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From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Barnett, Gary (ODAG); Zachary.Terwilliger2@usdoj.gov
Subject: FW: Hawaii "Rap Back" issue coming

Heads up.

From: Holland, James [mailto:JHolland@nrahq.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Danielle.Cutrona@usdoj.gov
Subject: Hawaii "Rap Back" issue coming

Danielle,

I wanted to give you a heads of an issue that's heading your way. Hawaii is putting everyone who owns a firearm into the "rap back" system run by the FBI so that when an employer (or whomever) pings the system when vetting a person for a job or "position of trust" it will state that the searched-for name is a firearms owner (see bottom link: to FBI form 1-796 14a.). This is a huge problem for Hawaii gun owners, and anyone who visits Hawaii with a legally-owned firearm for more than 3 days (Hawaii requires firearm registry if you even visit the state with a gun for 3 or more days). This looks like a gun registry but we think a DOJ policy memo could fix the issue. I want to flag this for you so you're not caught off-guard in the press. I'll call and explain more.

Best,

James

Hawaii becomes first state to put gun owners in federal database

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/06/24/hawaii-becomes-first-state-to-put-gun-owners-in-federal-database.html>

<https://forms.fbi.gov/form-1-796-rap-back-services>

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From: johnrlott@crimeresearch.org
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:17 PM
To: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)
Cc: Eyler, Gustav (OAG); Escalona, Prim (OLP); Newman, Ryan (OLP)
Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

Great, thank you.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 13, 2017, at 1:27 PM, Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <Gary.E.Barnett@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi John. Sorry to be late to the game, but 3 pm works for me as well.

Gary

From: John Lott [<mailto:johnrlott@crimeresearch.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Eyler, Gustav (OAG) <gueyler@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Escalona, Prim (OLP) <pescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Newman, Ryan (OLP) <RNewman@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

Thanks very much, Gus and Prim. I can meet at 3 PM. Just tell me where you want me to be. Thanks.

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On Tuesday, June13, 2017, at Tuesday, June 13, 11:38 AM, Eyler, Gustav (OAG) <Gustav.Eyler3@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Prim. I also should be available to meet any time after 3:00 p.m. on Friday. If that timing does not work for others, however, please feel free to meet

without me.

Best regards,
Gus

From: Escalona, Prim (OLP)
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:36 AM
To: Newman, Ryan (OLP) <RNewman@jmd.usdoj.gov>; John Lott <johnrlott@crimeresearch.org>
Cc: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Eyler, Gustav (OAG) <gueyler@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

John,
I'm generally around on Friday if you would like to meet. I'll let Gary and Gus weigh in on their availability.

Thanks,
Prim

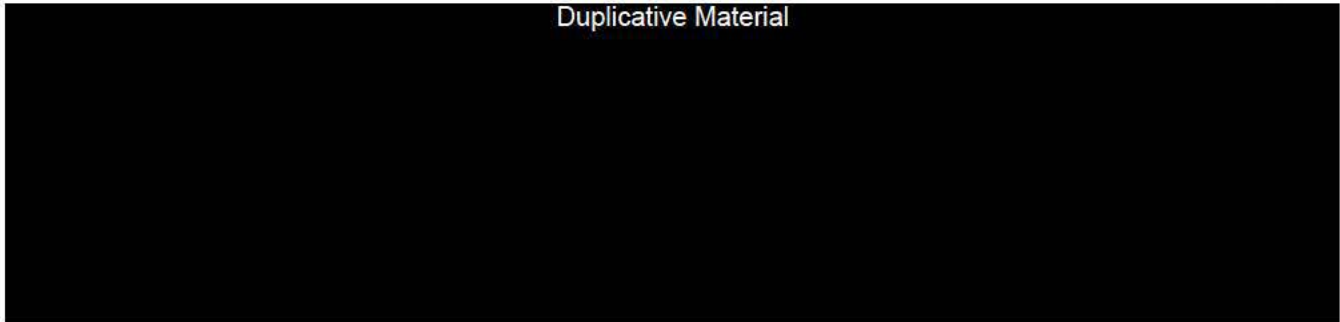
From: Newman, Ryan (OLP)
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:03 PM
To: John Lott <johnrlott@crimeresearch.org>
Cc: Escalona, Prim (OLP) <pescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Eyler, Gustav (OAG) <gueyler@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

John, I will be tied up at a conference most of the day on Friday. I'm cc'ing Prim Escalona in OLP, as well as Gary Barnett and Gus Eyler to see if they might have time.

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From: John Lott [<mailto:johnrlott@crimeresearch.org>]
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Cc: Ryan Newman (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

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Eyler, Gustav (OAG)

From: Eyler, Gustav (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 4:43 PM
To: John Lott; Barnett, Gary E. (OAG); Escalona, Prim (OLP)
Cc: Newman, Ryan (OLP)
Subject: RE: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

John,

We can plan to meet in room 5228 at the Main Justice Building (950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW). Someone from the Attorney General's office will meet you tomorrow past security at the Visitor's Entrance (on the Constitution Ave. side) and escort you to the room. We look forward to meeting with you.

Best regards,
Gus

From: John Lott [mailto:johnrlott@crimeresearch.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 1:49 PM
To: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG) <gebarnett@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Eyler, Gustav (OAG) <gueyler@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Escalona, Prim (OLP) <pescalona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Newman, Ryan (OLP) <RNewman@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

Dear Gary, Gustav, Prim:

Could you tell me where I should be at 3 PM tomorrow? I look forward to seeing you all.

Thank you.
John

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Eyler, Gustav (OAG)

Subject: Meeting w/ John Lott - Crime Prevention Research Center

Location: Room 5228

Start: Friday, June 16, 2017 3:00 PM

End: Friday, June 16, 2017 4:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Eyler, Gustav (OAG)

Required Attendees: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG); Escalona, Prim (OLP)

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End: Friday, June 16, 2017 4:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Eyler, Gustav (OAG)

Required Attendees: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG); Escalona, Prim (OLP)

John Lott

From: John Lott
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:24 PM
To: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)
Subject: Great Meeting You
Attachments: FBI Errors on Active Shooters.pdf

Dear Gary:

It was great meeting you on Friday. I really appreciate you taking the time, and I thought your idea of having the government give out the data was a great one. However, I would make one suggestion. If you gave out only the exact data that the Obama administration studies used, you would leave out some important information. For example, in the Ferguson report, I suspect that they didn't use information on the residency of those who were given tickets.

Attached is a write up that I had on the FBI report on active shootings that you might find helpful. It will give some idea of what happened to the FBI data gathering during the Obama administration.

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However, while the BJS is focused on data gathering, I think that a lot more needs to be done with both the gathering and use of data across all of the DOJ.

Again, it was great meeting you, and if I can be of help in anyway, please let me know.

Thank you.

John

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Newman, Ryan (OLP)

Subject: Lunch with John Lott

Start: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:00 PM

End: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: No response required

Organizer: Newman, Ryan (OLP)

Newman, Ryan (OLP)

From: Newman, Ryan (OLP)
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:41 PM
To: John Whitley; John Lott; Ryan Newman
Subject: RE: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

Thanks, John. And good luck with the nomination process. Would love to catch up. The remainder of this week is busy, but next week might work. Feel free to give me a ring. 202-514-6131.

All the best,
Ryan

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From: John Whitley (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 5:40 PM
To: John Lott <johnrlott@crimeresearch.org>; Newman, Ryan (OLP) <RNewman@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Ryan Newman (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

John - thanks much. I should clarify that it is potential nomination pending the background checks.

Ryan - looks like we will be working together if all goes well. Let me know if you would be able to catch up sometime.

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

On Wed, Jul 5, 2017 at 4:29 PM -0400, "John Lott" <johnrlott@crimeresearch.org> wrote:

Thanks for setting up the meeting with Gary and Gustav. I appreciate them taking the time to meet with me, and I hope that it was helpful. There are a lot of things that can be done with data at DOJ.

My friend John Whitley, who has been nominated to be the Army's CFO, asked me if I could put you both in contact with each other. I am cc'ing John on this email. I think that you will really both enjoy getting to know each other.

Ryan, if you do have some time, please give me a call at (484) 802-5373 when you get a chance.

I hope that things are going well.

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From: johnrlott@crimeresearch.org
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Newman, Ryan (OLP)
Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

Just letting you know that I am here.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 8:56 AM, Newman, Ryan (OLP) <Ryan.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Let's do b DC Penn Quarter. See you at noon.

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Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

Looking forward to finally meeting you for lunch later. Happy to meet wherever you want for lunch, but two suggestions:

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Tadich Grill at 1001 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20004

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On Friday, July 14, 2017, at Friday, July 14, 1:45 AM, John Lott
<johnrlott@crimeresearch.org> wrote:

Thanks, Ryan. That would be great! I look forward to seeing you. Just let me know where would be a convenient restaurant to meet up at.

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On Thursday, July 13, 2017, at Thursday, July 13, 9:15 PM,
Newman, Ryan (OLP) <Ryan.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

John, I could do lunch next Wednesday at noon.

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To: Newman, Ryan (OLP) <RNewman@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Ryan Newman <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

Dear Ryan:

If you have time to get together for lunch either next week (with the exception of Tuesday) or even tomorrow, I would enjoy the chance to talk to you about a few things.

Best,
John

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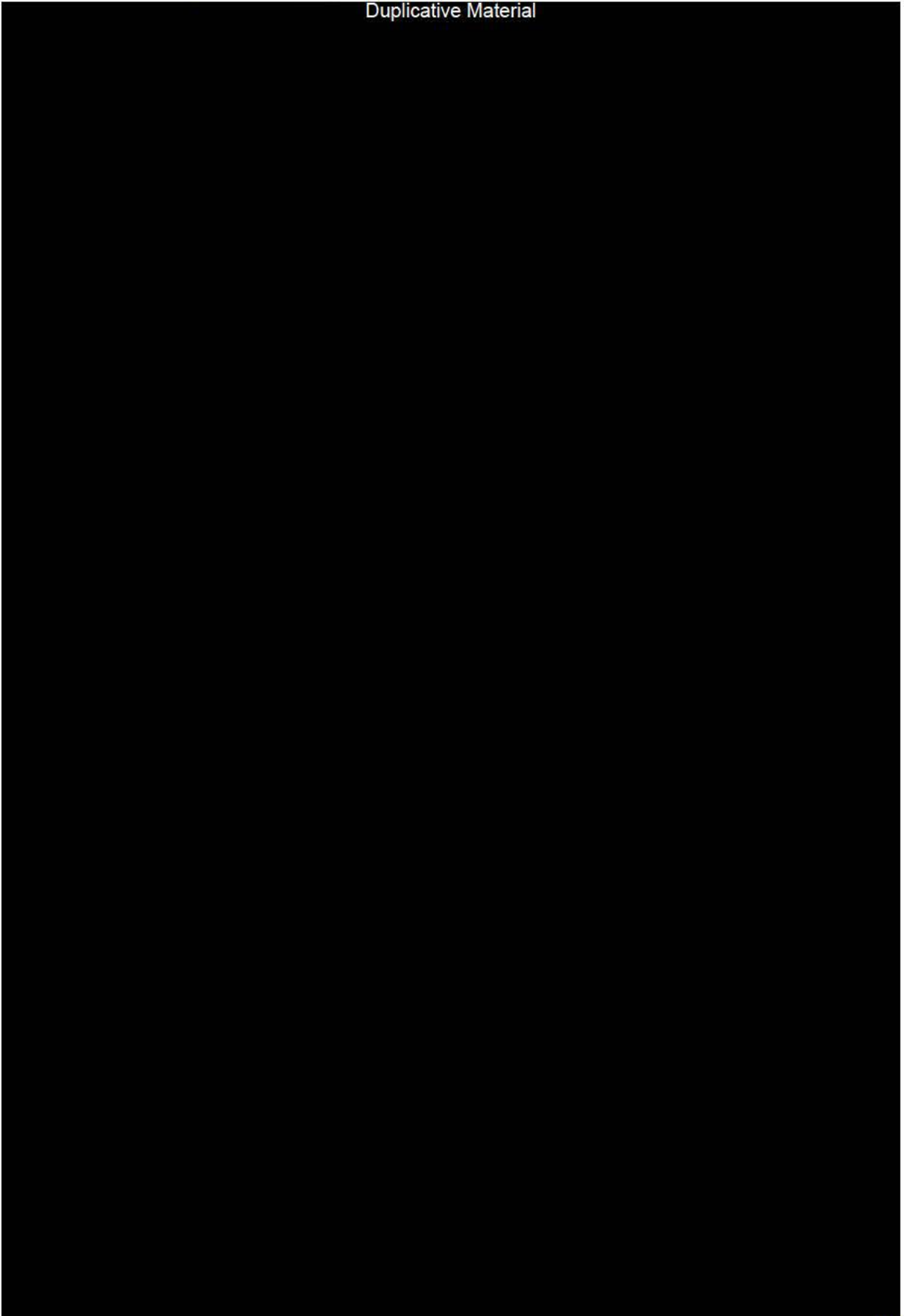
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On Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at Wednesday, July 5,

9:41 PM, Newman, Ryan (OLP)

<Ryan.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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John Lott

From: John Lott
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Newman, Ryan (OLP)
Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ
Attachments: BJS Studies John Lott Revised.docx; (b) (6) FBI Errors on Active Shooters.pdf

It was great to see you today, Ryan. Thanks for taking the time to meet.

Attached are files that I have on an outline of some empirical ideas that I have for BJS and DOJ generally, a discussion of errors in the FBI report on mass public shootings, and (b) (6)

Thanks again.
John

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June 28, 2017: A partial list of John R. Lott, Jr.'s ideas on empirical work that could be done by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Department of Justice

Background checks on guns and racism

The last annual “full” report on the NICS was released in 2010, and the Obama administration stopped releasing the reports at that time. The reports should not only be reinstituted, but they should be expanded.

There are many ways that the reports could be expanded. Under the Obama administration the 4473s that people fill out when they buy a gun record race of the purchaser. There have been 3 million NICS denials, but virtually all of those are false positives. The mistakes arise because the government doesn’t use all the information available. It uses phonetically similar names and birthdates, but not other information such as Social Security numbers and addresses. Since people tend to have names similar to others in their racial group and since there are large differences in crime rates across groups, blacks and Hispanics are more likely to suffer false positives in purchasing a gun.

The reports should also more clearly identify the number of false positives in the NICS denials.

National Crime Victimization Survey

The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) is often used to claim that there is only about 100,000 defensive gun uses a year. What is not normally recognized is that the difference between claims of about 2 million defensive gun uses and 100,000 cases is because of the screening questions used in the surveys. The NCVS asks people if those surveyed have been a victim of a violent crime. The other surveys ask people if they or someone that they have been with has been threatened with violence. This distinction is important because if someone successfully uses a gun to defensively, they may not view themselves as having been victims of a violent crime. If so, the screening question won't count as a defensive gun use. The BJS should examine how sensitive their results are to the screening question used.

Guns used in Self-defense

During Democratic administrations, the government frequently reports top guns used in crime. For those who used guns in self-defense, it would be possible to add a question at the end of the National Crime Victimization Survey that asked those individuals what guns that they have used in self-defense. Those numbers could then be used to release a report on the guns most frequently used in self-defense.

Justifiable homicides

While people have come to understand the problems with the data on justifiable homicides by police, the justifiable homicide data for civilians is much worse. Most

jurisdictions don't collect on justifiable homicides, and those jurisdictions that collect this data do a horrible job. Often no decision is made on whether a homicide is justifiable until the legal process has run its course, and the problem here is that most jurisdictions never go back to correct the original data. The problem with all this is gun control advocates use these numbers to claim that people rarely use guns for self-defense, but this data can't be used the way that they are because they dramatically undercount justifiable homicides by civilians.

Definition of mass shootings

During the Obama administration, the FBI's traditional definition of mass shootings was changed from 4 or more people killed to just 3 or more killed. This change might seem small, but it dramatically increased the number of mass shootings, which is presumably the reason that it was changed. I would strongly suggest that politics be taken out of this and that the number be changed back to its traditional measure.

Police and racism

The empirical work put out by the Obama administration has reinforced the belief that police are systematically racist. These studies might have adversely impacted crime (if blacks are unwilling to tell police about crimes) and police shootings - both of those points are testable.

But the research put out by the Obama administration was seriously flawed and the problems are easily explainable. For example, these studies attributed any and all disparities to racism. In Ferguson, they see racism in the fact that blacks accounted for 85% of vehicle stops, but only 67% of its population.

But the people who drive through Ferguson aren't all from Ferguson. Indeed, the seven bordering municipalities have an average black population of over 80%. According to the former Ferguson police chief, traffic stops were designed to ticket people who lived outside the city. This would export their tax burden to neighboring towns. Adjusting for this one simple point causes almost the entire "racism" gap to disappear. All the Obama administration report had to do was account for where drivers live.

I would be interested in measuring whether these reports appear to be associated with a drop in the rate that blacks report crimes to police and in turn whether that is associated with higher crime rates.

Guns and self-defense

The Obama administration put out a number of studies from an FBI report on Active Shooters to a DOJ IG report on background checks being run efficiently. While gun control advocates have made extensive use of both of these reports, there are major problems with both. For example, the report on active shooters missing twenty mass public shootings during the beginning of the period that they studied and they used a

news search that also missed the earlier period, so that combined these biases falsely make it look like that there was a big increase in these shootings overtime.

With the reciprocity for concealed handgun permits coming up sometime within the next year, there are a number of reports that could be done on how law-abiding permit holders are to estimates on the effect that permits have on crime rates. Obviously there are academic studies that can be cited on these points, but up-to-date government studies by the

Gun ownership

Gun control advocates have tried to paint gun owners as out of step with the general population by claiming that relatively few people own guns. Even as gun sales have soared, some surveys have shown a drop (e.g.. General Social Survey). Gun control advocates have a recent survey claiming that 3% of Americans own 50% of the guns. They have tried to claim that a smaller and smaller number of Americans own more and more guns.

There are some surveys on the other side. And also the number of concealed handgun permits has soared. But what I would like to see is the FOID card data from Illinois and compare it to the survey data for that state. I have been unsuccessful in getting that data on my own.

Death Penalty

If you want to give liberals heartburn, this topic will do it. What is ignored in the discussion over the high legal costs involving the death penalty and all the resulting appeals are the legal costs that are saved in non-death penalty cases from simply the ability to threaten the death penalty. In first-degree murder cases, prosecutors often can't offer the murders less than first-degree murder in plea negotiations. In the absence of the death penalty, the killer thus has no incentive to accept a plea bargain. He might as well take his chances at trial, even when the evidence is overwhelming. But first-degree murder cases are still costly affairs.

This research would likely be considered outside the BJS's normal role, but it might be possible to still have my involvement.

2014 FBI report on active shooters

I have also included a write up on a September 2014 FBI report on active shooters. This report is horribly done and is being used continually by gun control advocates. See included document.

Voter Fraud

Take the lists that exist of people who are in the US illegally or who are legal non-citizens and match them with voter registration lists.

-- [740,000](#) signed up for President Barack Obama's program granting temporary deportation deferral: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA

-- California has given driver licenses to over 840,000 undocumented aliens. Probably a similar number of documented aliens, but they don't separate those numbers out. Both undocumented and documented aliens are not legally able to vote.

-- 11 other states and DC also issue driver's license to people who are illegal aliens.

-- Many states, such as California, give discounts on college tuition to illegal aliens.

-- The *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals* program has more than 750,000 young unauthorized immigrants have had their initial applications approved. The Federal government thus has detailed information on those individuals.

-- The Federal government also has lists of people who are in the United States legally.

-- States deny permitted concealed handguns to illegal aliens. While the number of denials in any state is not large, the type of individuals who try to illegally obtain a concealed handgun permit might have also been likely to vote.

-- Because they are registered to vote (or have a driver's license), illegal aliens are called for jury duty. I recently got called for jury duty, and I witnessed a significant number who were excused from serving because they were US citizens, though I have no idea about how many were there for different reasons.

-- When criminal illegal aliens are deported there should be a systematic search across databases that would include information on whether they were registered to vote.

Besides measuring the rate of vote fraud, in the past I have done research on laws that reduce vote fraud increase voter participation rates. If people are more confident that the votes will be accurately counted, they are more likely to vote. With all the recent voting regulations, it would be possible to update that work.

John Lott

From: John Lott
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:03 PM
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Subject: Re: Some empirical work that could be done by the DOJ

BTW, if you are interested, here is the piece that will be in tomorrow's WSJ.

By John R. Lott Jr.

Each year brings a new record increase in the number of concealed handgun permits. The rate of growth in permits among women and minorities has far outpaced growth among white men. The data paint a picture of incredibly law-abiding permit holders, the vast majority living outside America's insular media capitals.

A new [report](#) from the Crime Prevention Research Center shows that there are now more than 16.3 million concealed handgun permits in the U.S., up 1.83 million since last July. Far more people carry guns today than in 2007, when there were only 4.6 million permits. Thirteen states now no longer require a permit to carry in all or most of the state. Eight of those 13 states made the change in the last two years.

Did the antigun agendas of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton drive demand? Maybe not. The growth in permits has hardly slowed since the election.

Women are largely fueling the increase. Among the eight states that had data from 2012-16, permits for men grew by 22% and permits for women soared by 93%. In the 14 states with 2016 data on sex, women now make up 36% of permit holders.

Over those same years, the number of blacks with permits increased 30% faster than the number of whites with permits. Blacks now make up 11% of permit holders. A few states provide a breakdown for Asian-Americans, and in those states they accounted for the largest percentage increase in permits.

The numbers show how out of sync the media capitals—California, New York and the District of Columbia—are with the rest of the country. In those places where public officials have discretion over who gets permits only a few adults out of every thousand have permits, mostly in rural counties. In the rest of the U.S., 8% of adults have permits. People in most states don't think twice about being surrounded by concealed carry in restaurants, theaters and stores. New Yorkers must be terrified to visit Pennsylvania, where 13% of adults have permits. In Potter County, Pa., on the New York state line, more than half of adults have a permit.

In Los Angeles County, by contrast, as of January there were 226 permits for almost eight million adults. Only the political elite get them: judges, reserve deputy sheriffs and a small group of very wealthy, well-connected individuals. As of 2012, Hispanics

and a small group of very wealthy, well-connected individuals. As of 2012, Hispanics made up almost half the county, but they only got about 6.5% of the permits. Women got about 7%, and blacks 5%.

In places where public officials decide who get permits, facing explicit death threats often isn't enough for a law-abiding person to get a permit. Living in high-crime neighborhoods is considered irrelevant.

My research has demonstrated that the two groups that benefit the most from carrying guns are the likeliest victims of crime (poor blacks in high-crime urban areas) and people who are physically weaker (women and the elderly). Dozens of published peer-reviewed studies find similar results.

If the media elites spent more time outside their protective bubbles, they might realize how misplaced their fears of permit holders are. According to a study in *Police Quarterly*, criminal convictions of police are rare compared with the general public. But permit holders are convicted at less than one-sixth the rate of police officers.

Police are the most important factor in stopping crime, but the police almost always arrive on the scene after an offense has occurred. In the past few years those who benefit the most from carrying concealed handguns have been getting them.

Mr. Lott is president of the Crime Prevention Research Center and author, most recently, of "The War on Guns" (2016).

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My pleasure, John. Really enjoyed it.

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From: John Lott
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:15 AM
To: Newman, Ryan (OLP); Ryan Newman
Subject: How the bogus FBI study on public shootings keeps

Dear Ryan:

I don't know if you had a chance to look at the info that I sent you on the problems with the FBI study on active shootings, but here is an example of ABC's The View on Monday that referenced the study (see 1:30 into the video).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cxsx7Vxbgw0>

Here is a list of public shootings that were stopped by concealed handgun permit holders.

<https://crimeresearch.org/2016/09/uber-driver-in-chicago-stops-mass-public-shooting/>

BTW, from about 13 to 58 seconds into the video Jedediah Bila starts talking about mass public shootings and she references other relevant research from the Crime Prevention Research Center. It would be great if you all could somehow withdraw that badly flawed and politically biased FBI report.

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From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Cc: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)
Subject: FW: NRA Meeting Request with Attorney General
Attachments: Sessions Appointment Request Form.doc

Thoughts?

From: Holland, James [mailto:JHolland@nrahq.org]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: NRA Meeting Request with Attorney General

Ms. Bryant,

The National Rifle Association-Institute for Legislative Action Executive Director Chris Cox would like to meet with Attorney General Sessions in the upcoming weeks to thank him for all of the work he's done advancing the Second Amendment, the rule of law, and to discuss other issues important to our 5 million members. One of those issues is the appointment of an ATF Director. Attached you will find a complete AG Appointment Request Form.

All the best,

James P. Holland
Federal Liaison
National Rifle Association

(b) (6)

Meeting Request Form-AG Sessions

Name of Contact: James Holland

Contact Phone and Email Address: (b) (6); jholland@nrahq.org

Organization: National Rifle Association, Institute for Legislative Action

Today's Date: August 25, 2017

List of meeting attendees. Please list attendees (If necessary, attached additional attendees on a separate page):

Is one of your listed attendees a lobbyist? :

Name	Organization/ Business	Current address
Chris W. Cox (Lobbyist)	NRA ILA	11250 Waples Mill Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030
David Lehman (Lobbyist)	NRA ILA	11250 Waples Mill Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030

Requesting

DATE:

Time Available:

September 18	11 am 3 pm
September 26	11 am 3 pm
October 2 nd or 3 rd	11 am 3 pm
Week of October 30 th	11 am 3 pm

On a separate page or in the body of your email, please include a detailed list of topics for your meeting. Also include any additional information on your organization (including your website).

Please be advised that there is no guarantee we will be able to accommodate your meeting request. All meetings are subject to the Attorney General's availability.

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POC: Sarah Flores
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POC: Sarah Flores
AG Attendees: AG, Sarah Flores, Ian Prior, Rod Rosenstein and Rachel Brand

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POC: Danielle Cutrona

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Otus84, AG (OAG)

Subject: Canceled: MEETING: National Rifle Assoc.
Location: AG's Office

Start: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 10:00 AM
End: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 10:30 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Required Attendees: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG); Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)

Attachments: National Rifle Association.doc

Importance: High

POC: Danielle Cutrona

Attendees: Danielle Cutrona, David Lehman and Chris Cox (b) (6)

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Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)

From: Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)
Cc: Schedule, AG84 (OAG); Bryant, Errical (OAG); Washington, Tracy T (OAG); Bennett, Catherine T (OAG)
Subject: Briefing Materials for Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Thanks.

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Danielle Cutrona

***Meeting: National Rifle Association**

Gary Barnett

***Meeting on Asset Forfeiture Program**

Otus84, AG (OAG)

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Location: AG's Office

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End: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 10:30 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

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Importance: High

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Bryant, Errical (OAG)

From: Bryant, Errical (OAG)
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
Cc: Hanrahan, Peggi (OAG)

NRA just called to cancel meeting. Thanks

Errical A. Bryant
Director of Scheduling
United States Attorney General

Holland, James

From: Holland, James
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)
Subject: Question re: JBS' responses to "bump stock" questions

Gary,

Do you have a moment or two this afternoon to chat about AG Sessions' likely responses to questions about "bump stocks?" We're obviously very concerned about this issue and we're looking for some clarity going into tomorrow's oversight hearing at SJC. Can I give you a call?

James P. Holland
Federal Liaison
National Rifle Association

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Otus84, AG (OAG)

Subject: Meeting National Rifle Association
Location: AG's Office

Start: Monday, October 30, 2017 10:30 AM
End: Monday, October 30, 2017 11:00 AM
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Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Required Attendees: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG); Barnett, Gary E. (OAG); Whitaker, Matthew (OAG); McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)

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Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)

From: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Otus84, AG (OAG)
Subject: Accepted: Meeting National Rifle Association

Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)

Subject: Accepted: Meeting National Rifle Association

Location: AG's Office

Start: Monday, October 30, 2017 10:30 AM

End: Monday, October 30, 2017 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)

Required Attendees: Otus84, AG (OAG)

Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)

Subject: Accepted: Meeting National Rifle Association

Location: AG's Office

Start: Monday, October 30, 2017 10:30 AM

End: Monday, October 30, 2017 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)

Required Attendees: Otus84, AG (OAG)

Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)

From: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG)
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To: Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)
Cc: Schedule, AG84 (OAG); Bryant, Errical (OAG); Washington, Tracy T (OAG); Bennett, Catherine T (OAG); Barnett, Gary E. (OAG)
Subject: RE: Briefing Materials for Monday, October 30, 2017. Thanks.

Adding Gary who may have materials for this meeting.

From: Jackson, Wykema C. (OAG)
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) <AG84Schedule@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Washington, Tracy T (OAG) <twashington@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Bennett, Catherine T (OAG) <cbennett@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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Monday

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Meeting National Rifle Association AG's Office

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Monday

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McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)

From: McKinney, Suzanna (OAG)
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 10:38 AM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Subject: Mike Sullivan called

He said that he's a former colleague of yours from the U.S. Attorney days. You can reach him back at (b) (6)
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Suzanna R. McKinney
U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General



Larry Keane

From: Larry Keane
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Cc: Michael J. Sullivan (msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com)
Subject: NSSF Issues Statement on Chicago Gun Trace Report

Matt,

I thought you might be interested to see this statement we just put out. We give a tip of the cap to General Sessions and DOJ for their efforts in Chicago.

Chicago has a serious criminal violence problem in portions of the city. It is not emblematic of the nation, nor even of Chicago, overall. We applaud the initiative of the U.S. Department of Justice under Attorney General Jeff Sessions to bring more federal resources to bear in Chicago. We call on all levels of law enforcement and all segments of the community to work together. It is patently wrong for Mayor Rahm Emanuel to use the framework of this report in a false narrative to again blame the firearms industry for problems that require great political will to address.

From: NSSF News
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Larry Keane
Subject: NSSF Issues Statement on Chicago Gun Trace Report



For immediate release | November 1, 2017



Media contact:
[Mike Bazinet](#)
203-426-1320

NSSF Issues Statement on Chicago Gun Trace Report

NEWTOWN, Conn. – The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®), the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry, today issued the following statement.

Gun Trace Report 2017 issued at the direction of the Chicago Mayor's Office outlines a comprehensive public safety strategy, certain elements of which the firearms industry would endorse including increasing the number of police officers on the street and tough sentences for criminals who use guns. The bulk of the report, however, starts from a purposely misleading premise and represents what we have heard before as a political narrative from the administration of Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

As to the premise, a tracing request is simply a law enforcement tool. As the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) ATF has repeatedly stated, "The appearance of [a licensed dealer] or a first unlicensed purchaser of record in association with a crime gun or in association with multiple crime guns in no way suggests that either the federal firearms licensed dealer (FFL) or the first purchaser has committed criminal acts. Rather, such information may provide a starting point for further and more detailed investigation." (Crime Gun Trace Analysis Reports, ATF, 1998).

Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) are already heavily regulated. Additional laws on the state level would be redundant and burdensome without doing anything to enhance public safety, only serving to impede the lawful commerce in firearms and ultimately affecting only law-abiding citizens.

The areas of Chicago affected by the criminal misuse of firearms are under siege from criminal cartel and gang activity involved in the trafficking of illegal drugs. Even when apprehended and convicted these repeat criminals are often treated leniently by the criminal justice system. Taking criminals off the street is the only way to stem this violence.

Chicago already has some of the most stringent gun control regulations in the country and, clearly, criminals are not complying with the laws. More laws won't work to change criminal behavior.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, on behalf of the firearms industry, recently concluded an impactful "[Don't Lie for the Other Guy](#)" anti-straw purchasing public awareness campaign using radio, billboards, transit advertising and social media messaging in the Chicagoland area (the second such campaign in five years) at the request of and in coordination with ATF. Several area law enforcement organizations participated in a public event to launch that campaign. It is indicative of the political narrative pursued by Mayor Emmanuel that no representative of the City of Chicago or the Chicago Police was present for that event.

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About NSSF

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is the trade association for the firearms industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of more than 12,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers. For more information, log on to www.nssf.org/.

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Sullivan, Mike

From: Sullivan, Mike
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Subject: RE: Introductions

The 7th doesn't work for me. Larry are you in town on the 8th? If so we have a table for the Qatar fundraiser for autism at the Kennedy Center. Matt, JDA, John Ratcliffe, me and my wife Terry, David Ayres, Lu Reyes are going to be there I have two extra seats at our table if you want to join us. Mike.

Michael J. Sullivan

Partner

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From: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) [mailto:Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Larry Keane
Cc: Sullivan, Mike
Subject: Re: Introductions

How about dinner tomorrow night, the 7th?

On Nov 6, 2017, at 3:26 PM, Larry Keane <lkeane@nssf.org> wrote:

Mike

I am in town the 7th and 8th (better) too.

Would either day work for Matt?

Larry

From: Sullivan, Mike [mailto:msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 3:21 PM
To: Larry Keane
Cc: matthew.whitaker@usdoj.gov
Subject: RE: Introductions

Larry just returned from overseas. I am in DC on the 7th and 8th. Let me know if either of those days would work. Best regards. Mike

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From: Larry Keane [<mailto:lkeane@nssf.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Sullivan, Mike
Cc: matthew.whitaker@usdoj.gov
Subject: RE: Introductions

Mike – Thank you for the introduction to Matt.

Matt – It's a pleasure to be introduced to you. I would welcome the opportunity to get together at a convenient time, perhaps when Mike is in town, to get better acquainted and discuss how NSSF might be able to help DOJ and ATF. NSSF enjoys a good working relationship w/ ATF and collaborate on initiatives like the anti-straw purchasing campaign, "Don't Lie for the Other Guy" and we are lucky enough to have been awarded a DOJ/OJP/BIS grant for our Project ChildSafe firearm safety education program.

(Mike – what does your schedule look like next week?)

Lawrence G. Keane

Senior Vice President for Government & Public Affairs,
Assistant Secretary & General Counsel

National Shooting Sports Foundation

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From: Sullivan, Mike [<mailto:msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 12:12 PM

To: Larry Keane

Cc: matthew.whitaker@usdoj.gov

Subject: Introductions

Larry let me introduce you to Matt Whitaker. Matt was recently appointed COS for AG Sessions and the DOJ. You may remember Matt as the former US Attorney in Iowa. Matt is a terrific guy, a great supporter of the 2nd Amendment and a great addition to the Department. I know Matt's former colleagues are excited that Matt is back with the DOJ.

Matt as mentioned, Larry is EVP and GC at NSSF. Larry was extremely helpful to me while at ATF. As you know, NSSF represents most (if not all) of the firearm manufacturers, retailers and importers. Larry will be an excellent resource and I know he has been and continues to be very supportive of the administration. My best to you both. Mike

Michael J. Sullivan

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Larry Keane

From: Larry Keane
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Cc: Sullivan, Mike
Subject: Re: Introductions

That works. See you at the bar.

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On Nov 6, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I don't. How about 730 at Taddich Grill?

On Nov 6, 2017, at 3:50 PM, Larry Keane <lkeane@nssf.org> wrote:

Matt - Dinner and/or a drink would work for me. And please tell I me you don't burn your steaks to a crisp like Mike.

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On Nov 6, 2017, at 3:42 PM, Sullivan, Mike <msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com> wrote:

Matt/Larry sorry I can't do the evening of the 7th. If it works for you two, do it without me. Larry I did send you an email about an event on the 8th that I have a couple of seats at our table. Let me know.
Thx. mike

Michael J. Sullivan

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From: Larry Keane [<mailto:lkeane@nssf.org>]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Cc: Sullivan, Mike
Subject: Re: Introductions

That works for me. Cap Grille @ 6pm? Mike can destroy another steak. It's tragic.

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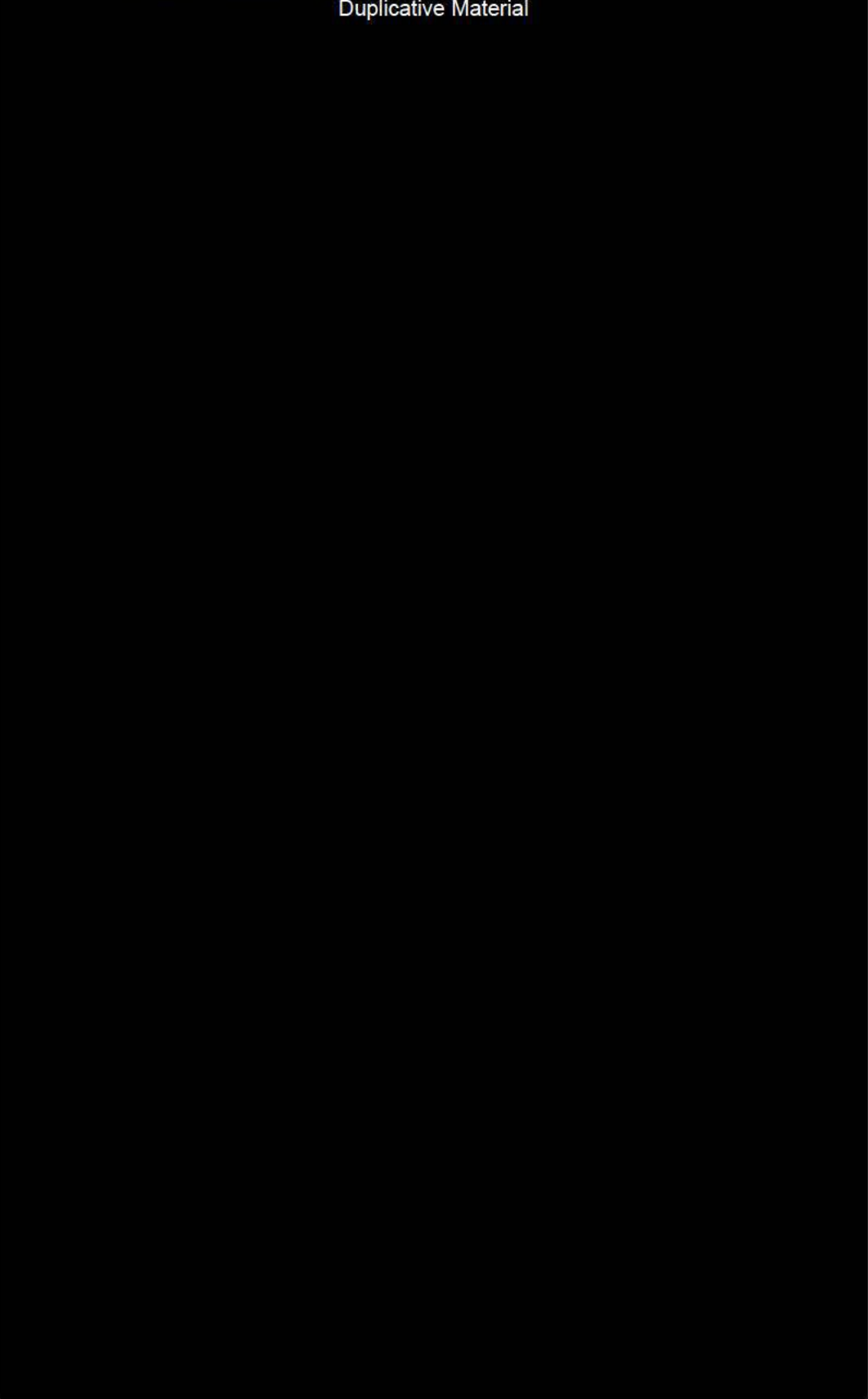
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On Nov 6, 2017, at 3:27 PM, Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
<Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Sullivan, Mike

From: Sullivan, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Subject: RE: Potential Meeting

Matt I hope all is well. Would you have anytime on Thursday? Mike

Michael J. Sullivan

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From: Larry Keane [mailto:lkeane@nssf.org]
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2017 10:02 AM
To: matthew.whitaker@usdoj.gov
Cc: Sullivan, Mike
Subject:

Matt,

Mike and I will both be in town next Thursday. Would you have a few minutes for Mike and I to stop by.

Larry

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From: Larry Keane
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 6:05 AM
To: matthew.whitaker@usdoj.gov
Subject:

Matt

Unfortunately I have to take a rain check on dinner tonight. I have to go up to NYC for a TV interview about NSSF's FixNICS program.

I will be at the Qatar Autism Awareness Gala tomorrow night. Mike tells me you will be attending as well. If so, we can catch up then.

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Larry Keane

From: Larry Keane
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 7:44 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Subject: RE: Heller Letter to ATF

Got the Boyd letter from Aaron Cummings....

From: Larry Keane
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 7:16 PM
To: matthew.whitaker@usdoj.gov
Subject: Heller Letter to ATF

Matt

I have not seen the "hard copy" but this is what they told us earlier today they were going to send over. I have seen the ANPRM and DOJ release. I haven't seen ATF's testimony or any letter to SJC.

December XX, 2017

Mr. Thomas E. Brandon
Acting Director
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
99 New York Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20226

Dear Acting Director Brandon:

Following the tragic attack on innocent concertgoers in Las Vegas on October 1st, a number of my colleagues and I sent a letter respectfully requesting that your agency review the Obama Administration's statutory interpretation allowing for the sale of bump stocks and to consider issuing your own interpretation.

I write to follow-up on this request and ask your agency to swiftly review the previous interpretation, given the function and capability of a semi-automatic rifle modified by a bump stock.

I appreciate your close attention to this important matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Sullivan, Mike

From: Sullivan, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Brand, Rachel (OASG)
Cc: Gunn, Currie (OASG)
Subject: RE: Greetings From Mike Sullivan/Boston

Unfortunately from a timing/scheduling perspective I am in DC tomorrow. Knowing that may be impossible to fit in, I can be back after the first of the year, the week of January 2nd. Thank you. Currie nice meeting you by email. Mike

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From: Brand, Rachel (OASG) [mailto:Rachel.Brand2@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Sullivan, Mike
Cc: Gunn, Currie (OASG)
Subject: Re: Greetings From Mike Sullivan/Boston

Mike- Nice to hear from you. What day are you going to be here? I'm copying Currie Gunn to see if we can find some time to chat.

Rachel

On Dec 20, 2017, at 2:02 PM, Sullivan, Mike <msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com> wrote:

Rachel I hope all is well. We are all pleased to see you back at Justice and in the AAG position. I am planning on being in DC for a meeting with ATF. Unrelated to the meeting I wanted to know if you had 20/30 minutes to meet on some regulatory policy directives that may be causing some unintended commerce impact. My meeting with ATF is at 11:30AM and should be done by 2PM at the latest. I am flexible and could do before or after. If you are in town and available I would enjoy stopping by. Thx and Best Regards, Mike

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Sullivan, Mike

From: Sullivan, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Gunn, Currie (OASG); Brand, Rachel (OASG)
Subject: RE: Greetings From Mike Sullivan/Boston

If we could do tomorrow that would be great. I have an 11:30 at ATF and am available before or after.
Thx. mike

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From: Gunn, Currie (OASG) [mailto:Currie.Gunn@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Brand, Rachel (OASG); Sullivan, Mike
Subject: RE: Greetings From Mike Sullivan/Boston

Good afternoon,

For scheduling purposes what date are we looking at? I assume tomorrow but wanted to confirm.

From: Brand, Rachel (OASG)
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Sullivan, Mike <msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com>
Cc: Gunn, Currie (OASG) <cgunn@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Greetings From Mike Sullivan/Boston

Duplicative Material



Brand, Rachel (OASG)

Subject: Meeting with ASG Brand and Mike Sullivan
Location: RFK Main Justice Bldg, - Room 5706 (visitors entrance on Constitution Avenue, NW between 9th & 10th Streets)
Start: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:00 AM
End: Thursday, December 21, 2017 10:30 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Meeting organizer
Organizer: Brand, Rachel (OASG)
Required Attendees: Sullivan, Mike; Cox, Stephen (OASG)

Subject: Regulatory Policy Directive
POC: Currie Gunn

Attendees
OASG: ASG Brand, Stephen Cox
Outside Attendees: Mike Sullivan, Mark Barnes, Melissa Burgess

Brand, Rachel (OASG)

From: Brand, Rachel (OASG)
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Cox, Stephen (OASG)
Subject: Meeting with ASG Brand and Mike Sullivan

Subject: Regulatory Policy Directive
POC: Currie Gunn

Attendees
OASG: ASG Brand, Stephen Cox
Outside Attendees: Mike Sullivan, Mark Barnes, Melissa Burgess

Sullivan, Mike

From: Sullivan, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Brand, Rachel (OASG)
Subject: letter re: AG memo
Attachments: Coalition of ATF-Regulated Industries' Trade Associations Letter to Atty....docx

Rachel, thanks again for your time a couple of weeks ago. Last week a number of industry representatives decided to raise/document some operational challenges they are facing based on what they believe to be a misunderstanding of the AGs memo. I told the group that the issue regarding ATF's application of the memo was already being addressed but the group still wanted to send the letter to the AG. I wanted to make sure you received a copy. The Group (or representatives of the Group) would welcome the opportunity to provide additional information and/or assist in the efforts to improve the process, particularly the rule making challenges, from a timing perspective. Let me know if you, or a member of your staff has any questions. Mike

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January 5, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Sessions:

We, the undersigned associations, collectively representing the firearms, ammunition, pyrotechnics, and explosives industries, applaud your efforts towards increased transparency and adherence to the rulemaking process, as described in a November 16, 2017, memorandum entitled “Prohibition on Improper Guidance Documents” (“Memo”). We however feel obligated to bring to your attention the unintended consequences and negative impact this guidance is having on regulated entities, particularly industries regulated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”). Historically, ATF has executed its statutory responsibilities in a fair, lawful and transparent manner that promotes safety and security in accordance with industry best practices and improves the ability of the regulated industry to comply with regulatory requirements. The types and importance of guidance ATF has regularly provided in maintaining compliance and safety within regulated industry that have been or will be impacted by the Memo, are summarized below.

Variances:

ATF’s ability to issue variances is established in existing regulatory language and is pivotal to maintaining a culture of safety and security and allowing good business practices within our industries. Firearms and explosives regulations at 27 CFR 478.22 and 27 CFR 555.22, respectively, provide the Director with the ability to approve alternate methods or procedures in lieu of those specifically prescribed in the regulations. Variances are critical to our industries as they allow for, among other things, alternative product markings, storage magazine construction, and recordkeeping practices that keep pace with developing industry technologies and safety and security measures. Variances not only work to advance safety and security practices, but can also result in significant cost savings for regulated businesses.

Rulings:

Rulings, while not equivalent to regulations, have been used legally by ATF for over 40 years as a practical and economical way to provide uniform interpretation and a “level playing field” for industry members. Quite often, ATF develops rulings based on repetitive variances issued to industry members, saving regulated businesses from the administrative burden of filing for and waiting to receive common variance approvals. Further, this saves taxpayer resources by sparing

ATF from having to respond to repeated, identical variance requests individually. Given the time-consuming nature of the rulemaking process, rulings also provide the agency with a tool to afford relief to our industries from regulations that, in some ways, have not been modernized to align with current technologies and safety and security best practices. Examples of rulings that have become critical to our industry practices include the use of electronic recordkeeping systems, alternative storage and siting of explosive materials, product classifications, and clarification of lawful sales, among many others.

Classifications, Determinations, and Interpretations:

Similarly, the regulated firearms and explosives industries also rely upon the ability of ATF to provide timely and accurate product classifications as well as determinations and interpretations regarding the proper application of existing regulations. The ability of our member companies to make business decisions, including product manufacturing, storage, construction of new facilities, or even opening a new business, depend in part, on ATF's ability to execute these responsibilities.

It is crucial that ATF remain able to easily adapt to ever-developing industry best practices. Members of our respective associations have already experienced challenges in obtaining timely approvals from ATF due to the November 16th Memo.

Accordingly, the undersigned associations, on behalf of our respective members, respectfully request that the Department of Justice provide additional clarification to ATF, that the agency is clearly and explicitly authorized by the Department to continue processing and issuing variances in accordance with existing statutory authority and regulations, that existing rulings remain intact, and, that ATF be allowed to continue developing new rulings when they become necessary. In addition, we request that the agency be directed to continue responding to requests for determinations, product classifications and interpretations in order to maintain and strengthen the productive working relationship our industries share with regulatory bodies in our joint pursuit of safety and security.

We would be remiss if we did not also take this opportunity to ask the Department to review its rulemaking process and identify opportunities to improve the timeliness of rule development and implementation. An improved and streamlined rulemaking process would likely remove ATF's dependence on rulings to provide timely guidance to regulated industries. We believe it is essential for industry to play a role in any restructuring of the rulemaking process and request the opportunity to meet with you or members of your leadership team, to discuss both the guidance memorandum and the issue of improved rulemaking as a whole.

Although no agency is perfect in its approach to regulation, ATF has been a fair partner to our industries. We have an expectation that the agency will continue to be responsive and transparent in their processes for providing guidance to the regulated firearms, ammunition, pyrotechnics, and explosives industries through the use of variances, rulings, determinations, and classifications.

Once again, thank you for your efforts to ensure that regulatory activity takes place within the confines of the law. We are available to answer any questions you or your staff may have with our requests and we look forward to confirmation that the recent memorandum will not affect ATF's ability to continue to issue industry guidance through variances, rulings, classifications, determinations, or interpretations.

Respectfully,

Julie Heckman, Executive Director, American Pyrotechnics Association

Johanna Reeves, Executive Director, F.A.I.R. Trade Group

Debra Satkowiak, President, Institute of Makers of Explosives

Winston Forde, Executive Director, International Society of Explosives Engineers

Lanette Waite, President, National Association of Ordnance Contractors

Lawrence Keane, Sr. Vice President & General Counsel, National Shooting Sports Foundation

Richard Patterson, Executive Director, Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute

Sullivan, Mike

From: Sullivan, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 2:05 PM
To: Brand, Rachel (OASG)
Subject: RE: letter re: AG memo

You are welcome. Mike

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From: Brand, Rachel (OASG) [mailto:Rachel.Brand2@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 1:53 PM
To: Sullivan, Mike
Subject: RE: letter re: AG memo

Thanks for the heads-up.

From: Sullivan, Mike [mailto:msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Brand, Rachel (OASG) <rbrand@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: letter re: AG memo

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John Lott

From: John Lott
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 7:41 PM
To: Gary E. Barnett
Subject: Thanks for talking on Friday
Attachments: CPRC JPEG Letter.jpeg; FBI Bogus Study.pdf; Updated DOJ Studies John Lott Revised.docx

Dear Gary:

Thanks very much for talking on Friday. As we discussed, we need new research to advance the Trump agenda and pull indefensible studies done during the Obama administration (they are missing crucial data, and the data they have is biased).

Just so you have them, attached is a partial list of studies that I have suggested to people at DOJ. I removed one study from the list that I did myself (you might appreciate it https://ssrn.com/abstract_id=3099992). The problem with the bogus studies done during the Obama administration is that they extend throughout DOJ (not just NIJ or BJS).

I want you to know how much I care about this working out. During the campaign, I was one of only five Ph.D. economists who signed the letter supporting Trump (<http://scholarsandwritersforamerica.org>). I wrote 20 op-eds and did over 100 radio interviews fighting for Trump during the election. I think that this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity for us to fix things. I think that Trump is doing an amazing job, but the empirical part of the administration needs to provide the intellectual support to help make Trump's case.

Let me give you one example. The Washington Post had a fact check last week on Trump's claims about illegal immigrants and crime (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2018/01/18/trumps-claim-that-immigrants-bring-tremendous-crime-is-still-wrong/?utm_term=.3d272fd2e9fe). They spent a lot of time on my new research linked above, but they still gave Trump four Pinocchios. I think that if the DOJ had done this research instead of me, it would have been much more difficult for them to dismiss Trump's statements as false, but I couldn't get people interested when I tried to convince them to do something before the DACA debate heated up. But it is more than just dealing with the badly behaving media. Even Trump's followers need to have evidence to support their positions (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WHyB692Pso> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cdm7oYN1hPU>).

Again, thanks for your time and everything that you do.
John

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June 28, 2017: A partial list of John R. Lott, Jr.'s ideas on empirical work that could be done by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Department of Justice

How law-abiding are concealed handgun permit holders

It is one thing for myself to do studies on how law-abiding concealed handgun permit holders are. It is something entirely different for the Department of Justice to do it. Everyone knows the types of claims that will be made during congressional debates about how dangerous permit holders are, so before the various reciprocity bills come up, it is extremely important that DOJ do a study on this issue.

FBI report on mass public shootings that came out before the 2014 should be withdrawn until the data errors are corrected.

Gun control advocates in court cases around the country are using this study. It is also something that will be used in any debate about reciprocity. While it was officially counting cases where any shots were fired in public, even if no one was shot, the missed 20 public shootings where at least 2 people were killed. This study claims that only once during the 2000 to 2013 did a concealed handgun permit holder stop a mass public shooting. There were dozens of cases that were missed. This study should be withdrawn/disavowed by the FBI.

Background checks on guns and racism

The last annual "full" report on the NICS was released in 2010, and the Obama administration stopped releasing the reports at that time. The reports should not only be reinstituted, but they should be expanded.

There are many ways that the reports could be expanded. Under the Obama administration the 4473s that people fill out when they buy a gun record race of the purchaser. There have been 3 million NICS denials, but virtually all of those are false positives. The mistakes arise because the government doesn't use all the information available. It uses phonetically similar names and birthdates, but not other information such as Social Security numbers and addresses. Since people tend to have names similar to others in their racial group and since there are large differences in crime rates across groups, blacks and Hispanics are more likely to suffer false positives in purchasing a gun.

The reports should also more clearly identify the number of false positives in the NICS denials.

National Crime Victimization Survey

The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) is often used to claim that there is only about 100,000 defensive gun uses a year. What is not normally recognized is that the difference between claims of about 2 million defensive gun uses and 100,000 cases is because of the screening questions used in the surveys. The NCVS asks people if those

surveyed have been a victim of a violent crime. The other surveys ask people if they or someone that they have been with has been threatened with violence. This distinction is important because if someone successfully uses a gun to defensively, they may not view themselves as having been victims of a violent crime. If so, the screening question won't count as a defensive gun use. The BJS should examine how sensitive their results are to the screening question used.

Guns used in Self-defense

During Democratic administrations, the government frequently reports top guns used in crime. For those who used guns in self-defense, it would be possible to add a question at the end of the National Crime Victimization Survey that asked those individuals what guns that they have used in self-defense. Those numbers could then be used to release a report on the guns most frequently used in self-defense.

Justifiable homicides

While people have come to understand the problems with the data on justifiable homicides by police, the justifiable homicide data for civilians is much worse. Most jurisdictions don't collect on justifiable homicides, and those jurisdictions that collect this data do a horrible job. Often no decision is made on whether a homicide is justifiable until the legal process has run its course, and the problem here is that most jurisdictions never go back to correct the original data. The problem with all this is gun control advocates use these numbers to claim that people rarely use guns for self-defense, but this data can't be used the way that they are because they dramatically undercount justifiable homicides by civilians.

Definition of mass shootings

During the Obama administration, the FBI's traditional definition of mass shootings was changed from 4 or more people killed to just 3 or more killed. This change might seem small, but it dramatically increased the number of mass shootings, which is presumably the reason that it was changed. I would strongly suggest that politics be taken out of this and that the number be changed back to its traditional measure.

Police and racism

The empirical work put out by the Obama administration has reinforced the belief that police are systematically racist. These studies might have adversely impacted crime (if blacks are unwilling to tell police about crimes) and police shootings - both of those points are testable.

But the research put out by the Obama administration was seriously flawed and the problems are easily explainable. For example, these studies attributed any and all disparities to racism. In Ferguson, they see racism in the fact that blacks accounted for 85% of vehicle stops, but only 67% of its population.

But the people who drive through Ferguson aren't all from Ferguson. Indeed, the seven bordering municipalities have an average black population of over 80%. According to the former Ferguson police chief, traffic stops were designed to ticket people who lived outside the city. This would export their tax burden to neighboring towns. Adjusting for this one simple point causes almost the entire "racism" gap to disappear. All the Obama administration report had to do was account for where drivers live.

I would be interested in measuring whether these reports appear to be associated with a drop in the rate that blacks report crimes to police and in turn whether that is associated with higher crime rates.

Guns and self-defense

The Obama administration put out a number of studies from an FBI report on Active Shooters to a DOJ IG report on background checks being run efficiently. While gun control advocates have made extensive use of both of these reports, there are major problems with both. For example, the report on active shooters missing twenty mass public shootings during the beginning of the period that they studied and they used a news search that also missed the earlier period, so that combined these biases falsely make it look like that there was a big increase in these shootings overtime.

With the reciprocity for concealed handgun permits coming up sometime within the next year, there are a number of reports that could be done on how law-abiding permit holders are to estimates on the effect that permits have on crime rates. Obviously there are academic studies that can be cited on these points, but up-to-date government studies by the

Gun ownership

Gun control advocates have tried to paint gun owners as out of step with the general population by claiming that relatively few people own guns. Even as gun sales have soared, some surveys have shown a drop (e.g.. General Social Survey). Gun control advocates have a recent survey claiming that 3% of Americans own 50% of the guns. They have tried to claim that a smaller and smaller number of Americans own more and more guns.

There are some surveys on the other side. And also the number of concealed handgun permits has soared. But what I would like to see is the FOID card data from Illinois and compare it to the survey data for that state. I have been unsuccessful in getting that data on my own.

Death Penalty

If you want to give liberals heartburn, this topic will do it. What is ignored in the discussion over the high legal costs involving the death penalty and all the resulting

appeals are the legal costs that are saved in non-death penalty cases from simply the ability to threaten the death penalty. In first-degree murder cases, prosecutors often can't offer the murders less than first-degree murder in plea negotiations. In the absence of the death penalty, the killer thus has no incentive to accept a plea bargain. He might as well take his chances at trial, even when the evidence is overwhelming. But first-degree murder cases are still costly affairs.

This research would likely be considered outside the BJS's normal role, but it might be possible to still have my involvement.

2014 FBI report on active shooters

I have also included a write up on a September 2014 FBI report on active shooters. This report is horribly done and is being used continually by gun control advocates. See included document.

Voter Fraud

Take the lists that exist of people who are in the US illegally or who are legal non-citizens and match them with voter registration lists.

-- [740,000](#) signed up for President Barack Obama's program granting temporary deportation deferral: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA

-- California has given driver licenses to over 840,000 undocumented aliens. Probably a similar number of documented aliens, but they don't separate those numbers out. Both undocumented and documented aliens are not legally able to vote.

-- 11 other states and DC also issue driver's license to people who are illegal aliens.

-- Many states, such as California, give discounts on college tuition to illegal aliens.

-- The *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals* program has more than 750,000 young unauthorized immigrants have had their initial applications approved. The Federal government thus has detailed information on those individuals.

-- The Federal government also has lists of people who are in the United States legally.

-- States deny permitted concealed handguns to illegal aliens. While the number of denials in any state is not large, the type of individuals who try to illegally obtain a concealed handgun permit might have also been likely to vote.

-- Because they are registered to vote (or have a driver's license), illegal aliens are called for jury duty. I recently got called for jury duty, and I witnessed a significant number who were excused from serving because they were US citizens, though I have no idea about how many were there for different reasons.

-- When criminal illegal aliens are deported there should be a systematic search across databases that would include information on whether they were registered to vote.

Besides measuring the rate of vote fraud, in the past I have done research on laws that reduce vote fraud increase voter participation rates. If people are more confident that the votes will be accurately counted, they are more likely to vote. With all the recent voting regulations, it would be possible to update that work.

Larry Keane

From: Larry Keane
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:27 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Cc: Michael J. Sullivan (msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com)
Subject: Re: Calif Prop 63 - FBI - Acquisition/Procurement of Ammo

Thx.

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On Feb 15, 2018, at 6:26 PM, Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <Matthew.Whitaker@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Let me look into it. MW

From: Larry Keane [<mailto:lkeane@nssf.org>]

Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:54 PM

To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG) <mwhitaker@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: Michael J. Sullivan (msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com) <msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com>

Subject: Calif Prop 63 - FBI - Acquisition/Procurement of Ammo

Matt,

I just left a message at your office. I wanted to make you aware of a problem in California that is impacting the ability of federal law enforcement to obtain ammunition. I am hoping you might be able to help me resolve the problem.

California recently passed Proposition 63 which became effective on January 1, 2018. Now, in order for an ammunition manufacturer to ship ammunition into California to law enforcement agencies, including federal agencies, they must first receive a letter from the agency head. Prop 63 does not define the term. Ammunition manufacturers with contracts to provide the FBI with ammunition have not been able to obtain the necessary letters in order to be in compliance with California law and meet their contractual obligations. **Since Jan 1, 2018 the FBI offices in California are not receiving ammunition.**

I am told FBI folks in California (and ICE, but that's not your headache) will not provide the necessary letters claiming the law does not apply to the FBI. And, may be threatening the manufacturers (Federal, Winchester, Remington, Hornady) with breach of contract claims. The Calif. Dept of Justice is unwilling to provide any guidance.

I was hoping the Attorney General might be able to direct the FBI – perhaps whomever is in charge of acquisitions or procurement for FBI – to provide letters?

I have not heard of any issues w/ DEA or ATF, just FBI (and ICE).

Do you think you could help?

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To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Cc: Michael J. Sullivan (msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com)
Subject: Re: Calif Prop 63 - FBI - Acquisition/Procurement of Ammo

Matt

I can only imagine how crazy busy you have been. It's was a crazy week for me too. I wanted to circle back on this California issue and see if you had had a chance to look into it. The big three ammo companies (Vista/Federal, Winchester and Remington) tell me the problem continues, certainly with respect to the FBI. If you could put me in contact with someone at the FBI I'll get out if your hair. Thanks, I will appreciate any help you provide.

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From: Larry Keane
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:21 PM
To: Whitaker, Matthew (OAG)
Cc: Michael J. Sullivan (msullivan@ashcroftlawfirm.com)
Subject: Parkland - Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPOs) - DOJ assistance to States

Matt,

I know you're swamped and on the Hill for hearings. I left a message with your office. I have a question I was hoping you might be able to answer, or point me in the right direction.

Part of the President's [statement](#) in response to the Parkland tragedy was to call for the States to adopt Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPOs) and that he was directing DOJ to provide technical assistance to the States. See relevant portion below. NSSF publicly supported the President's statement.

My question is whether DOJ has been asked by any the States for assistance? The reason I ask is NSSF has been trying to encourage the American Legislative Exchange Council to engage in drafting model ERPO legislation.

STRENGTHENING BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PREVENTION: President Trump supports legislation and reforms to strengthen background checks and law enforcement operations.

- President Trump's Administration is calling on every State to adopt Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs).
 - The President is directing the Department of Justice to provide technical assistance to States, at their request, on establishing and implementing ERPOs.
 - ERPOs allow law enforcement, with approval from a court, to remove firearms from individuals who are a demonstrated threat to themselves or others and temporarily to prevent individuals from purchasing new firearms.
 - ERPOs should be carefully tailored to ensure the due process rights of law-abiding citizens are protected.

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From: Holland, James [mailto:JHolland@nrahq.org]
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Cc: Sargol, Deb <DSargol@nrahq.org>
Subject: NRA Meeting request with AG Sessions

Errical,

Executive Director of the NRA-ILA, Mr. Chris Cox, would like to respectfully request a meeting with the Attorney General.

Please see attached for an Appointment Request Form for Attorney General Sessions.

James P. Holland
Federal Liaison
National Rifle Association

(b) (6)

Meeting Request Form-AG Sessions

Name of Contact: James Holland

Contact Phone and Email Address: (b) (6) jholland@nrahq.org

Organization: National Rifle Association, Institute for Legislative Action

Today's Date: October 20, 2017

List of meeting attendees. Please list attendees (If necessary, attached additional attendees on a separate page):

Is one of your listed attendees a lobbyist? :

Name	Organization/ Business	Current address
Chris W. Cox (Lobbyist)	NRA-ILA	11250 Waples Mill Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030
David Lehman (Lobbyist)	NRA-ILA	11250 Waples Mill Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030

Requesting

DATE:

Time Available:

October 30th	10 am – 12 pm
October 31st	10 am – 12 pm
November 6th	All Day
November 7th	All Day

On a separate page or in the body of your email, please include a detailed list of topics for your meeting. Also include any additional information on your organization (including your website).

Please be advised that there is no guarantee we will be able to accommodate your meeting request. All meetings are subject to the Attorney General's availability.

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From: Holland, James [mailto:JHolland@nrahq.org]
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To: Bryant, Errical (OAG) <ebryant@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Cutrona, Danielle (OAG) <dcutrona@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: NRA Meeting Request with Attorney General

Ms. Bryant,

National Rifle Association-Institute for Legislative Action Executive Director Chris Cox, would like to meet with Attorney General Sessions in the upcoming weeks to thank him for all of the work he's done advancing the Second Amendment and to discuss other issues important to our 5 million members. If the Attorney General has any availability in the next few weeks, I would greatly appreciate if you could send me a few possible meeting times that I could take to Mr. Cox's scheduler.

All the best,

James P. Holland
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From: Sargol, Deb [mailto:DSargol@nrahq.org]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 2:33 PM
To: 'Schedule, AG84 (OAG)' <AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Speaking Request: NRA-ILA Leadership Form April 28

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Please find attached the letter of invitation and completed form.

We are happy to assist with any additional information you may require.

Respectfully,

Deb Sargol
Special Assistant to Chris W. Cox
Office of the Executive Director NRA Institute for Legislative Action
National Rifle Association of America
Off: 703-267-1140
Cell: (b) (6)

From: Schedule, AG84 (OAG) [mailto:AG.SCHEDULE84@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:44 PM
To: Sargol, Deb <DSargol@nrahq.org>
Subject: Speaking Request: NRA-ILA Leadership Form April 28

Thank you for requesting a meeting with Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Ideally, the AG would like to meet with everyone that places a request, regrettably this isn't always possible. While we will make every effort to honor your request, meetings are scheduled based on the AG's availability and ethics perimeters.

To assist us with your request, please complete the attached document and return to me at AG.schedule84@usdoj.gov. If you are unsure of the time please state, first available and we will schedule based on availability.

We look forward to speaking with you soon.
All the best,

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Office of the Executive Director
CHRIS W. COX

February 23, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Sessions:

This April, The National Rifle Association of America will celebrate its 146th Annual Meeting and Exhibits in Atlanta, Georgia.

We are writing to invite you to serve as one of our featured speakers at NRA-ILA's 2017 Leadership Forum, which will be held on Friday, April 28. The official program begins at 1:00pm at the Georgia World Congress Center.

The Leadership Forum is a highlight of NRA's Annual Meetings and Exhibits, which features one of the most popular guns, gear and outfitter exhibits in the nation. During the weekend, we expect over seventy thousand NRA members to attend the exhibits and related events.

At previous Leadership Forums, thousands of NRA members gathered to hear presidential candidates, leading elected officials, celebrities, and top national newsmakers from around the country. We would be honored if you would attend this upcoming event and address our attendees.

To the extent allowed by law, we are happy to provide and assist you with air and ground transportation, as well as lodging, along with whatever additional information you require for clearance from the Departmental Ethics Office.

My direct office line is 703-267-1493 and email is ccox@nrahq.org. Please feel free to contact me directly or my assistant, Deb Sargol at (703) 267-1140 or by email at dsargol@nrahq.org for details or questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to having you with us in Atlanta!

Sincerely,

Chris W. Cox

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please fill out all the fields that are applicable to your event. Once completed, please return it by e-mail to AG.Schedule84@usdoj.gov . If you have any questions about the information requested, please do not hesitate to contact Errical at the e-mail addresses listed above.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Name: NRA-ILA Leadership Forum

Sponsoring Organization(s): National Rifle Association of America

Nature of Event: Annual Conference

Proposed Date & Time of Attorney General's Participation: Friday, April 28, 2017

Complete Event Date(s) & Time(s): Friday, April 28, 2017 1pm-5pm (i.e. Monday, January 1 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Proposed Length of Remarks: 10-15 Minutes

Proposed Duration of the Attorney General's Participation: 1 hour

VENUE INFORMATION

Event Venue: The Georgia World Congress Center – Hall A, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

Event Room Floor: Lower Level Hall A

Event Room Name and/or Number: N/A [Click here to enter text.](#)

Table Name and/or Number: N/A

Green Room Floor: Backstage

Green Room Name/ and or Number: [Click to Enter Text](#)

Venue Street Address: 285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW

Venue City, State & Zip Code: Atlanta, Georgia 30313

Venue Telephone Number: (404) 223-4000

EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Contact | Please provide the information for the event coordinator. (This should be the person that will answer any additional questions from the Scheduling Office regarding the details and/or logistics of the event.)

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Organization: National Rifle Association of America

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Is this individual available by e-mail at all times? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, what is the best way to reach this individual? ☒ Cell ☒ Office ☐ Other

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Organization: National Rifle Association of America

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Security Contact | Please provide the information for the person with whom the Attorney General's Protection Detail- can coordinate (specify security or facilities person).

Name: Jim Staples

Title: NRA Director of Security

Organization: National Rifle Association of America

Phone (Office): 703-267-3884

Phone (Cell): (b) (6)

E-mail: JStaples@nrahq.org

AND OR

Name: Shawn Holden

Title: NRA Security Manager

Organization: National Rifle Association of America

Phone (Office): 703-267-3889

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Venue Contact | Please provide the information for the person with whom the Attorney General's advance can coordinate.

Name: Stanley Phillips

Title: Sr. Events Coordinator

Organization: Georgia World Congress Center

Phone (Office): (404) 223-4300

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E-mail: SPhillips@GWCC.com

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program for the Event | Please attach the complete program or agenda for the event in the return e-mail. If not yet available, please provide a draft of the complete program.

Is the Attorney General expected to deliver remarks? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the Attorney General expected to take questions from the audience? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name and title of the person introducing the Attorney General:

Chris W. Cox

Executive Director NRA Institute for Legislative Action

National Rifle Association of America

Agenda for the Attorney General's Portion of the Program | Please attach a run of show/agenda for the Attorney General's portion of the program.

Not yet available

Event Speakers* | Please list the name, title, and organization of the event speakers. (If it is a multi-day or full day event, please list only the information of the speakers during the Attorney General's portion of the program.) In No Particular Order:

1. Wayne R. LaPierre, EVP, National Rifle Association of America
2. Chris W. Cox, Executive Director NRA Institute for Legislative Action, National Rifle Association of America
3. Hon. Adam Laxalt, Attorney General, State of Nevada
4. Lt. Col. Allen West (Retired), Retired Army
5. Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr., Sheriff Milwaukee County, Wisconsin
6. Mr. Mark Geist, 13 Hours, Benghazi Survivor

INVITED AND LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE:

7. The Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America
8. The Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States of America
9. The Honorable Ryan Zinke, U.S. Secretary-Designee, U.S. Department of Interior
10. The Honorable Marco Rubio, U.S. Senator

11. The Honorable Ted Cruz, U.S. Senator
12. The Honorable Clay Higgins, U.S. Representative
13. The Honorable Luther Strange, U.S. Senator
14. The Honorable Rob Portman, U.S. Senator
15. The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor of Wisconsin
16. The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor of Florida

AUDIENCE INFORMATION

Expected Size: 6,000-9,000

Description/Composition of the Audience: NRA Members and their families, Industry Guests

VIPS Attendees | Please list the name, title, and organization of any VIP attendees. (If more than 10 VIPS will attend, please include the full list of these individuals with their name, title, and organization in the return e-mail.)

1. All Speaking Guests listed above
2. NRA Officers
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EVENT SETUP INFORMATION

Event Setup | ATTACHED

Setup Description **Concert Stage:** Concert Style

Where will the Attorney General be before remarks are given? ☐ Audience ☒ Off-Stage ☐ Stage
☐ Other Click to Enter Text

Will there be a stage or riser? ☒ Stage ☐ Riser ☐ Neither

Will there be a podium available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

The Attorney General prefers to use a teleprompter for speeches. Will there be a teleprompter? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will there be screens providing live images of the event? ☒ Yes ☐ No

What kind of microphone will be available? All forms available

Describe your backdrop. American and NRA Flag and Conference Logo

Describe the audience setup. Floor and bleacher seating

Seating Arrangements* | Please list the name, title, and organization of the individuals that will be seated with the Attorney General. (If more than 10 people will be seated with the Attorney General, please include the full list of the individuals with their name, title, and organization in the return e-mail.)

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PRESS INFORMATION

Will the event be open or closed to the press? ☒ Open Press ☐ Closed Press

Will the organization(s) have a photographer present? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will the event be video taped? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will the event be recorded (audio)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If the event is open to the press . . .

Will it be internal or external press? ☒ Internal ☒ External

If it is external press, will the press be credentialed or non-credentialed?

☒ Credentialed

☐ Non-credentialed

Will the press be in a specific section or roaming? ☒ Specific Section ☐ Roaming

What type of press will be present? ☒ Print ☒ Still ☒ Camera

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Attire: ☒ Business ☐ Business Casual ☐ Casual

Additional Comments and/or Information: Click to Enter Text

ETHICS INFORMATION

Use of the Attorney General's Name | Please note that any use of the Attorney General's name in publicity materials must be cleared by the Department of Justice. In general, within 30 days of the event, you may list the Attorney General's name on an invitation and/or website as the keynote speaker along with the rest of the program. However, promotional materials such as "Save the Date" cards may not include the Attorney General's name. Please direct all question to Errical Bryant at Errical.Bryant@usdoj.gov .

Is your organization a recipient of grants from the Department of Justice ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, which grant and when? [Click to Enter Text](#)

Are you a 501(C)3? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is your organization a Registered Lobbying Organization? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is this a fund-raising event? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, what group(s), organization(s), and/or individual(s) benefit(s) from the event? [Click to Enter Text](#)

Are tickets being sold for the event? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, what is the face value of the ticket? \$10, \$20 or \$35

If there is no ticket value for this event, what is the estimated cost of attendance?

Is there a meal being served at the event? ☐ Yes ☒ No – Light Snack and Beverages Only

If so, what is the cost of the Attorney General's meal? Negligible

Will the Attorney General be receiving an award? ☐ Yes ☒ No

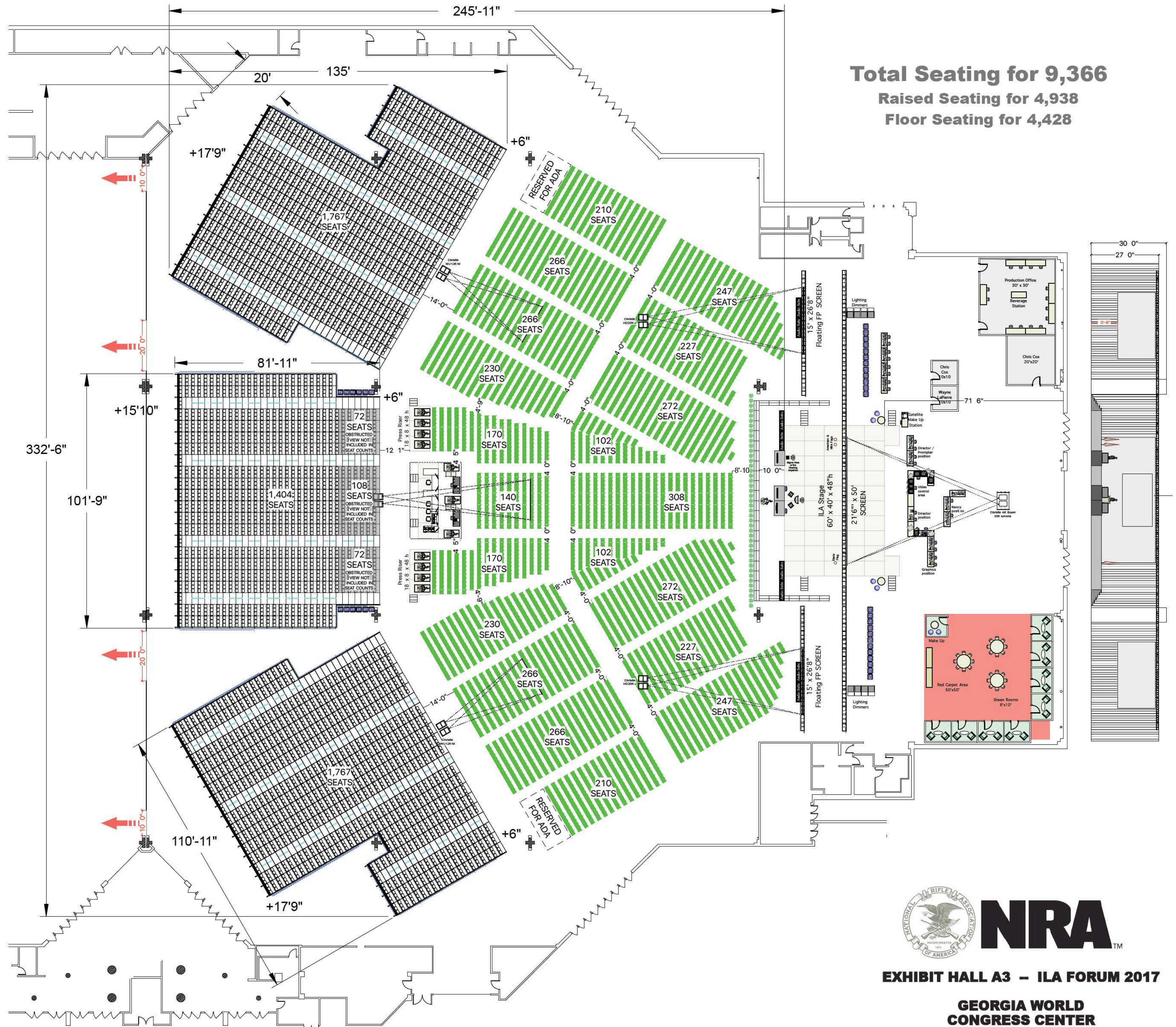
Note: The Attorney General cannot receive gifts over \$20.00.

Is there a monetary reward? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, what are the criteria for receiving the award? [Click to Enter Text](#)

Please list past recipients of the award. [Click to Enter Text](#)

Please provide a physical description of the award. [Click to Enter Text](#)





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Dear Attorney General Sessions:

Over the past 12 months as the nation's highest ranking law enforcement officer, you have seen a number of local and state governments laboring to establish policies that directly or indirectly challenge federal law on several levels.

As you know, many if not most of these same governments have been pursuing an anti-Second Amendment agenda that in many cases would turn law-abiding citizens into criminals by the mere stroke of a pen and the enforcement of regulations that are of questionable constitutionality.

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is a national organization with some 650,000 members and supporters. It is our belief that state or local governments that endeavor to infringe upon or impair the Second Amendment rights of honest citizens should relinquish any expectation of funding support from the Justice Department. We should not reward municipal or state governments for trampling on constitutionally-protected rights.

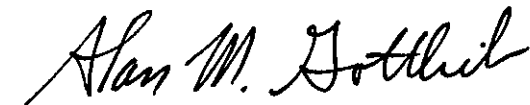
The anti-Second Amendment municipal governments of such cities as New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Seattle, and legislatures in states including New Jersey, Connecticut, California and Massachusetts should not be receiving taxpayer funds while violating the constitutional rights of the citizens in their jurisdictions.

These political subdivisions spend an inordinate amount of public money to enforce laws that violate fundamental individual civil and constitutional rights. These funds should be used to protect the public from violent criminals and terrorists. For example, when Chicago lost a federal lawsuit to the Second Amendment Foundation for violating its citizens' constitutional rights, the city paid SAF's court-ordered legal bills by taking money from police department funds.

Why should American taxpayers see their hard-earned money used to erode their fundamental rights? The logical answer, of course, is that they should not. Those of us on the front lines of this civil rights battle see this as the ultimate abandonment of common sense. When government becomes the enemy of its constituents, it should be penalized, not rewarded.

On behalf of more than 650,000 members and contributors to the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, I implore you to withhold federal funding support of local and state governments that adopt policies, regulations or statutes that erode our Second Amendment rights and protections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alan M. Gottlieb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Alan Gottlieb
Chairman

January 5, 2017.

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General of the United States
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Dear Attorney General Sessions:

We, the undersigned associations, collectively representing the firearms, ammunition, pyrotechnics, and explosives industries, applaud your efforts towards increased transparency and adherence to the rulemaking process, as described in a November 16, 2017, memorandum entitled "Prohibition on Improper Guidance Documents" ("Memo"). We however feel obligated to bring to your attention the unintended consequences and negative impact this guidance is having on regulated entities, particularly industries regulated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"). Historically, ATF has executed its statutory responsibilities in a fair, lawful and transparent manner that promotes safety and security in accordance with industry best practices and improves the ability of the regulated industry to comply with regulatory requirements. The types and importance of guidance ATF has regularly provided in maintaining compliance and safety within regulated industry that have been or will be impacted by the Memo, are summarized below.

Variances:

ATF's ability to issue variances is established in existing regulatory language and is pivotal to maintaining a culture of safety and security and allowing good business practices within our industries. Firearms and explosives regulations at 27 CFR 478.22 and 27 CFR 555.22, respectively, provide the Director with the ability to approve alternate methods or procedures in lieu of those specifically prescribed in the regulations. Variances are critical to our industries as they allow for, among other things, alternative product markings, storage magazine construction, and recordkeeping practices that keep pace with developing industry technologies and safety and security measures. Variances not only work to advance safety and security practices, but can also result in significant cost savings for regulated businesses.

Rulings:

Rulings, while not equivalent to regulations, have been used legally by ATF for over 40 years as a practical and economical way to provide uniform interpretation and a "level playing field" for industry members. Quite often, ATF develops rulings based on repetitive variances issued to industry members, saving regulated businesses from the administrative burden of filing for and waiting to receive common variance approvals. Further, this saves taxpayer resources by sparing

ATF from having to respond to repeated, identical variance requests individually. Given the time-consuming nature of the rulemaking process, rulings also provide the agency with a tool to afford relief to our industries from regulations that, in some ways, have not been modernized to align with current technologies and safety and security best practices. Examples of rulings that have become critical to our industry practices include the use of electronic recordkeeping systems; alternative storage and siting of explosive materials, product classifications, and clarification of lawful sales, among many others.

Classifications, Determinations, and Interpretations:

Similarly, the regulated firearms and explosives industries also rely upon the ability of ATF to provide timely and accurate product classifications as well as determinations and interpretations regarding the proper application of existing regulations. The ability of our member companies to make business decisions, including product manufacturing, storage, construction of new facilities, or even opening a new business, depend in part, on ATF's ability to execute these responsibilities.

It is crucial that ATF remain able to easily adapt to ever-developing industry best practices. Members of our respective associations have already experienced challenges in obtaining timely approvals from ATF due to the November 16th Memo.

Accordingly, the undersigned associations, on behalf of our respective members, respectfully request that the Department of Justice provide additional clarification to ATF, that the agency is clearly and explicitly authorized by the Department to continue processing and issuing variances in accordance with existing statutory authority and regulations, that existing rulings remain intact, and, that ATF be allowed to continue developing new rulings when they become necessary. In addition, we request that the agency be directed to continue responding to requests for determinations, product classifications and interpretations in order to maintain and strengthen the productive working relationship our industries share with regulatory bodies in our joint pursuit of safety and security.

We would be remiss if we did not also take this opportunity to ask the Department to review its rulemaking process and identify opportunities to improve the timeliness of rule development and implementation. An improved and streamlined rulemaking process would likely remove ATF's dependence on rulings to provide timely guidance to regulated industries. We believe it is essential for industry to play a role in any restructuring of the rulemaking process and request the opportunity to meet with you or members of your leadership team, to discuss both the guidance memorandum and the issue of improved rulemaking as a whole.

Although no agency is perfect in its approach to regulation, ATF has been a fair partner to our industries. We have an expectation that the agency will continue to be responsive and transparent in their processes for providing guidance to the regulated firearms, ammunition, pyrotechnics, and explosives industries through the use of variances, rulings, determinations, and classifications.

Once again, thank you for your efforts to ensure that regulatory activity takes place within the confines of the law. We are available to answer any questions you or your staff may have with our requests and we look forward to confirmation that the recent memorandum will not affect ATF's ability to continue to issue industry guidance through variances, rulings, classifications, determinations, or interpretations.

Respectfully,

Julie Heckman, Executive Director, American Pyrotechnics Association

Johanna Reeves, Executive Director, F.A.I.R. Trade Group

Debra Satkowiak, President, Institute of Makers of Explosives

Winston Forde, Executive Director, International Society of Explosives Engineers

Lanette Waite, President, National Association of Ordnance Contractors

Lawrence Keane, Sr. Vice President & General Counsel, National Shooting Sports Foundation

Richard Patterson, Executive Director, Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute

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AG Sessions -

Thank you for your consideration
of this industry coalition
request. AAG Rachel Brand
has previously received a
copy of this letter.

Respectfully,

Debra S. Sidorik

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