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The Honorable Ron Wyden
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Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators:

I write in response to your letter to NRA CEO and Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre, dated May 3, 2019, requesting information related to recent public statements by retired Lieutenant Colonel and former NRA President Oliver North.

Many of the documents you identify are publicly available. In specific response to Request No. 3, please note that no "Crisis Management Committee" was ever formed at the NRA. As such, there are no "audits, reviews or investigations" related to such a body within our organization.

We understand there has been considerable attention surrounding the unauthorized release of Col. North's April 25, 2019, memorandum and supporting documents, as well as recent media reporting that relies upon unproven allegations and anonymous sources. Of course, we are refraining from commenting on the privileged communications and personnel matters that have been reported upon – especially in response to out-of-context statements made by several media outlets. The matters in question have been reviewed and vetted by the NRA's board of directors through its appropriate committees, and will continue to be reviewed as needed.

Finally, I want to emphasize that the NRA's financials are audited and its tax filings are verified by one of the most reputable accounting firms in the world. Naturally, the NRA takes seriously its obligations for responsible stewardship of the donations it receives.

I hope that this response is helpful.

Sincerely,

John C. Frazer
Secretary and General Counsel