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May 3, 2019

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North  
Founder & Honorary Chairman  
Freedom Alliance  
22570 Markey Court, STE 240  
Dulles, Virginia 20166

Dear Lieutenant Colonel North:

We are writing to request information related to public statements you recently made alleging financial improprieties at the National Rifle Association that could jeopardize the organization's nonprofit status. Given your experience as the NRA's president, we believe you are uniquely suited to shed light on any potential improper activity within the organization or any of its vendors.

On April 26, 2019, the *New York Times* reported that you sought the resignation of Wayne LaPierre, Chief Executive and Executive Vice President of the NRA, over alleged misconduct.<sup>1</sup> According to a statement read by Richard Childress on your behalf at the NRA's 2019 annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, you also created an "NRA Crisis Management Committee" and issued a memo to the NRA Executive Committee on April 25, 2019 outlining your allegations.<sup>2</sup> Reporting by the Wall Street Journal indicates that you sent at least one additional letter to the NRA Executive Committee detailing allegations that included excessive staff wardrobe and travel expenses.<sup>3</sup>

The Senate Finance Committee is charged with administration of matters relating to taxation, including oversight of tax-exempt organizations. Therefore, we request you provide the following:

1. Any letters you wrote to the NRA Board of Directors or NRA Executive Committee outlining your allegations of misconduct and any underlying supporting documentation.
2. The April 25, 2019 memo you provided to the NRA Executive Committee and any supporting documentation.
3. Any internal or third party audits, reviews, or investigations conducted by or for the "NRA Crisis Management Committee" that you created and any supporting documentation.
4. Any findings, reports, or other conclusory materials produced by or for the Crisis Management Committee related to alleged financial misconduct or the NRA's nonprofit status and any supporting documentation.

<sup>1</sup> *New York Times*, Insurgents Seek to Oust Wayne LaPierre in N.R.A. Power Struggle, April 26, 2019; [www.nytimes.com/2019/04/26/business/nra-wayne-lapierre-oliver-north.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/26/business/nra-wayne-lapierre-oliver-north.html)

<sup>2</sup> YouTube, Richard Childress Remarks, published April 27, 2019; [www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcOCbYOcNEM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcOCbYOcNEM)

<sup>3</sup> *Wall Street Journal*, NRA's Wayne LaPierre Says He Is Being Extorted, Pressured to Resign, April 26, 2019; [www.wsj.com/articles/nras-wayne-lapierre-says-he-is-being-extorted-pressured-to-resign-11556314763](http://www.wsj.com/articles/nras-wayne-lapierre-says-he-is-being-extorted-pressured-to-resign-11556314763)

Requested materials and any materials reasonably related to the requested materials should not be destroyed, altered, or otherwise made inaccessible to the Committee. Please provide these materials no later than May 16, 2019. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Finance Committee Democratic staff at (202) 224-4515.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member



Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senator



Robert Menendez  
United States Senator