

# NRA — Friend or Foe?

## NRA Issues Gag Order to Its Board Members on Elena Kagan

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Internal Senate emails confirmed by NRA Board Members are highlighting just how far the National Rifle Association has fallen.

The organization recently collaborated with the left to obtain a carve out of the DISCLOSE Act, legislation designed to silence bloggers and outside interest groups like tea party activists. This was a first amendment issue and the NRA gladly took a position and campaigned for its members to take a position on the DISCLOSE Act.

One of the NRA's chief arguments was that it needed the carve out to be effective in its advocacy of Second Amendment issues. But here's the problem: these internal Senate emails confirmed by NRA Board Members show that the National Rifle Association's management team has explicitly and directly told the NRA's board they are prohibited from testifying about second amendment issues during the Elena Kagan confirmation hearings.

That's right: the foremost gun rights lobby in the nation is prohibiting its board from testifying in the Elena Kagan confirmation hearings about the second amendment.

The NRA did issue a statement on Friday after the internal Senate email began leaking out informing people of the gag order. The statement noted Kagan's problematic record on guns, but that's just smoke and mirrors. Don't believe them when they say they are working with Senators to investigate her record. If they were really working with Senators, they would have accepted an invitation to testify on the Kagan nomination when they were invited. The gag order on board members is not limited to providing testimony, but it prohibits board members from coming out against Kagan in their individual capacity.



If the NRA is really working with pro-guns Senators and Kagan is really hostile to Second Amendment rights, which she is, they will score her confirmation vote and actually make the score count this time, unlike they did on the confirmation of Sonya Sotomayor. With Sotomayor, they waited until several days after RedState began demanding a score and then, in effect, announced they'd score it and ignore it.

First they collaborated with the left to get the DISCLOSE Act through the House, now they are blocking their own from speaking out against Elena Kagan. Is this the deal the NRA cut with the left? They get a carveout and shut up their board?

### Editorial Comment

Hey folks, the NRA didn't just go sour yesterday! It may have been loaded with agents provocateur for years. — or has given all the signs of having been. Always remember — there's only a thin line between stupidity and subversion!

About 25 years ago, it became apparently to me that the NRA wasn't representing my interests and I cancelled both mine and my wife's life

membership. To this day I have never regretted my action.

If anyone wishes to cancel their membership or email them to let off steam, you may click on the URL below to do so.

<https://www.nrahq.org/contact.asp>

If you are considering joining a gun organization, avoid the NRA. Join the only organization that doesn't cave-in to the anti-gunners.

**“GOA is the only no-compromise gun lobby in Washington.”**

— Ron Paul  
U.S. Congressman, Texas

To go to the GOA website, click on the URL below:

<http://gunowners.org>

The GOA is openly opposing the nomination of Obama favorite, Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court while the NRA issues gag order to its directors!

The GOA is pressuring AZ Senator Jon Kyl not to vote again for Kagan.

The GOA is supporting J.D. Hayworth over anti-gun John McCain — the NRA supports McCain.

The NRA is openly revealing its self as one of the biggest ANTI-GUN organizations in the world! Wake up people!