different people for change. We're all a little bit different, with different stimuli effecting us.
Just fight the people who are trying to step on us & our rights, whatever way you go about it. | Mar 18, 2011 1:48 AM |
| 146 | abolish 86 machine gun ban and let weapons kits impotation back into the country thier are the top 2 that are needed stop countless destruction of beautiful historic weapons that kept this country free | Mar 18, 2011 1:48 AM |
| 147 | I discontinued my membership in the NRA because of their compromise on the so called "Cop Killer Bullet Ban" and other issues since, such as almost endorsing Whorehouse Harry Reid, endorsing Sinister John McScumbag and other worthless Democraps and Republicans. I will never renew my membership and know of several other people who wil not join or Life Members who are disenchantred with the Hierarchy of the NRA. I am impressed with the Letter to the Obamunist and am surprised that they sent such a letter. They did leave out one important issue. Not prosecuting The New Black Panthers for intimidating voters. | Mar 18, 2011 1:51 AM |
| 148 | Implicit in the NRA letter is the understanding that the NRA gives credibiity and validity to the man who has usurped the presidency. The letter is a fawning appeal "for mercy" from the perpetrator of the rape of America. I quit the NRA many years ago because of its reluctance to stand firmly on principle and its willingness to "compromise", It's like: "OK, you can rape my daughter -- just don't get her pregnant." NRA started flushing itself down the tubes following the death of Charlton Heston -- who would never have abided such pantywaist behaviour. | Mar 18, 2011 1:53 AM |
| 149 | First, think the letter that Wayne L. sent to Obama was right on and I approve of it. 2nd, I have been an NRA member for many years. I suspect that the NRA has been and is the most effective grout fighting for our 2nd Amendment rights. Are they doing enough? I don't think that 1 group can do enough. I think you and the other 2nd Amendment have helped a lot. Obviously, if any group and person was doing "enough", our 2nd Amendment rights would not be challenged by anyone. One thing about the Liberal, anti-gun, they have a lot of money, they have the Liberal media behind them, and they will never give up! They will continue to try to take our 2nd Amendment rights away from us as long as there there are Liberals. We must never give up! With Obama as President we are in grave danger. We must work as hard as we can to get him unelected in 2012! | Mar 18, 2011 1:54 AM |

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150 No, the NRA is NOT doing enough. It continually advocates enforcing existing "gun Laws" instead of demanding revocation of all gun laws. Mar 18, 2011 2:12 AM

The recent letter to Obama really put the fear of God into him didn't it.

We will not maintain our freedom under NRA stewardship of existing gun laws.

If law enforcement has automatic weapons we need automatic weapons. The criminals sure have them and we as the ultimate defenders of our country and our freedom should have NO restrictions on the kinds of weapons we should keep in our inventory.

John Kacarab
US Army, Retired

151 It is only the perseverance of JPFO that has caused NRA to finally send this letter 2 years too late. Mar 18, 2011 3:09 AM

If NRA really wishes to resurrect itself, this letter would be read on National television.

Bill Hoffman
Grand Prairie, Tex
NRA member/JPFO contributor

152 I support the contents of the letter in that I believe 100% that the Obama administration is actively seeking to control the populace through removing the second amendment completely. They do not care about facts, only fallacies. Mar 18, 2011 3:35 AM

153 Dear NRA, Mar 18, 2011 3:48 AM

Please do your job and repeal the 1934 National Firearms Act and the 1968 Gun Control Act and get the BATFE defunded and gone.

JJ Swiontek
Current NRA member

154 The NRA is mealy-mouthed saying that they "agree" with Nobama on several points. NO!!! The reason for U.S. citizens to Keep and Bear Arms is NOT to Mar 18, 2011 4:09 AM

protect themselves from criminals BUT FROM an EVIL GOVERNMENT. . . OURS! The NRA also is inclined to "Compromise" with anti-gun law promulgators. NO!! You DON'T compromise our U.S. Constitution. The NRA has been hijacked by self-indulgent, greedy-grabbing mollocoddlers. We need to modify Patrick Henry's statement: "Give me Liberty, or give me Death!" to the following: "You give me my liberty or I will give you your Death!"

155 At this point, I feel this was a perfect response. Mar 18, 2011 5:13 AM

156 I am a lifetime member of the NRA. I am seeing them change course and Mar 18, 2011 5:49 AM

objectives. They have been taken over by the "special interest groups" and are not longer serving the core of the membership. I've read where they even supported Reid in NV and who knows who/where else. I do not support any of their programs any longer. I've written them and told them that if I were not a lifetime member I would not renew my membership.

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| 157 | <p>I've been involved with the NRA for about 40 years, and a life member, but I have to admit, I've been disappointed in their approach on many occasions. The NRA is the big dog in the fight for freedom, but it seems to me that they wait till some of the smaller dogs get a bite on a challenge before jumping in. I don't believe in playing politics when it comes to my G-D given rights. There just isn't room for compromise when it comes to civil rights.</p> <p>I read many of the gun rights blogs out there in cyber-land, and most are not favorable towards the NRA. With 80 mill. Gun owners out there, you would think we'd have more than 4 mill. Members.</p> <p>I think The NRA should be there at these so called talks. Remember from the" Godfather' "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer". But JPFO would represent my beliefs more.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 5:49 AM |
| 158 | <p>I think the letter was well reasoned and factual. I do not however, believe Obama gives a damn.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 6:24 AM |
| 159 | <p>I am a former member of the NRA and quit supporting that organization due to their repeated compromising and negotiating away of our second amendment rights. We lost more rights during the 130 years of the NRA's existence than at any other time in the history of our country. The NRA's letter to Obama is just more NRA talk. They've been doing a lot of talking in the last 130 years, usually tough sounding talk, especially in their letters asking for more money. The NRA has never met a corrupt ATF manager they didn't love, support and kiss up to. The ATF is an unconstitutional Nazi Gestapo government agency that infringes on our second amendment rights every day, that's their job. The NRA's actions speak louder than their words. Every NRA member should withdraw their support and join GOA and JPFO, as I have. As long as people keep sending them money, they will keep compromising away our rights until there is no second amendment anymore.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 6:37 AM |
| 160 | <p>The NRA response, is typically weak.</p> <p>Had the NRA written the Senate, promising to withhold all campaign funds until they investigated "Gun Walker", we'd be treated to those hearings right now. The NRA, will instead use "Gun Walker" as a fund raising vehicle, but will do little else.</p> <p>The fix is in.</p> <p>Colonel.....</p> | Mar 18, 2011 6:41 AM |
| 161 | <p>I learned very quickly that the NRA are not totally pro gun. They are no different than our elected officials. They talk the talk BUT they do not walk the walk. The letter was just all politics. Nothing more than look at us we are your friend, now give us money.</p> <p>Richard, Morganton, NC</p> | Mar 18, 2011 6:48 AM |
| 162 | <p>The NRA needs to start following the "no compromise" position of the JPFO and the Gun Owners of America. You have the right to self defense, period.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 6:54 AM |
| 163 | <p>The letter is the most strongly worded piece I have seen from the NRA in a long time. The organization (and Wayne LaPierre in particular) appear to have recently grown a pair.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 7:09 AM |

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164 I think the NRA letter to President Obama was a good start. However they failed to make any new points and merely rehashed already stated facts and opinion. If the President (or whoever read the letter) hasn't already thrown it in the round file I would be very surprised.

Mar 18, 2011 7:12 AM

John Spearin

165 It's a good, direct letter, but will fall on deaf ears. The President has also been quoted as saying "...just because you have an individual right does not mean that the state or local government can't constrain the exercise of that right...", and "I believe in second amendment rights and the rights of hunters and sportsmen to bear arms and use them in a responsible way. But I am concerned about allowing loaded firearms into family oriented spaces.", and "I don't believe people should be able to own guns."
Our President is obviously ignorant of what the second amendment means. Trying to reason with him under the illusion he understands is an exercise in futility.
Ned Crabb, Oxford, Maryland

Mar 18, 2011 7:27 AM

166 Get a grip! "Illegal guns"? "straw purchases"?, "Don't Lie for the Other Guy!"? Really?
Since the definition of "infringed" remains the same today as it was in the 18th century when the Bill of Rights was ratified, Mr. LaPierre/Mr. Cox must remain ever fearful that their dues paying members might encounter a dictionary (or a history book)?

Mar 18, 2011 7:43 AM

167 I am one of the ex-NRA members. I got sick of their compromising and bending over. Maybe they are finally getting some guts and listening to the patriotic Americans and standing up for what is right.

Mar 18, 2011 7:48 AM

168 In general, the letter pleased me. LaPierre & Cox wrote boldly and represented us well.

Mar 18, 2011 7:49 AM

However they erred in writing that government should enforce current laws. In fact, civil rights advocates, including the NRA, generally oppose most of those laws as unconstitutional and as serving increased government intrusion & infringement of our God-given civil rights.

Many of our number have made this mistake over recent years. I wish our spokesmen would refrain from advocating the enforcement of these odious and intrusive laws.

Chuck Collins

169 The N.R.A.'s support of Harry Reid for Senator this past election was a disgrace and a slap in the face to many people in this country ! I will cut back on my donations to their P.A.C.'s this year and until that Democratic Senator from Nevada is gone and hopefully never sees the inside of the Senate building again ! Other than that horrifically wrong endorsement of one of the worst Senators in the history of America, the N.R.A. is for the part a good organization. i have been a member for several years and do not plan to resined my membership any time soon. That being said I will keep a close eye on them for the next 6 years.

Mar 18, 2011 7:52 AM

Vince

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| 170 | <p>The NRA throws the 1st Amendment under the bus in that letter. By asking the media not to cover mass shooting. Freedom is freedom. NRA has always gone along with major gun control legislation in the past. They threw the returning vets with PTSD and never convicted of a crime, under the bus the last time. I predict this time they will act like they are against covering background checks for private purchases. But they will act behind the scenes to get it passed with no repercussions in their congressional rating system. That is my prediction. Gun control has never been shown to reduce crime but has just the opposite effect on the law abiding citizen. NRA does not understand what " Shall Not Be Infringed" means. They have become a smoke and mirrors money gabbing organization. Yep, I am a member but working to change the board of directors.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 8:06 AM |
| 171 | <p>NO. The NRA needs to turn up the heat several orders of magnitude until all of Washington DC fries. NRA compromises way too much with politicians and 2nd admendment opponents. I am a Life Benefactor member.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 8:31 AM |
| 172 | <p>The NRA letter failed to address, with widely available statistics, the very frequent use of guns in self defense (over 2,000 uses per day).</p> <p>It failed to point out, with widely available statistics, that gun-control has never controlled crime.</p> <p>It failed to debunk, with widely available statistics, the lies created by gun-control activists and broadcast by a complicit and ignorant news media.</p> <p>It failed to address, with widely available statistics, the fact that the shooting sports are at the top of America's favorite leisure activities.</p> <p>The best defense is a good offense. Neither the NRA nor Republicans are good at offense. Instead of leading the offense, the NRA tends to arrogate credit for the successes of others (Heller, McDonald) even when they initially opposed those efforts.</p> <p>The NRA does, however, excel at sending out fund-raising junk mail. The core of the problem is that the NRA profits greatly from the threat of gun control. Once gun control is no longer a threat, the NRA will be unable to raise funds by instilling fear in gun owners.</p> <p>Blaine Nay, www.30-06.org</p> | Mar 18, 2011 9:14 AM |
| 173 | <p>No, I think the NRA is more concerned with being the "No. 1" in appearance fighting for Second Amendment rights, but looks are not enough. They need to take a more hard line stance. JPFO & GOA may be smaller organizations, but they have the right attitude. No compromise, No surrender!</p> <p>Rev. Larry Board</p> | Mar 18, 2011 9:19 AM |
| 174 | <p>I believe that the NRA isn't doing enough to stand up for our 2nd Admenment rights. The NRA should take the hard liner stance that the JPFO has and does take to protect our rights.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 9:29 AM |

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175 I have not been an NRA member, nor will I be, until they start doing the work they should be doing. There comes a time in every organization where the decision has to be made as to whether the organization will continue to exist to further its founding principles, or simply to further itself.

Mar 18, 2011 9:46 AM

The NRA has failed this test.

If the NRA would do half of what JPFO and GOA do; we would not be in anything near to the situation we find ourselves in today. When the NRA starts to advocate and move on Constitutional Carry, the repeal of the Brady Act, the repeal of the Hughes Amendment to GCA '86, all of GCA '68, all of NFA '34, and the abolition (or at least removal of jurisdiction of firearms) of ATF: then we can talk.

--- Kevin Patrick (Morgantown, WV)

176 The NRA has accomplished much and I think they are working smart; the proof being that a lot of states and local communities are passing or trying to pass laws that are pro-gun. However, that said; I would like them to put more of an emphasis on the real reason for the "Second Amendment," which is to prevent tyranny of government. "Oppressive power exerted by government. <the tyranny of a police state>. I'd also like them to take advantage of screw-ups by BATF such as allowing thousands of weapons to flow out of the U.S. into Mexico. They need to keep it in front of the people so as to get Congress to defund the BATF.
Respectfully,
Leo Sullivan

Mar 18, 2011 9:48 AM

177 My worry is that the White House will just bypass the NRA and have this so-called meeting without them and then we will have less or no representation.

Mar 18, 2011 9:56 AM

178 We have not joined the NRA because we felt they were not conservative enough in their fight against gun control. I was impressed with the letter to Obama and thought it was about time the NRA stood up to the regime. However, it will take more than one letter to convince us, as gun rights supporters, that the NRA has our best interests at heart.

Mar 18, 2011 9:59 AM

Anonymous

179 KUDOS

Mar 18, 2011 10:00 AM

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| 180 | <p>The letter sounds good, but I don't think that there are any teeth in it. From what has been seen in the past, our president acts as he wishes and has no clue as to what, "We the people...", means. He speaks out of both sides of his mouth... But, I digress . The letter brings up a lot of good points that Mr. Obama, and the media should deal with. Quit sensationalizing murderers, rapists, terrorists. Capture them, try them, execute them when found guilty. Don't incarcerate them for years pending a trial. The media just needs to quit reporting and giving these cretins what they want. In terrorists cases martyrdom.</p> <p>BATFE, should not be disbanded/abolished. It should help Customs with checking importation of quality firearms into the US, and help make sure that domestic terrorists don't ship anything abroad, e.g., Mexico. Finally, help the Border Patrol stop the drug cartels form doing business in the US.</p> <p>We, the citizens of the United States of America, need to wake up and make our government take heed.</p> <p>To quote President Theodore Roosevelt, "To announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or that they are to stand by the president right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public."</p> <p>Finally quoting Senator Richard Henry Lee, 1788, on 'militia" in the 2nd Amendment. "Militias, when properly formed, are in fact the people themselves and include all men capable of bearing arms. [...] To preserve liberty it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."</p> | Mar 18, 2011 10:21 AM |
| 181 | <p>I am no longer a member of the NRA, having terminated my membership about 2 years ago. I became disenchanted with how I feel the NRA does not fully support Constitutional gun rights. "Reasonable" gun restrictions seem, well, "reasonable" to the NRA. Any gun organization that advocates less than total freedom from regulation does not deserve my money.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 10:28 AM |
| 182 | <p>The letter addresses many important points. I don't believe the POTUS will actually read the letter. He will at best have a synopsis read to him at some point. In the synopsis will be included, only points that he wants to hear. He is not the countries true representative. He is pushing an agenda given to him. Hope and pray, he is not re-elected.</p> <p>William Corley
St. Louis, MO</p> | Mar 18, 2011 10:38 AM |
| 183 | <p>I am an NRA member. The NRA needs to spend more time keeping people informed about all the dirty tricks planned and executed by the 'anti gunners' vs just sending pump up letters to it's membership every week asking for money. They need to use a more aggressive and informative style like yours. Get the truth out there. The truth cannot be disputed for long because it can be proven. We need more "Shock Effect" information in order to wake most lazy americans up or they will one day soon wake up to a new flag and a no freedom constitution.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 10:49 AM |

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Response Text

184 The NRA has for far too long been compromising and tepid in its response to attacks on the Second Amendment and advocacy against enemies of 2A like BATFE ,a large number of politicians and groups like VPC,Brady Campaign,Bloomberg's group, etc. We need stronger entities like JPFO and GOA. Also,I oppose more prosecutions being done at the federal level,especially under the current regime of Obama/Holder if ever. I am for state and local prosecution of crimes unless specifically indicated by our Constitution. Please keep up the great work and I will join your org as soon as finances permit. Bless you!!!

Mar 18, 2011 10:53 AM

185 I and our son are Life-members of the NRA. In my opinion it's time for another "Cincinnati Massacre."

Mar 18, 2011 10:59 AM

186 The NRA have long ago sold out to the machine...

Mar 18, 2011 11:03 AM

The reason for the 2nd Amendment is to thwart the police state ambitions of statist politicians, not street crime.

An ally you cannot trust is the worst form of enemy...

187 NRA member for over forty years.....I have repeatedly let it be known that I DO NOT want my money for membership dues or donations spent on credit card promotions or health care insurances. Protect our 2nd amendment with no compromise!. Because of these issues\concerns I now am a member of the G.O.A., the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners Association and donate to the J.F.P.O. for their no compromise stance!
The "Letter to Obama" was well written and appreciated by all. Here is hoping to see more positive actions for our monies from the NRA.

Mar 18, 2011 11:27 AM

188 I think this is a "good first step". NRA has thrown down a gauntlet and in this instance deserves our full support.

Mar 18, 2011 11:29 AM

189 This letter is a good first start, however, the NRA for far too long has been complicit with the anti-gun, progressive, socialist democratic party. The NRA provided back door support to Harry Reid, and thanks to that support, we have an avowed socialist in charge of the U.S. Senate. Due to the duplicity demonstrated, and the recent movement of democratic socialist membership into positions of leadership in the NRA, I canceled my membership in that organization. The NRA has for years talked out of both sides of its mouth and has failed to provide real leadership in the pro gun movement. The NRA seems to care more about money and membership drives than real pro-gun leadership. This letter is a good first step to being a real member of the pro-gun movement, but it must be backed up with real pro-gun activism.

Mar 18, 2011 11:35 AM

190 Rights (2nd amend) can not be regulated.

Mar 18, 2011 11:43 AM

191 The NRA is a political party. In its self, it is good for the 2nd amendment, but I think it's more concerned about keeping its self in power than looking out for the average gun owner. I would like to learn more about JPFO and what lobbying power JPFO has at the Federal level.

Mar 18, 2011 11:48 AM

192 I agree with the letter 100%. I'm a NRA life member.

Mar 18, 2011 12:12 PM

193 The letter is very good, covers the ground well and is straight to the point. Of course, the NRA officers can only speak for NRA members, but what they wrote should be seconded by every person who believes in the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Mar 18, 2011 12:18 PM

The facts underlying the statements are, of course, denied by at least one Obama supporter to whom I had forwarded the letter.

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| 194 | The NRA is commonly thought to be too soft and willing to compromise. We need to stand up when the cause is openly attacked (like now) and take an offensive position vs. playing defense. | Mar 18, 2011 12:20 PM |
| 195 | Former NRA member. Those "extremists" don't WANT to win, have never wanted to win, and now that gun rights may become extinct within this decade, are appealing to the "better nature" and "common sense" of well-known (and popularly-supported) dedicated enemies of freedom. They have none. NRA could learn a lot from JPFO (who they consider extremist) about the darkness the human heart is capable of harboring and the lengths to which some will go to impose their will on others. Obama and his co-conspirators Bloomberg et al. doesn't care about violent crime, but about the ability to resist in a meaningful way. | Mar 18, 2011 12:42 PM |
| 196 | Their letter makes good salient points. MOST of which can be seen as self-serving for the NRA. REMEMBER, the NRA focus is on sport shooting: hunting, bullseye, politics, and self-preservation. If they were serious, they would demand the prosecution of all BATFE involved in the recent guns-across-the-border scandal; demand a different nominee for head of BATFE; or finally join the hundreds of thousands of us members of the gun culture in demanding that the BATFE be shut down, and the gun control acts of 1934 and 1968 be rescinded, thereby restoring our Constitutional Rights, instead of negotiating their surrender, one by one. I am a Life member of the NRA at the Endowment level, and sometimes that fact just plain embarresses me. The BATFE had got to go, the government has to get out of our lives, or I fear we will see Civil War before another generation passes. R. Butler, Great Falls, MT. | Mar 18, 2011 1:01 PM |
| 197 | I would have made these comments but participated anyway. If you don't participate they'll say we invited them, and they declined. they just won't work with us. if/when the proposals start going off the deep end the nra could walk out. participating will give the nra soapbox on which to stand to get its message out, which is largely ignored by the media. this message the nra conveyed will alienate people who are on the fence. | Mar 18, 2011 1:04 PM |
| 198 | I'm Jeramiah stiverson I've been a gun owner as long as I can remember. It started with my dad training me and showing me gun safty and using a BB gun then when he felt that I was old enough he started me out on a 22 rifle.and from there larger caliber weapons.I own a few fire arms.pistol and a few rifles and a "assult rifle" Remember: assult is a action not a object!! I use to be a NRA member but got tired of all the junk mail ect! I'm tired of the NRA backing down here and there to the BATFE ! Remember your rights and your guns have not 2 but 3 enemies librials,rust and the BTAFE ! al thats missing is the red arm bands! People need to be aware if the socialist/communist groups trying to take over america! I 'm a member of JPFO : jews for the preservation of firearm ownership.I'm a christian and a big supporter of the jewish community.I support people from different back grounds as long as they are law abiding citizens! I think the NRA & JPFO need to go after people like michael moore and bill marr ? bill said on his show one night that the biggest threat to the united states is the"2 amendment"! | Mar 18, 2011 1:09 PM |

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| 199 | I belong to the N.R.A. and I think they are doing all they can. Their funds are not without limit and must be spent judiciously. We are being assaulted by the states as well as the feds. It never stops. Why oh why must we keep giving money to pro gun groups to fight for a right already guaranted in the 2nd amendment. We all know the answer to that one. Too bad we can't have a Soros or Bloomberg on our side. When you ask is the N.R.A. doing enough just remember there is a lot to do. Before you ask these stupid questions we have to be darn sure that all our progun organizations are working and supporting one another. Divided we will fail. I am not optomistic and I am keeping my powder dry. Most sincerely Robert> Durig Jr. | Mar 18, 2011 1:10 PM |
| 200 | IF (BIG IF) the NRA had the GUTS and GRIT of JPFO, and the JPFO had the MONEY of the NRA; we practitioners of SECOND AMENDMENT CIVIL RIGHTS would have no problems or infringements on our G*D given, Constitutionally protected RIGHTS!
JingoJohn | Mar 18, 2011 1:14 PM |
| 201 | Having been a Life Member with the NRA since 1984, I've had the ability to watch Wayne LaPierre and his cronies unravel what was once a fine organization.

Backroom politics and "give & takes" have diluted what was once a strong stand for the 2nd Amendment. Too many concessions have been made over the years by the NRA, possibly to reveal a nature of "we can work with you on that" on too many firearms issues that the left continues to force on the nation.

Their "political action network" is a farce. Their attempt, apparently to show non-partisanship' has lead to the endorsement of far too many anti-gun candidates. Unfortunately, the general membership is oblivious too their tactics and gleefully follow their every word and action as if Gospel.

The NRA backing of two democratic incumbents for congress in the last election cycle, both with very sketchy 2nd Amendment stances, here in my home state of Colorado, gave me no choice but to rescind my Life membership with the NRA.

I've learned of far too many issues that the NRA caved in on gun owners to "just get a little something passed". The list is long and I don't intend to expand on it here...

Wake up gun owners!!! Join organizations that will actually help save the 2nd Amendment, not just help DC to restrict it into oblivion in the near future as the NRA seems only glad to do. | Mar 18, 2011 1:39 PM |
| 202 | I think that the letter pretty much summs up what is going on. However, it doesn't go far enough! Obama needs to be voted out of office and replaced by someone who really respects second amendment rights. Thanks for letting me express my opinion. | Mar 18, 2011 1:40 PM |

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Response Text

203 I am an NRA Benefactor Member. I believe the NRA is trying to walk a careful line of being insistent, steadfast and consistent in their support of firearms rights without becoming belligerent and argumentative. I was part of the organization during the internal conflicts between Neal Knox and the rest of the management team. I sided with Neal but I realize that alienating those near-allies who, like all politicians, ride fences more often than they do principles, is not a wise long-term strategy.
I believe the NRA could and should be more aggressive and "pro-active" and less reactive. The 1986 compromise is a good example of where the NRA did not ask for enough before they started negotiating. When your opponent is committed to your destruction, meeting them halfway between your destruction and mutual co-existence means you are always moving toward destruction.
The NRA's local and, especially, state programs have been significantly more effective. If the strategy is to focus on state issue where the chances of success are greater that is fine but the national level cannot be left to drift in the wrong direction.
The NRA has not become involved with the Tea Partiers and that is appropriate since the NRA has a SINGLE SUBJECT focus. I believe the letter that was posted is effective without being too argumentative. It simply requests that the President act as he said he believes.
Overall the firearms rights needs the NRA but also the CCRKBA, the Second Amendment Foundation and, most importantly from my view, the JFPO. Why is the JFPO the most important? Because of all of these organizations it is the ONLY ONE founded on the basis of what has occurred in current history and with a very specific, highly focused mission to prevent such things from ever happening here. That is Josh's legacy and we need to continue it.

Mar 18, 2011 1:49 PM

204 The NRA is the biggest gun-control organization in the U.S. Yes, I stated that correctly.

I believe it was the NRA who helped pass the Brady Bill.

I recall it was the NRA who helped pass the 1968 Gun Control Act.

I believe it is the NRA that insists on enforcing existing gun control laws, in violation of the Constitution.

I doubt I need to say much more.

Mar 18, 2011 1:50 PM

205 Our President being a disingenuous marxist weasel will be hard to deal with.

Mar 18, 2011 1:52 PM

Anonymous

206 I am a Life Member of the NRA and I don't think the NRA is doing enough and one example is that the letter was signed by the Executive Vice President? There are people in higher positions than he that could have signed that letter. I know that is petty but think about it! Shouldn't it have been signed by the head of the NRA since it is going to the head of the United States (UGH). I hate to say that! I'm sure there are other things that they could be doing also. But then again they are at least doing something. Thank You,
OldGoat

Mar 18, 2011 1:54 PM

207 I loved the letter, it puts the ball squarely back in Obama's court! Chris Smith

Mar 18, 2011 2:12 PM

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Response Text

208 doing somewhat well. better to have them than to not. I don't think gun rights are secure enough and I honestly don't know what we can do. Mar 18, 2011 2:16 PM

I live in NJ and it is absolutely horrible here. The attorney general says your 2nd amendment rights apply only in your home. They don't want us carrying outside the home. It is downright oppresive, but NJ has always been that way. We are trying to change things but it seems that the laws and culture are SO deeply ingrained that it is really a very tough struggle. I hate to say it but perhaps the bad economy and instability will work in our favor because there are so many issues to deal with the government doesn't have to time to focus on stripping us of our rights.

I think we also have to focus on and support those elected official who do support the free exercise of the 2nd amendment.

I could not believe the absolute Chuzpah of Dodd to take the Nazi gun control act of 38 and use that as a model for his 68 gun control act.

Please keep up the good work and please help us in NJ to win back our constitutional rights that have been and are being denied.

I'm also active in school choice movement as I believe that if we can free up the education system from the monopoly of the teachers union we the parents will have more choice over the education of our children and we can stop the liberal indoctrination.

Thank you,
Yehuda

209 It is about time. Mar 18, 2011 2:17 PM

Thomas Walsh

Warren, MI

210 The lip service from NRA continues to disgust me. The letter does little more than talk about symptoms brought about from society ignoring the the responsibility of having the Second Amendment. Given the ego, political beliefs, and obvious agenda of the one addressed in the letter, the "steps" suggested sounded like food for jokes mocking the stupidity of the NRA. I pray the NRA receives a revelation about the Second Amendment and becomes an organization that is known, to not just support it but, to educate others to the responsibility of having it. Mar 18, 2011 2:35 PM

211 I am an NRA Life member. No, I do not think the NRA is doing enough to protect our gun rights. Mar 18, 2011 2:40 PM
-Mark Copeland-

212 NRA Life Member here. Mar 18, 2011 2:47 PM

The NRA leadership is a group of spineless, cowardly collaborators with the statists and apparatchiks of both parties.

They are worthless as a force for freedom.

Period.

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Response Text

213 I am a current member and I do not think the NRA is doing enough. They send me things to buy wine or to buy their merch. I realize they are doing this for funding, but is it for shooting competitions or to help with legislature. It seems more like a business than a lobbying group.. Mar 18, 2011 3:06 PM

214 The Letter is a necessary part of the ongoing struggle to preserve & strengthen our 2nd Ammendment right, but it isn't likely to change Obama's mind or actions. Only the removal of him and others like him from office through the political process of elections, followed by continuing to hold our politicians accountable in office will see changes for the better. We must be ever vigilant even when we achieve the restoration of the full scope of this Constitutional right! Mar 18, 2011 3:19 PM

215 I've been an NRA life member for many years (and an annual member way before that), and have been thoroughly disgusted with the majority of their actions for most of that time. It seems that the best reason for not sending them back their membership card in a million pieces has been so I could be a severe pain in their posterior. Now, with this letter to Obama, possibly they will upgrade their long standing status from the Office of Donations, Compromising and Backstabbing to full blown 2nd Amendment support - like they should have been doing all along. They should take their lessons from JPFO and GOA, to name just 2 that don't compromise. Our Constitution and B.O.R. are NOT compromises or living documents. Here's hoping Wayne and Chris can extract their heads from their posteriors long enough to hear what we, the members, are saying! Mar 18, 2011 4:08 PM

Mike Copeland.
Permission granted to publish my name for survey purposes.

216 President Obama, Mar 18, 2011 4:14 PM

As stated in the recent open letter to your from the NRA, now that you have given lip-service in support of our Second Ammedment Rights, I urge you to put that commitment into action. So far, your actions speak so loudly, I cannot hear what you're saying. We've all heard the phrase..."You can talk the talk, it's now time for you to walk the walk".

I urge you to support nation wide, state to state reciprocity when it comes to Concealed Carry Permits.

Jerry Marshall
Ft. Collins, CO

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| 217 | <p>The NRA's letter to Obama was a good one. I especially liked that they called Obama out on his *lip service* regarding the 2nd Amendment. I liked that they listed the anti-gun organizations who were quick to blame the current gun laws for the incident in AZ. The NRA rightly pointed out that it was a problem with the mental health system, not the gun laws. However, I believe that if a person is declared mentally ill (which covers mild depression to sociopathy), he shouldn't be automatically denied his 2nd Amendment rights. In order to do that, there should be a diagnosis that he's a danger to himself &/or others; and the person in question should be allowed to have a court hearing before an IMPARTIAL judge and have a 2nd opinion from an impartial independent psychologist (which the court will pay for if the person in question cannot afford to). If there is a negative ruling, it should be updated & reviewed periodically. My husband doesn't believe in any background checks. Felons and the mentally ill can buy a car and kill scores of people with a *legal* lethal weapon.</p> <p>We used to belong to the NRA but gave up our membership when we found JPFO. In general, the NRA doesn't go far enough protecting our 2nd amendment rights. I have a problem with gun registration and CCW's. The only criteria for being able to carry concealed should be a certificate from a licensed firearms teacher showing general proficiency in firearms safety and shooting. I have a real problem with fingerprinting and gov't records. Open carry should be the law of the land. The people who shouldn't be carrying firearms (violent felons and the severely mentally ill) wouldn't even think of going through a background check - and obtain their guns illegally anyway. If violent felons &/or the severely mentally ill are caught carrying, they should be locked back up. The current gun laws only serve to keep firearms out of the hands of good sane citizens.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 4:38 PM |
| 218 | <p>I give them credit. They called him to task without any vacillating. Tactful, yet direct.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 4:44 PM |
| 219 | <p>No law regulating firearms, regardless of its prospect of protecting society, is Constitutional. Yet the NRA still supports regulations restricting firearms of certain individuals.</p> <p>Even felons have a God given Right of self defense. And mind you, felons are only individuals who have been prosecuted and convicted of a heinous criminal action. Mind you, the most heinous crimes being orchestrated are by those occupying Washington's political structure, and are never convicted of even sneezing, let alone of raping our Constitution and our Rights.</p> <p>But even then, once they have been convicted, punished, and released from incarceration, they once again reacquire their God given Right for self preservation and the ability of defending it with any and all means. Including firearms.</p> <p>Also, if an individual's crime is so heinous that they cannot be trusted with a firearm, why are they not restricted from inflicting more harm to society by life confinement or execution?</p> <p>I was once a member of the NRA, never again!</p> | Mar 18, 2011 5:16 PM |
| 220 | <p>The NRA would be just as well served sending that letter to Charles Schummer, Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Boxer or Vladimir Putin. They would all get a chuckle and throw it in the trash bin.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 5:57 PM |

Patrick Dye

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Response Text

221 As far as it went, the letter was fine. Kudos to them for calling out Obama on the hollowness of his words about the Second Amendment. Mar 18, 2011 6:26 PM

However NRA letter carefully appears to stop short of demanding the dissolution of the BATFE, implying that Wayne and Chris think that agency would be OK to have in existence, if only it were less aggressive and headed by someone who was at least neutral about guns.

In my opinion this letter demonstrates what Aaron wrote last year; that the NRA leadership seems to think the organization owes its existence to having an enemy, namely BATFE. That's a shame and a scandal, because prior to 1968 NRA had a long history as an advocate of gun safety and good marksmanship. Now apparently the association's entire focus seems to be politics. As a certified instructor, it has not escaped my notice that NRA's training department is more disorganized than ever before; that the Women on Target events are largely window dressing; and that Refuse to Be A Victim has just been a complete non-starter.

When the primary focus of any organization becomes self-perpetuation, it's time either for people to abandon that organization, or to demand a sweeping change in leadership. I did not bother to send in my board of directors ballot this year because it's full of the same damn people as always. And unless NRA adopts a bylaw requiring at least one board member representing each state, that will continue.

All things considered, I regret having taken a life membership in NRA.

222 Frothy emotional appeal is usually the outcome from a tragedy. The letter makes that point quite well. The emotional appeal then is directed at curtailing the rights of law abiding citizens not in identifying a method for detecting an unstable and potentially dangerous member of society. I contend that such a law on its face would be easily seen as unconstitutional. For some reason perhaps constitutional ignorance, the attack perpetrated on the liberty of the law abiding citizen is easily missed in the emotion of the moment. In my opinion this is traceable to a lack of foundation in first principles, which are the foundation of this country. I believe that the NRA should support all of the bill of rights for all citizens of this country and that this letter indicates disdain for non NRA members and the other nine bill of rights. Mar 18, 2011 6:32 PM

223 I used to support the NRA, however I found they did not have the back bone necessary to do the job, they have compromised away our rights time after time, I now just use my money to buy more ammo..... Mar 18, 2011 6:49 PM

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Response Text

224 I am a "Patron" (\$3,500) level lifetime member of the NRA. Mar 18, 2011 7:04 PM

I am also a lifetime member of many pro-Second Amendment organizations including the JPFO and GOA.

Several years ago, I made the decision to never contribute another dime to the NRA.

They have stabbed me in the back time and time again by compromising with the anti-gunners who want to enact more "reasonable" gun laws.

We already have 20,000 "reasonable" gun laws on the books and we need to begin repealing those.

JPFO and GOA never compromise my right to defend myself.

Of all the pro-Second Amendment organizations, JPFO does the best job of educating and providing me booklets for me to leave with people to whom I am talking about my right to defend myself.

Calvin L. Nikont
Patron
12722841

225 Why does the NRA ignore the NFA owner, we are NRA members also. Mar 18, 2011 7:10 PM

A Life Member

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Response Text

226 Is the NRA doing enough? Probably not. Then again, is JPFO doing enough? I'd have to say, probably not. Then again, what is enough? Mar 18, 2011 7:20 PM

NRA is the biggest lobby for 2A issues. A lot of what they do may come under fire by JPFO & GoA - sometimes rightfully so and sometimes due to misunderstandings. Still, they are the biggest lobby & do far more than anyone else in that regard. HOWEVER, they are also the most politically correct of the owner groups.

Since JPFO was founded, Aaron was never one to mince words. Politically correct speech muddles words, restricts speech & destroys liberties. JPFO shines because of an apparent disdain for political correctness. This allows JPFO clarity in teaching. Where the NRA plays mostly from the 2A angle, JPFO teaches about history & the effects of gun control. Where the world is scared to death to single out Jews, Blacks & other minorities, JPFO reminds us of the atrocities on all people, including Jews, Blacks & other minorities. JPFO then teaches to any who will listen.

In my humble opinion, I think the way the NRA can do more would be to be less formal & more aggressive. I am not sure that could happen, due mainly to their size. Ultimately, it might benefit all gun owners if the two organizations would see the good of the other and work together on the common goals, while keeping each other on task with constructive criticisms.

I am an NRA member. Am I always thrilled with the NRA? Well no, but I am not happy with my own actions/thoughts all of the time. A huge part of my displeasure with the NRA is they are a spam machine. My email is clogged, my phone rings & my mail box is full. They are constantly trying to get me to buy things that I don't need.

Everyone needs to step up their game in protecting our rights. We must remember that we cannot allow the government to dictate our rights. The right of the government to exist comes from We, the People. The government has no business telling us what to do, what we can own, what we can carry, eat, drink or otherwise consume. We need to stop this march of government toward totalitarian expansion. The NRA seems to be content with gaining back some gun rights here & there, often with some maddening compromise thrown in. If JPFO continues Aaron's legacy in seeing the big picture & acting like our rights have been stolen, instead of the NRA's PC-friendly "may I have my rights back" attitude, once the economy clears a bit of room is found in my finances, a JPFO life member pin will find its way to my hat. These rights have been stolen & the government & its representatives who have stolen them or kept them from us shouldn't be treated with kid gloves.

Ralph in Arizona

227 I am a member of the NRA and I think that Wayne La Pierre was right on the money in his letter and every point he brought up is a very real and pressing issue. I applaud his actions and reasons for writing the letter and I agree whole heartly that going to the Whitehouse and participating in the discussion would have been, and he implied, an exercise in futility. He is a very wise man. Mar 18, 2011 7:40 PM

Larry

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Response Text

228	Well done. Disingenuous speech-making, whether from a podium or pen, should always be revealed for what it is.	Mar 18, 2011 7:52 PM
229	The NRA is a major part of the struggle to defend and restore our rights. I do not believe in strict enforcement of unconstitutional laws just because they exist.....	Mar 18, 2011 8:51 PM
230	No, the NRA is not doing enough, it is too fragmented internally to very effective just as the Tea Party is. Until all petty bickerings and me first, I am more important attitudes stop, the NRA will never achieve it's so stated goal of protecting the 2nd Amendment and private citizens right to bear arms. It will remain the organization I grew disgusted with and left.	Mar 18, 2011 9:16 PM
231	No I do not believe the NRA is doing enough however I do greatly appreciate the organization. We need to continue to take these groups to task like you did with Obama. Counter their news articles in print and on the news.	Mar 18, 2011 9:35 PM

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| 232 | <p>I may not be a member as of yet, as I have a few constitutional issues, to take care of first, at a state level. Once done, I will be joining the NRA, American Gun Owners of America, Oathtakers.org, and the 2nd, 4th, and 10th Ammendment supporters foundation, includeing the Jews Rights To Bear Arms, though I am not Jewish, myself. It is self evident, though no one has been brave enough to mention it yet, so I will.</p> <p>To make it where the Americans and Jewish people would lose their rights, is all connected to the mysterious FEMA Camps, that the government keeps saying, is not real, or doesnt exist. Yet its a proven fact, that the Staff Sergeant, who realised the truth about the Guilatines being on FEMA Camps, swore to his men, who also took the oath, not to head people on FEMA Trains; to the FEMA Death Camps; had all his pay suspended, and with his sister, have been on the run, hideing in fear of their life.</p> <p>Likewise, nothing more was said, about the father and son, who was Rabbit hunting, and accidentally stumbled on the FEMA Camp, were apprehended, and never head from again. Or a law enforcement officer, who was threatened on Ameircan Soil, by a foreign militia,who are training for somethin. What? Does anyone see the picture yet? I'm not promoteing Anarchy or breaking the law by no means. Yes, I have made a few mistakes in the pst, but they were mere infractions. However, I am one of the few, who can honestly say, I learned from my mistakes.</p> <p>Speaking of which, how about WWII? Has anyone learned from that mistake? Or will it come to pass, that the saying; "History will repeat itself", come true? I support the 2nd, 4th, and 10th Amendments. In fact, I support everything, that makes our country, a great free nation. To state, anyone who supports the Constitution, and not the future of NWO, is a Domestic Terrorist, is a lie, to cover up who the real terrorist is. Now, I remember Inauguration Day, and I'm waiting still, to see some action that holds that oath true.</p> <p>If that oath is true, have the French, Germans, these Asians, and their stock piled supplies, and any other foreign militia, go home. Let us settle things the American way. It is how General George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln; 2 great presidents, handled it, without foreign troops, on American Soil. So, are we American? I know I am. And though I never served my country, I would gladly die, for the freedom of not just my famiy, but for all American Citizens, whether they are Jewish, Christian, or not. God Bless America, and the Constitution of, The United States of America.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 10:16 PM |
| 233 | <p>I beleive NRA did the right thing by refusing to be a part of Obama's dog-and-pony show. Everything was stacked against them and they could not even hope to come out with a fair and honest debate.</p> | Mar 18, 2011 10:17 PM |
| 234 | <p>NO, They need " MORE BALLS". The Left Wing Dems Lie Cheat and Steal, run their mouths and Over-Power the "RIGHT"...!! The NRA (and, ALL Consertive media) needs to get with the program...!! NO MORE POLITENESS, FIGHT "FIRE" With "FIRE". "Jam it UP THEIR ASS". The pussy-whip't will lose. TIME IS UP>>>>!!! Take the SLACK OUT OF THE TRIGGER, AND LET EM HAVE IT. N.R.A. " GET SOME BALLS... !! " POUR IT ON EM...!!</p> | Mar 18, 2011 10:17 PM |

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| 235 | No,the NRA is not doing enough.They are not telling it's members the whole truth of WHY some powerful 'Americans' are so bent on gun control.THEY,(whoever they are) have an agenda.Here's you a question. Are THEY using Islam and its followers as a means to accomplish their objective? The NRA must broaden their vision to a worldwide view and help reveal the enemy within. | Mar 18, 2011 11:40 PM |
| 236 | I let my NRA membership lapse after the organization supported the so-called "NICS Improvement Act," over which the likes of Carolyn McCarthy, Chuck Shumer, et al purportedly were salivating to see passed. It seemed like the wrong stand for the NRA to take, but then, maybe I'm too naive about the political process where I suppose one must give a little to get a little. It just seemed like a lot to give in that instance. On the other hand, it's encouraging to see the NRA's response to Obama's faux olive branch. No one who values freedom of any kind should trust the current president or his supporters. | Mar 19, 2011 12:57 AM |
| 237 | Too kind. Too soft. Much truth but also a lot of compromise and schmooze in the way they address Obama's stands etc. No bother of mentioning that Loughner was schooled by the Chicago Annenburg challenge at a "small school" an auxillary of the one in Chicago, just a year or two before he did this and during the time Obama was the head of it with Ayers also in a position of director. If it is influence in his personal life I suggest they find out what Obama and Ayers are teaching these people. I do not believe any amount of communication w/ this administration or anyone who is for gun control at an influential level is productive. The gun haters know what they are doing and we are telling them what they already know because we are beating our heads against the wall in hopes of reaching them when we are simply confirming it they succeed to disarm us we will be at their mercy. Why tell them what they already know? It is the American citizens who need to be reached that have been duped into believing their lies about gun control. The "officials" be damned. It is a waste of time excluding perhaps documentation of the effort. | Mar 19, 2011 2:50 AM |
| 238 | Hey Guys,
The NRA is an absolute joke. I joined the NRA ONE time, that was because of my ignorance toward the organization. Most people think the NRA is great! That they do so many things to help the 2nd amendment as we know it.
Those people are also ignorant! The NRA has been in support of gun control since it has been established, they supported the National Firearms Act of 1934, 1975 etc...
Senator Robert Kennedy called them to the floor in 1968, the NRA told him that they was for gun owner registration, waiting periods and age restrictions. They are also for increasing penalties for violation!
Gun Owners of America does more for us that the NRA ever has or ever will | Mar 19, 2011 3:41 AM |

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239 YES (S 570). Mar 19, 2011 4:21 AM

What's the solution to a Loughner or Cho type of crime ? Answer:

An armed society.

There is not a politically correct solution. Existing with crime, or living in an unsafe world is a fact of life. Mental illness is something we can't eliminate, anymore than we can stop our govt from regulating street drugs, which is the source of violent crime in Mexico.

A Loughner crime is caused by our UNLIMITED govt which is a massive source of public dissatisfaction.

The Left and the Right are destroying gun rights, and both sides believe govt must regulate guns. THAT is what creates more crime which leads to more gun control which then becomes the cause of more crime.

JPFO and GOA must continue to be the watchdog. NRA has members from the Right that believe govt must regulate guns.

NRA member

240 NRA is doing all it can. Obomination has not and will not listen to the people of America as he is supposed. Health care, gun control; his arrogance and ideology will not permit him to DO THE RIGHT THING. May GOD protect us from this maniac! Mar 19, 2011 4:34 AM

241 I am an Endowment member who is very frustrated with the NRA. All my readings on 2A prohibit most current law in my mind. The NRA appeases the membership, makes concessions that hurt us and generate an atmosphere of continued litigation. Like most corporations they create their wealth by churning issues. They should defend 2A for what it states. The fear is, if they win the battle they have no need to exist. Mar 19, 2011 7:26 AM

242 sdfgsdf Mar 19, 2011 8:50 AM

243 I think that the NRA, in this case, is doing the right thing. Obama is not serious about cooperating with gun rights organizations, he is merely inviting them to the table so that he can later crow that we were in support of his new, onerous restrictions on gun rights. I have had serious issues with the NRA's stance on other things and I let them know about it. In this case, I support the decision. Mar 19, 2011 9:40 AM

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| 244 | <p>I for one am not encouraged that the NRA is so compromising with respect to the Second Amendment. That Amendment is the "keystone" of our Bill of Rights and if frittered away - as the NRA seems so willing to do - all the others will fade into some legislative hell, sooner rather than later.</p> <p>In my opinion, the Second Amendment has absolutely nothing to do with hunting or other sport shooting, and more to do with defense of this country, patterned as it is on the Swiss model. The reference to "defense of this country" is as against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Domestic refers, of course to the "progressive" politicians who recognize that their dream of taking over this country and doing away with our individual freedoms cannot be realized as long as there is a sizeable civilian militia that is armed and ready to defend those individual rights. The proof of the contention that defense of the country is a serious impediment to the realization of the progressives' dreams is what Admiral Yamamoto of the Japanese Imperial Fleet said during the planning of the attack on Pearl Harbor: "It would be impossible to invade America; there'd be a gun behind every blade of grass." The NRA and every other gun-rights organization should dedicate themselves to defending the Second Amendment with their very lives, because that's the way this patriot will defend his firearms.</p> | Mar 19, 2011 11:49 AM |
| 245 | <p>No, the NRA is not doing the right things. We need to end prohibition of drugs, as it is creating the same problems as prohibition of alcohol did. Then we could take care of the real crime in America. Murderers are let out of jail so we can incarcerate the kid next door for a few ounces of Marijuana. Insane!!</p> <p>www/leap.cc is a good education about our evil drug laws and their results and the book <i>The Big White Lie</i> by Michael Levine also is very informative.</p> | Mar 19, 2011 1:35 PM |
| 246 | <p>Nicely worded letter, basically bowing out of the fight. The NRA is far to willing to compromise our inalienable rights.</p> <p>Fred- no longer an NRA member</p> | Mar 19, 2011 2:46 PM |
| 247 | <p>I read the letter to obama several times. They brought up many good points, but I don't think that it was strong enough. As Americans and gun owners we should make it perfectly clear, we are not going blink, we are not going to compromise, we are not going to back down, we have to draw a line in the sand and not give one inch !!!</p> <p>You can not go into a fight expecting to do do ok. You have to go into with the expectation of winning. No compromise!!!</p> <p>My name is Thomas Ross. I am a retired police officer a member of JPFO, GOA and the NRA. I do not care if those in power know what my feelings are. THE more they try to silence me the louder I will Get!!1</p> | Mar 19, 2011 3:36 PM |

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248	<p>I HAVE BEEN A LIFE MEMBER OF THE NRA SINCE 1973. I HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE PROS AND CONS OF GUN (PEOPLE) CONTROL SINCE 1968. IN REGARD TO THAT, I HAVE SEEN ANTI-GUN ADMINISTRATIONS COME AND GO. THE PRESENT RESIDENT OF THE WHITE HOUSE AND HIS ADMINISTRATION INDICATES TO ME THAT THEY ARE NO MORE INTELLIGENT THAN A 16 YEAR OLD 4TH GRADER. MAYBE THE 16 YO IS MORE INTELLIGENT. THIS LETTER IS TO THE POINT, BUT I AM OF THE OPINION THAT OBAMA'S WORDS ARE JUST THAT WORDS. HE HAS LIED FOR SO LONG THAT HE BELIEVES HIS LIES. THAT GOES FOR THE REST OF THE LIBERALS IN CONGRESS AND SENATE. IN MY OPINION, HE AND HIS FOLLOWERS SHOULD ALL BE EMPEACHED. THERE IS NO LEADERSHIP IN DC, JUST A GROUP OF MONKEYS IMITATING EACH OTHER. POST ANONYMOUSLY? WHOEVER DOES SO IS AS MUCH A COWARD AND FOLLOWER OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION AS THE REST OF THE LIBERAL IDIOTS. I SIGN MY NAME, AND AM PROUD TO DO SO.</p> <p>RICHARD GORDON NELSON</p> <p>YEA FOR THE NRA!!!!!!!!!!!!!! DOWN WITH OBAMA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>	Mar 19, 2011 5:41 PM
249	<p>It's a NO COMPROMISE !! You don't make deals over our Constitution. Once the Second Amendment is done away with you can use the rest of it to line a bird cage!! When dealing with the anti self defense organizations your just dealing with a toned down version of Hitler. It's for the good of the people,MY ASS!</p>	Mar 19, 2011 7:11 PM
250	<p>Tepid.</p>	Mar 19, 2011 8:05 PM
251	<p>I believe that the NRA does wield influence on Capitol Hill, and that they are feared by at least some of the RINOS in both houses, but I think they don't take the side of the victims of gun control that manage to take their fight to the Supreme Court as often as they could. My impression has been that they want to cherry-pick the cases with which they're willing to help, and let other opportunities they deem as being less-than-perfect fall through the cracks. Another of my pet peeves with the NRA is their apparent willingness to see existing gun laws enforced, rather than repealed. After all, a robbery with or without a gun is still a felony, as is murder, carjacking, drug-dealing and rape. If the perpetrators of such crimes are unafraid of the punishment they face for any of the aforementioned villainy, why would they be afraid of breaking a gun law? It seems that gun control merely scapegoats guns, while turning a blind eye to the perpetrators' own responsibility for their decisions/actions.</p>	Mar 19, 2011 8:38 PM
252	<p>NRA is doing well but could do more to protect the 2nd admendment.</p>	Mar 19, 2011 8:39 PM
253	<p>After nearly 30 years as a member this is the first time I can remember the NRA actually bareing it's teeth so to speak .</p>	Mar 19, 2011 9:17 PM

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254 The problem is far greater than most citizens know or understand. The truth of the matter is we now have a nation of situational laws. By that I mean, laws are applied at the whim of whomever is in office at the time. When laws are situational one has no laws as laws are to be enforced equally. This is something the NRA knows about and attempts to pressure legislators into enforcing. However, there are issues with the NRA, and you need to know that I am a member of the NRA and will continue to be.

Mar 19, 2011 9:22 PM

The NRA need be more consistent in following their message. For instance, they gave our previous representative glowing recommendations (A+) even though his previous rating was an F. The reason they gave was he either supported or joined in legislation that allegedly would ensure our 2nd Amendment rights. What they failed to recognize is the bills were all hype and could never have been passed. When the bills did not pass, the NRA had to sue in order to ensure citizens rights under the 2nd Amendment were upheld.

The legislator was defeated by an extremely wide margin. However, the NRA endorsement made it more difficult to defeat the progressive liberal. His successor is a man who is a lifetime member of the NRA; a concealed handgun licensed conservative who so far appears to do exactly what he says he will do.

The NRA must ensure their endorsement of political figures is based on sound judgement. Congressional figures have more smoke and mirrors than a carnival.

One solution would be for the NRA to poll members for their advice in such matters.

Overall, they do a very fine job.

Thanks,
Truman Reid

255 no. they should be engaging the administration in a lawsuit.

Mar 19, 2011 9:57 PM

256 Sirs I will only say that I agree with Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre of the NRA ONE HUNDRED PERCENT and that Obama ,Hillary,Rahm Emanuel etc.needs to leave our Second Amendment rights as an American ALONE once and for all,or is there an AGENDA HMMM ? Don from Ohio God Bless America

Mar 19, 2011 10:26 PM

257 Typing from Canada, where I live as a citizen. I belong to the National Firearms Association of Canada. The NFA in Canada plays a similar role to the NRA in America.

Mar 19, 2011 11:18 PM

I think the NRA letter was strong - no sugar coating anywhere - solid punches landing on the pressure points! BRAVO!

I've saved the PDF to my working firearms/self-defence folder and plan to make use of many of the arguments in the document. Thank you for sharing it with the world and very best regards from the frozen north.

258 I don't have a problem with it. Perhaps part of the reason our president, the liar, has a problem with gun ownership is his own criminal activity and that of his cronies? Just a thought.

Mar 19, 2011 11:58 PM

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| 259 | <p>I am a life member of the NRA, who joined many years ago, solely for the purpose of helping to defend second amendment rights. I have learned that the NRA is a wonderful organization which supports the shooting sports and the safe and lawful use of firearms. As a lobby, is superlative, but its downfall is its historical tendency to negotiate and compromise on gun rights. I believe that the only gun laws should be those that outlaw the use of a firearm in the commission of a violent crime. Guns do not need to be regulated any more than toasters or hedge clippers. I think that if a firearm does not need wheels or a permanent emplacement, an individual should be allowed to own it. If it will fit under your coat, then so be it.</p> <p>Richard Popkin
NRA-Life, GOA, VCDL</p> | Mar 20, 2011 12:26 AM |
| 260 | <p>I don't think it went far enough no mention of the small arms argument that clinton and obama are trying to join in the U.N. no mention of other mass killings by deranged people who showed mental problems beforhand, it's always easy to blame the millions of good people who own guns for a majority of good reasons. I'm a life member of nra and crpa and member of JPFO and several other groups. Thank You
Mike Probst
gunsmith,Ceres Calif.</p> | Mar 20, 2011 12:48 AM |
| 261 | <p>No, I feel the NRA is not doing enought to fight the obama administration, and any administration who wants to get rid of the second amendment. They have a history not being a loud voice, but seems like they are shying away from the fight.</p> | Mar 20, 2011 4:58 AM |
| 262 | <p>As a member of the NRA, I feel they are doing a good job, all things considered. I expect they could be more aggressive at times, but that may throw up road blocks to what they are trying to accomplish. As the largest gun owner organization in the country they seem to have the clout to get get things done, and to get gun friendly politicians elected. If we could consolidate all gun organizations into one group, that would be good. But that is impossible as each has their own agenda. Fact of the matter is, the Federal Government should uphold 2A no less than they do 1A. To bad they don't. That's why we need the various gun organizations like NRA and JPFO. Please keep up the vigil.</p> | Mar 20, 2011 8:49 AM |
| 263 | <p>I am a retired US Army endowment member of the NRA, instructor in rifle, pistol, shotgun, home firearms safety, and self defense pistol, and I coach 2 college shooting teams, teach hunter training (although I no longer hunt since I became Kosher), and am a proud JEW!. Like hell I will support the NRA anonymously. I am EDWARD REESE! if anyone doesn't like that, they can discuss it with my Taurus Judge. BTW - I don't turn the other cheek like that rabbi taught 2 milenia ago..</p> | Mar 20, 2011 9:21 AM |
| 264 | <p>I became a member of the NRA when I first became a gun owner several years ago because I thought it was "the thing to do" to help protect my "gun rights". However, over the next year or so I came to realize that NRA did not stand for National Rifle Association but for Negotiate Rights Away. Every major infringement on the right of the people to keep and bear arms on the books has been "accepted under negotiation" by the NRA. Even in its inception the NRA has always been about passing legislation for "reasonable" gun control laws. Ever wonder why you cannot find a copy of the original Charter of Novemder 17, 1871 in New York that is cited on their website? So what part of "shall not be infringed" does the NRA not get? JPFO gets it!!!</p> | Mar 20, 2011 11:42 AM |

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Response Text

265 No the NRA is not doing enough! Mar 20, 2011 12:59 PM

We need an effort made to REPEAL gun control laws; "NOT" to enforce existing laws!

In Illinois the Attorney General wants to make public the names of ALL FOID card holders. This invasion of privacy that will create a firestorm of gun theft in the State.

The State of Illinois has proven time and time again that it is neither an Honest Broker nor a Trusted Custodian of the Rights of the people.

The NRA response to this outrage by the State is to call for legislation to protect the identity of FOID card holders.

Why not call for the REPEAL of the FOID card law?

The FOID card, like the 68 GCA are laws that should have never been allowed to become law.

The NRA wants it to look like their being tough on crime when they come out in support of enforcing existing laws; the reality is that people with NO desire to commit crime often pay the price. Many of those so called existing laws are nothing more than paper work violations or are crimes that were not considered crimes before the passage of the 1968 Gun Control Act.

The NRA has a history of making deals and compromising. My family and I have dropped our NRA memberships and we will never support the NRA again until they start working for the "REPEAL" of gun control laws

I would rather live with the threat of an estranged gun man or the threat of terrorism than have anymore of my rights taken away!

266 I was a member of NRA for one year, but did not renew. I have been a member of JPFO for several years (15? - 20? I can't remember!). I had the pleasure of meeting Aaron at the Gun Rights Conference in Dallas some years ago. Met Dr. Hupp at the same time. Mar 20, 2011 1:31 PM

At any rate, I will stick with JPFO. Obama is a very real and present danger...

L. Edward Sizemore
McKinney, Texas

267 The NRA should have sent him a Tele-prompter tape so he could read it Mar 20, 2011 2:08 PM

268 silly games Mar 20, 2011 2:44 PM

we are people under god not people under government .
all groups of people today play silly games with rights of people under god
no man women or child should ever follow any law or instructions from a
government that infringed on there god given right in any form

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269	NRA: I agree with your position as stated in your letter to the president. The gun control groups seem to get more publicity in the media. Is there any way that pro gun groups can get some traction in getting the truth out to the public? Sincerely Phillip Rubin,MD	Mar 20, 2011 4:08 PM
270	I regret becoming an NRA life member and have had little respect for the organization since they supported gun grabber Dan Lungren's bid for Governor of California and fired Tanya Metaksa when she spoke out about it. To get me back in the fold I'd need to see a return to the open balloting for the Board and term limits for officers so that useless narcissists like Wayne LaPierre don't enjoy lifetime employment.	Mar 20, 2011 5:35 PM
271	If, as the letter suggested, the government would begin to enforce the existing laws, with as much vigor as they are determined to remove its citizens rights, we would no longer have such a criminal influence in the American life, or should I suggest in the judicial system. Enforce the laws with sufficient vigor that criminals would consider the offenses well, long and deeply, knowing it is worth their physical life (not imprisonment, but death).	Mar 20, 2011 5:45 PM
272	A letter is just that, a letter. It gets round filed with all the others which disagree. A call for impeachment would get some attention.	Mar 20, 2011 5:47 PM
273	Back in 1995 NRA supported a bill in my home state of Pennsylvanian, Senate bill 95. In short it created a uniform state code stripping local "authority's" from the ability to make gun control laws at anything less than state level. This was done to return concealed carry rights to the people of Philadelphia who were stupid enough to vote for people who stripped them of that right. Sounds okay, doesn't it? The devil is in the details. The trade off was other provisions in the bill ratcheted up gun control measures for victimless crimes. Increased jail times and fines. NRA supported this and probably had hand in writing this egregious bill. Before the House vote I tried for days to telephone NRA here in Pennsylvania and voice opinion against it and they would not even listen, when I explained it was concerning Senate bill 95. For days after the bill passed I tried to explain the folly of this to NRA and was hung up on twice and lost on hold once or twice. I gave up and quit NRA in 1995. They do not speak for me.	Mar 20, 2011 6:01 PM
274	Mr. LaPierre and Mr. Cox speak out from both sides of their mouth.They have supported Federal gun laws (ie: Back ground checks or as i call it ' Please may I have your permission to purchase a firearm') as well as B A T F.In my opinion they are HYPOCRITE's. A. Carney	Mar 20, 2011 6:49 PM
275	I was a member of the NRA. But honestly the NRA is too willing to give up the right to self defense to appease a Doctor with a duck gun. Time after time the NRA has failed to stand up for gun rights. They didn't try to stop the 94 AWB, they didn't do anything about the Hughes Amendment. The NRA may be big, but why would I stay a member of an organization that does not actually respect the intention of the 2nd and does not represent me? Ron Hill Tamarac, FL.	Mar 20, 2011 9:54 PM