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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

We have received your third letter to us, dated March 27.

Your first question demands detailed information about nearly every communication the NRA has made on any topic in the past 39 months, published by any means, and regardless of any connection to foreign funding or U.S. elections. Read literally, your question would result in production of hunting articles, firearms safety brochures, sweepstakes offers, and countless other irrelevant materials. It is not feasible for the NRA or any non-profit to respond to such an overbroad request.

As our previous correspondence should have made clear, any NRA funding received from foreign persons is minimal, is received only for lawful purposes, and has no influence on the content or targeting of our legislative or political communications or any other NRA material. Additionally, as we have already thoroughly answered, there were no significant donations from foreign nationals generally in 2015-2016. Finally, we have no Russian nationals in any of our major donor programs.

Given your focus on potential Russian influence between 2015 and the present, we reviewed our financial records for that period. During that time, the NRA received a total of approximately \$2512.85 from people associated with Russian addresses (which may include U.S. citizens living in Russia), or known Russian nationals living in the United States. Of this total, about \$525 was from two individuals who made contributions to the NRA. The rest consisted of routine payments from about 23 individuals for membership dues and additional magazine subscriptions.

With respect to your question about Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, we are aware of one such individual, Alexander Torshin, who has been a non-voting life member of the NRA since 2012. He has paid membership dues, but has not made any contributions, and is therefore not a member of any major donor program. Based on Mr. Torshin's listing as a Specially Designated National as of April 6, we are currently reviewing our responsibilities with respect to him.

We believe this and our previous letters have provided enough information to address any legitimate concerns about these issues. Therefore, given the extraordinarily time-consuming and burdensome nature of your requests, we must respectfully decline to engage in this beyond the clear answers we have already provided.

Sincerely,



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Secretary and General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman