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For the First Time in History, Presidential Candidates Call for Gun Confiscation

by Wayne LaPierre,
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With the holiday season fast approaching, I want you and each of our Patriot Life Members to know how much I've appreciated your tremendous courage and loyalty throughout 2019.

Time after time, I've counted on your steadfast leadership to carry us through the toughest battles for our gun rights.

And today, as we look forward to 2020, I'm proud to know I can count on your continued Patriot Life Member leadership like never before.

YOU AND I ARE ALREADY NECK-DEEP IN THE BIGGEST ELECTION BATTLE OF OUR LIVES - AGAINST A SLATE OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WHO'VE MADE GUN CONTROL AND GUN CONFISCATION THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF THEIR CAMPAIGNS.

Cory Booker says that if he wins, you'll have to apply for permission from Washington, D.C. to own a gun – complete with fingerprinting, interrogations, mandatory classes, and your name being tracked in a government database.

Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris say they'll declare a "National Emergency" and use "Executive Action" to bypass the will of Congress and strip you of your Second Amendment rights.

Bernie Sanders says he'll outlaw every semi-automatic rifle in America and ban all private gun sales.



Beto O'Rourke is now selling t-shirts echoing his statement during a recent presidential debate: "HELL YES, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOUR AR-15!"

And Joe Biden wants to ban all "magazines that hold multiple bullets" – outlawing most of the firearms in your gun safe today.

You know it as well as I do: if we lose this election, it will be Armageddon for the Second Amendment.

I'm not just talking about gun registration, storage laws, or higher taxes on firearms.

I'm talking about forcible gun roundups on a scale never seen before in world history – backed up by the brute force of the federal government to arrest and imprison any American citizen who refuses to surrender his or her firearms.

THIS IS THE NIGHTMARE SCENARIO WE'VE ALWAYS FEARED. AND THE ONLY WAY TO STOP IT IS TO MAKE SURE NRA IS AT FULL FIGHTING STRENGTH EVERY SINGLE DAY BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

This is our moment – the defining Second Amendment fight of our lives. We're either going to win a great victory for freedom on Election Day next year, or we're going to

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lose our guns and our freedom forever.

I know I can count on you to stand with me in this do-or-die fight and help lead America's 100 million gun owners to the polls next November.

Thank you again for your continued leadership as a Patriot Life Member. And thank you in advance for

standing with me in the biggest election battle we've ever faced.

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Special Gifts and Discounts Available to Patriot Life Members Until December 31st

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Out of NRA's five million members across the nation, a handful of leaders stand out.

And as a Patriot Life Member, you're among an elite group of members who've done far more than most to protect and defend the Second Amendment, not just for ourselves but for future generations.

Never before has your NRA commitment been as important as it is today – because never before have gun owners seen a threat to the Second Amendment like what you and I are facing right now.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AMERICAN HISTORY, LEADING PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS HAVE ENDORSED DOOR-TO-DOOR GUN CONFISCATION ALONG WITH PRISON TERMS FOR THOSE WHO REFUSE TO SURRENDER THEIR FREEDOM.

That's why – to help fight and win the massive battle for freedom we're facing in 2020 – we're offering our Patriot Life Members the opportunity to upgrade their memberships at deeply discounted rates. And if you take advantage of this opportunity by December 31st, I'll make sure you also receive an extraordinary gift to commemorate your decision.

If you're an Endowment member, you can upgrade to a Patron Life Membership for just \$350 (normally \$1,500). Plus, you'll receive our exclusive new NRA

Summit Lake Performance Jacket (an \$89.95 value) as an extra way for me to say thanks.

If you're a Patron member, you can upgrade to a Benefactor Life Membership – NRA's highest level of membership – for just \$400 (normally \$1,500). And I'll send your NRA Summit Lake Performance Jacket with gratitude from all of us at the NRA.



Or, if you're already a Benefactor Life Member and continue your leadership with a special NRA contribution by December 31st, I'll make sure you receive an extraordinary gift to honor your generous support.

Please understand that these special offers are only available through December 31st. So don't miss out on this opportunity to lock in your deep discount and help NRA win the do-or-die fights we're facing right now. Visit our special website [NRA2020.org](https://www.nra.org/nra2020) or call us toll-free at 833-NRA-2020.

Thank you again for your continued leadership of NRA as a Patriot Life Member. I wish you and your family all the best this holiday season.

NRA's New National Database Helps Adaptive Shooters

Whether you need short or long-term adaptations to help you pursue your love of hunting and fishing, finding out about the choices that accommodate those with special needs has gotten much easier now since the NRA has launched a database listing such outdoor adventures.

“Since the Adaptive Shooting Program launched in the summer of 2015, our phones started ringing with members requesting assistance in finding accessible outdoor opportunities, while at the same time on the other line we had contacts from all over the outdoor industry saying they would love to get more involved in the adaptive community,” Dr. Joe Logar, manager of the NRA National Adaptive Shooting Program, said.

The database marries the supply-and-demand sides of the equation. With it being online, the information is available in a dynamic, searchable fashion. That means the list can easily expand and be updated as more outfitters publicize the offerings that fit customers with different needs.

It's hard to estimate how many people require some sort of adaptation to enjoy hunting and fishing, partly because no one has ever taken such a census and partly because of the fluidity of life that results in some people falling into and out of the category as time goes on.

Regardless of the numbers, one reason adaptive shooting has been more in the public eye in recent years is because such adventures have been proven to help wounded veterans on the road to recovery. “The most obvious [way it helps] would be the physical benefit of getting



out, breathing the fresh air and experiencing the rush of excitement that comes from spotting game in the field,” Logar said. “The other is social. They connect – or reconnect – with people who enjoy the things they enjoy.”

But the notion of adaptive shooting expands way beyond serving wounded veterans. Adjustments can be made for something as simple as allowing someone with a broken ankle to pursue their sport, or helping a person recovering from a stroke get back in touch with nature. Consequently, outfitters have come to realize that accommodating customers at all levels of ability is not just good business, but also provides a vital service.

“The outdoors have been known to possess a calming power for thousands of years,” Logar said. “Is it the agelessness of the trees, rivers and mountains that shows us how short our time really is? Or is it Mother Nature’s absolute indifference to us that allows us to find a little perspective? We may not be able to answer those questions, but we can say for certain that the benefits are real.”

Making Hometowns Safer By Engaging Communities, Empowering NRA Members

by Joseph P. DeBergalis, Jr.

NRA's School Shield® Program, established in 2012, is dedicated to providing a secure learning environment for some 55 million elementary and secondary school students in public, private, parochial and independent schools.

We know school security is a complex issue with no simple, single solution. That's why NRA School Shield® is committed to addressing the many facets of school security, including best practices in security infrastructure, technology, personnel, training and

policy. Through this multidimensional effort, we engage communities and empower leaders to help meet the expectation of creating a secure learning environment for America's youth.

The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program was developed with the help of a task force comprised of teachers, child and clinical psychologists, law-enforcement professionals and the NRA's own gun-safety experts. The mission of the Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program is to teach children what to do if they ever come across a firearm.

This initiative educates children in pre-K through fourth grade to Stop! – Don't Touch – Run Away – and Tell a Grown-Up. The program's sole purpose is accident prevention by means of teaching children how to stay safe should they ever encounter a firearm.

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Anyone may teach the Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program – which can readily be incorporated into existing school curriculum, taught at safety events and used to reach all ages. Since 1988, the program has reached more than 31 million children in all 50 states with the help of more than 28,000 schools, teachers and law-enforcement officers.

Developed in 1993, the NRA's Refuse To Be A Victim® program was designed to lessen one's chances of being confronted by a criminal and avoid becoming an easy target. Experts agree that one of the most important steps towards ensuring personal safety is the decision to refuse to be a victim.

Refuse To Be A Victim® seminars teach personal-safety tips and techniques needed to avoid dangerous situations. These seminars provide a comprehensive overview of practices relevant for home security and safety, mental preparedness and cyber-security awareness, as well as tips for safety and security while traveling.

New to the program is the Refuse To Be A Victim® Collegiate edition. This latest addition to the curriculum provides support to college students and high school seniors who are about to embark on their college experiences.



Each of us has an opportunity to introduce these programs into our communities. Our kids are our responsibility. It's not just our duty to protect them, it's our right to protect them. No task is more important than keeping children safe from threats and creating a secure learning environment for America's youth.

U.S. Supreme Court Schedules NRA-Supported Second Amendment Case for Argument

In January, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear a Second Amendment challenge to a gun control law for the first time in nearly 10 years. The case arose from a New York City regulation that banned city residents with "premises" handgun licenses from taking their own legally-owned firearms outside Gotham for lawful purposes.

The city defended the law all the way to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, insisting it was essential to public safety. But ever since the Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal of that decision, city and state officials in New York have been running scared, desperately maneuvering to convince the justices to dismiss it. Now, it seems, their reckoning may be nigh, as the high court has scheduled the case for argument on Dec. 2.

The lawsuit, *New York State Rifle & Pistol Assoc., Inc. v. City of New York*, offers a revealing look into the mindset of gun control extremists, and in particular, their refusal to acknowledge the Supreme Court's precedents that recognize the right to keep and bear arms as a fundamental, individual liberty.

Indeed, over a decade after the Supreme Court made clear that handguns are a protected Second Amendment "arm" and cannot be banned, New York State still generally prohibits the mere possession of pistols and revolvers. State residents, however, may qualify for an "exception" to this ban by obtaining a license issued by the locality in which they reside. The difficulty of obtaining a license depends on where in the state a person lives.

New York City, to no one's surprise, is the most onerous place to get a handgun license. For the "average" person (that is, for someone who is not well-connected to city officialdom or rich and famous) the only feasible choice is a "premises license." That license allows a person to keep a handgun in his or her home or place of business. Even then, the process takes many months, multiple

trips to police headquarters, and hundreds of dollars in mandatory fees. Licensing officials also have broad discretion to deny licenses, even when the applicant has no criminal convictions.

Until this court case arose, premises licensees could only transport their firearms outside their homes for narrowly circumscribed purposes, and only then, if the firearms were unloaded and in a locked container and separated from any ammunition. Licensees could visit a shooting range within the city itself, for example, but they could not leave the city with their own guns, even for lawful purposes like firearm training or competition or to take the gun to a second residence elsewhere in the state.

City officials tried to justify these restrictions by claiming they could not keep tabs on licensees who left New York City, although they had no evidence the licensees were causing problems with their handguns beyond city limits. The thinking seemed to be that unless New York City bureaucrats somehow monitored and documented every place licensees went with a handgun and what they did with it, the licensees must be doing something bad.

COURTS IN NEW YORK (INCLUDING FEDERAL COURTS), DO NOT LIKE THE SECOND AMENDMENT, WHICH EMBOLDENS THE STATE'S ANTI-GUN OFFICIALS TO PASS RIDICULOUS, OVERREACHING, AND PUNITIVE GUN CONTROL LAWS LIKE NEW YORK CITY'S TRAVEL BAN. THUS, THE BAN SURVIVED JUDICIAL SCRUTINY ALL THE WAY TO THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT.

But the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly made clear that the Second Amendment protects a fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms – including handguns – for lawful purposes, particularly self-defense. Nevertheless, the court has since 2010 declined to hear any Second Amendment cases challenging gun control laws. In the interim, however, President Trump has



appointed two new justices to the court – Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh – with strong records of taking the Second Amendment seriously.

And so it was in January that when the plaintiffs in the New York City case asked the court to review the Second Circuit's decision upholding New York City's travel ban, the court agreed.

New York City initially reacted with defiance, but as the reality began to sink in that they would finally have to justify their laws against serious judicial scrutiny, they began to furiously backpedal.

First, the city amended its regulations to allow the plaintiffs to take their handguns to ranges and residences outside city limits. Then state officials got into the act, passing a law to underscore that handgun licensees could transport their licensed handguns for certain permissible purposes. The city then asked the court to dismiss the case, claiming they had given the plaintiffs everything they wanted.

The Court declined to dismiss the case, and oral hearings are scheduled for December 2nd.

Despite the last-minute changes, New York City handgun licensees still remain subject to the anti-gun whims of city officials.

Only a clear Second Amendment ruling could protect the rights of New York residents in the long term.