

## Letter to the Editor: Guns and the NRA

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Some time since last letter to the editor, so I thought I would throw in a few words about the left wing Democrats in Santa Fe, and some of their new laws. A lifetime member of the NRA and firm believer in the Second Amendment, however I have seen too many people that should not have guns that hide behind the NRA and the debate.

The NRA never asks the members if they would mind background checks, they just fight every new law that comes out and keep asking me to donate almost every day via phone calls, or advertisements in the mail. I have donated a few dollars here and there. According to Mr. Oliver North, the new NRA President, in a recent letter, we have six million members and they need to raise two million dollars to fight the gun grabbers.

I wrote North a letter telling him if we have that many members just one dollar from each one would be more than he was asking for. Never got an answer back, but I looked up North's net worth, which is estimated at around \$5 million, from a combination of his salary at Fox News, payments for speeches, and royalties from his books, among other sources.

Wayne LaPierre, CEO of the NRA's net worth is \$10 million. This estimate is based on earnings from the NRA, which average \$1 million per year and have gone as high as \$5 million, as well as royalties from book sales and engagements as a paid speaker. So, maybe these gentlemen should chip in a little more to meet their goals instead of ripping off everybody that pays monthly dues for the magazine.

Guess maybe that's where some of that nice money is going along with others that work at the NRA headquarters. As a retired cop I can't tell you how many guns get stolen and are never found. I would not agree with immediate family for any background checks, but you can go online, to a flea market, or even a gun show and buy whatever you want if you have the cash, for no questions asked.

Any new law needs to have the gun checked to see if it's stolen and I betcha some of those missing guns would start popping up and be returned to their rightful owners, and somebody might have to explain where they got them from. I guess at the end of the day it's like buying stuff on the street corner getting a great deal and the three monkeys, hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil.

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As I write this letter, just today I got a call from the NRA again asking for money on behalf of Oliver North President of the NRA. Hope she passed my message onto North, but I doubt it!

*Signed;*

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