



May 28, 2019

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member  
Senator Robert Menendez  
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse  
Attn: Josh Heath  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance  
Washington, DC 20510-6200

Dear Ranking Member Wyden and Senators Menendez and Whitehouse:

This letter provides some responsive material regarding the requests you made on May 3, 2019 to Ackerman McQueen (AMc).

First, on Thursday May 23, 2019, AMc filed a series of legal responses to the National Rifle Association's (NRA) first lawsuit against AMc referenced in your letter. The responsive pleadings, including AMc's Answer and Counterclaim, are attached. The redactions in the Court-filed documents reflect AMc's effort to ensure it does not inadvertently disclose any information NRA can claim is "confidential." As you will see, AMc has also filed a motion with the Court to obtain the Court's permission to file an unredacted, or at least less redacted version of the pleadings. When the Court rules, we will provide an updated set of materials or notify you if none is expected.

Last week, the NRA also filed a second lawsuit against AMc. This lawsuit claims that AMc violated the Services Agreement and is an effort by the NRA to avoid paying the substantial termination liabilities NRA will incur under the contract. Those pleadings are also appended. AMc will file responsive pleadings contesting NRA's baseless claims and will provide you copies when it does so.

The following is a statement from Ackerman McQueen made to the media concerning NRA's second lawsuit:

"It is a sad day for NRA members that their leadership is more focused on attacking partners than fighting for freedom. Once again the National Rifle Association leadership's new lawsuit is another reckless attempt to scapegoat Ackerman McQueen for the NRA's own breakdown in governance, compliance and leadership. We have done our job to protect the brand for decades and have

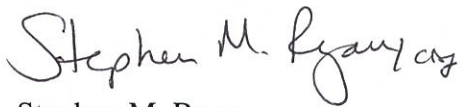
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continued to do so despite shameless and inaccurate attacks on our integrity and our personnel by a leadership group that is desperate to make this a story about anything other than their own failures.”

AMc has asked NRA for permission to produce materials to the Senate. We are awaiting NRA's response. It is not AMc's wish to have to ask for permission of the NRA to produce documents to the Senate Finance Committee; however, in order to conform to the Services Agreement between the parties, AMc must do so for now. We will update you by either providing the documents, or describing NRA's directions not to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen M. Ryan" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen M. Ryan

Enclosures