



Gun Industry Lobbying Q2 (April—June) 2025

In July 2025, Guns Down America examined Lobbying Disclosure Act records submitted by representatives of major firearms companies and trade associations.

Lobbyists for the firearms industry had another busy quarter pushing their agenda in Congress, at the White House and across the federal government.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) continued its reign as the biggest player in the space with over \$1.78 million spent to push its pro-gun business agenda. NSSF spent more than twice as much as Gun Owners of America (\$679,015) and more than three times as much as the National Rifle Association of America (\$480,000) and nearly six-times more than the National Association for Gun Rights (\$304,783).

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Notable Findings

Gun Industry Put Dollars Behind Trump's Giant Bill

A key priority across the industry last quarter was President Trump's wide-ranging tax and budget legislation, the so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act, H.R. 1. Specific references to H.R. 1 and/or the budget resolution were included in Lobbying Disclosure Act filings from Naamo Inc., Silencer Central, the American Firearms Association, American Suppressor Association, Firearms Regulatory Accountability Coalition, Gun Owners of America, NRA and NSSF.

The final bill, which Trump signed in early July, included language that will eliminate a \$200 National Firearms Act (NFA) tax stamp fee on suppressors and short-barrel rifles, a priority for the industry. However, it did not go as far as some would have preferred. For example, the American Firearms Association said its support for H.R. 1 would come only "with fully adding in NFA deregulation, not just the \$200 tax repeal."

Notable Names

It's hardly unusual for Washington lobbyists to trade on connections they've made over the course of their personal and professional careers. Still, a few notable names caught our eye in this quarter's batch of filings:

- [Daniel Diaz-Balart](#), nephew of Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.), represented Centre Firearms Co. on behalf of TSG Advocates DC, LLC.
- Former NRA Executive Director [Chris Cox](#), now a lobbyist with Capitol 6 Advisors, added Sig Sauer as a client this quarter.
- [Christopher LaCivita Jr.](#), the son of Trump's 2024 campaign manager, added NSSF as a client this quarter on behalf of Checkmate Government Relations.

Top Spending Summary

Here are the highlights of the industry's lobbying activity last quarter and what they mean. You can click on the gun business or trade association name to jump to more details about their lobbying activities.

Business or Trade Group	Lobbyists Hired	Total Spend	Lobbying Activity Highlights	What It Means
The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)	In-house lobbying team; Checkmate Government Relations	\$1,780,000	More than thirty proposed pieces of legislation, including the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and a bill to remove the gray wolf from the endangered species list	The NSSF is one of many organizations on this list that lobbied for the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which removed a long-standing tax on firearm suppressors under the National Firearms Act (NFA). They are also advocating for the removal of the gray wolf from the endangered species list to allow gun owners to hunt them.
Gun Owners of America	In-house lobbying team	\$679,015	More than one hundred proposed pieces of legislation, including the Abolish the ATF Act, the Repeal the NFA Act, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a bill to prohibit State excise taxes on firearms, and more	Gun Owners of America wants to repeal the NFA entirely and abolish the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the only national law enforcement body that regulates guns. They also want to limit states' ability to impose an excise tax on firearm sales, which offsets the financial cost of gun violence. Colorado's bill, supported by Guns Down America, uses the tax revenue to pay for veterans services, mental health programs, and school safety.

National Rifle Association of America (NRA)	In-house lobbying team	\$480,000	More than thirty proposed pieces of legislation and lobbying, including the Firearms Congressional Notification Modernization Act, NFA SBS Act, and Protecting the Mailing of Firearms Act	The NRA continued to support deregulation of weapons and a more permissive business environment for the industry. This includes a request to increase reporting thresholds for firearms exports, the removal of short-barreled shotguns from oversight and taxation under the NFA, and more ability to mail guns.
National Association for Gun Rights	In-house lobbying team	\$304,783	More than one hundred proposed pieces of legislation, including the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, Preventing Unjust Red Flag Laws Act of 2025, and more	The National Association for Gun Rights wants gun owners to carry permits to extend anywhere they travel, even if the states they travel to have more stringent laws than their home state. They also want to inhibit the enforcement of laws that protect people in crisis from purchasing guns. They further lobbied against a requirement for gun dealers to report missing and stolen guns within 48 hours and against Ethan's Law, which promotes safe storage to protect children and others from improperly stored guns.
Nammo	In-house lobbying team	\$120,000	Policies related to rocket motors, which are used in war, and tariffs impacting the civilian ammunition supply chain	Nammo, which is based in Norway, wants more lax policies and tariffs to sell more products to the U.S. government and civilians.

Sig Sauer, Inc.	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Capitol 6 Advisors	\$110,000	Matters related to international military export licenses	Gun makers want to sell more guns abroad because domestic gun sales are declining.
Silencer Central	Natural Resources Results, LLC; RBW Group, LLC; The Bernhardt Group	\$70,000	Lobbied for benefits, suppressor ownership and the ability to purchase; and elimination of the National Firearms Act (NFA) taxes	During this quarter, the Trump administration's giant budget bill passed, including a measure that removed a long-standing tax on firearm suppressors under the National Firearms Act (NFA).
American Suppressor Association	Tholos Government Relations	\$40,000	One Big Beautiful Bill Act	The American Suppressor Association is one of many organizations on this list that lobbied for the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which removed a long-standing tax on firearm suppressors under the National Firearms Act (NFA).
Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc.	Mike Williams Capitol Strategies, LLC	\$30,000	Financial institutions "discrimination" against firearms manufacturers and policies related to the Arms Export Control Act, a policy that aims to discourage arms races and encourage world peace	Smith & Wesson is seeking government intervention to force private banks into business with firearms companies. American gun demand is declining. Like Sig Sauer, Smith & Wesson is looking to international markets to make money.



Lobbying Details by Company or Association

Companies

[Nammo, Inc.](#)

In the second quarter of 2025, Nammo Inc. spent \$120,000 to lobby Congress and the Defense Department on issues related to defense spending and tariffs. [Lobbying Report, Q2 2025, Nammo Inc., [7/14/25](#)]

Total Spent: \$120,000

Lobbying Firm: None (in-house)

Lobbyist Name(s) (Covered Position, if applicable): Andrew Ashley

Government Entities Contacted: House of Representatives, Senate, Department of Defense, Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau

Specific Lobbying Issues:

- Matters related to the Rocket Motor Industrial Base in the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act
- Matters related to the Rocket Motor Industrial Base in the FY26 Appropriations Bill (Defense)
- Matters related to the Munitions Industrial Base in the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act
- Matters related to the Munitions Industrial Base in the FY26 Appropriations Bill (Defense)
- Matters related to the Rocket Motor Industrial Base in H.R. 1, One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- Matters related to the Munitions Industrial Base in H.R. 1, One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- Tariffs impacting civilian ammunition supply chain.



Sig Sauer, Inc.

In the second quarter of 2025, Sig Sauer, Inc. paid \$80,000 to Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld and \$30,000 to Capitol 6 Advisors to lobby Congress and the executive branch on issues related to small arms manufacturing, firearms regulations, and foreign military sales. [Lobbying Report, Q2 2025, Capitol 6 Advisors, [7/21/25](#); Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, [7/21/25](#)]

Total Spent: \$110,000

Lobbying Firm: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld; Capitol 6 Advisors

Lobbyist Name(s) (Covered Position, if applicable):

- Akin Gump: Ed Pagano, Ryan Thompson
- Capitol 6 Advisors: Chris Cox; Stephanie Gadbois (Clerk & Staff Director, House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies); Philip Hoon

Government Entities Contacted: House of Representatives, Executive Office of the President; Department of State; Department of Justice; Department of Commerce

Specific Lobbying Issues:

- Issues related to small arms manufacturing, firearms regulations, and foreign military sales.
- Matters related to international military export licenses.



Silencer Central

In the second quarter of 2025, Silencer Central paid \$20,000 to RBW GROUP, LLC and \$50,000 to Natural Resource Results LLC (which paid \$10,000 to the Bernhardt Group) to lobby Congress and the executive branch on issues related to tax stamps on suppressor sales, regulations on suppressors, and legislation to promote suppressor use. [Lobbying Report, Q2 2025, RBW Group LLC, [7/18/25](#); Natural Resource Results LLC, [7/14/25](#); The Bernhardt Group, [7/21/25](#)]

Total Spent: \$70,000

Lobbying Firm: RBW GROUP, LLC; Natural Resource Results, LLC

Lobbyist Name(s) (Covered Position, if applicable):

- RBW Group: Todd Willens
- Natural Resource Results: Mitch Butler (Staff Rep. McInnis; CEQ AD; DOI FWP DAS)
- The Bernhardt Group: Todd Willens (CoS, DOI; Assoc Dep Sec – DOI; CoS, Rep. Steve Pearce (NM); Dep. Asst Secretary for Fish, Wildlife & Parks – Department of the Interior; Senior Policy Director – House Natural Resources Cmte; LA, Rep. Richard Pombo (CA); LA, Rep. Jerry Lewis (CA))

Government Entities Contacted: House of Representatives, Senate, White House

Specific Lobbying Issues:

- Advocated for changes to existing tax stamp on suppressor transfer and sales.
- Advocated for efficiency and elimination of duplicative regulations pertaining to suppressors.
- Advocated for legislative proposals that benefit suppressor ownership and ability to purchase; ex: budget reconciliation, Hearing Protection Act.
- support protection of firearm noise reduction commerce



Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc.

In the Second Quarter of 2025, Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. paid \$30,000 to Mike Williams Capitol Strategies LLC to lobby Congress and the Trump administration on issues related to related to the manufacture, distribution and sale of firearms; financial institutions “discrimination” against firearms manufacturers; and policies related to the Arms Export Control Act. [Lobbying Report, Q2 2025, Mike Williams Capitol Strategies LLC, [07/18/25](#)]

Total Spent: \$30,000

Lobbying Firm: Mike Williams Capitol Strategies LLC

Lobbyist Name(s) (Covered Position, if applicable): Michael Williams

Government Entities Contacted: House of Representatives; Senate; Department of State; Department of Justice; Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce

Specific Lobbying Issues:

- Legislative and regulatory policy related to the manufacture, distribution and sale of firearms.
- Legislative and regulatory policy related to the manufacturing of firearms.
- Legislation and policy related to businesses practices of banks and financial institutions that discrimination against firearms manufacturers.
- Policy related to the Arms Export Control Act



Trade Associations

American Suppressor Association

In the second quarter of 2025, the American Suppressor Association paid \$40,000 to Tholos Government Relations to lobby Congress and the executive branch on issues related to H.R. 1, the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act." [Lobbying Report, Q2 2025, Tholos Government Relations, [7/18/25](#)]

Total Spent: \$40,000

Lobbying Firms: Tholos Government Relations

Lobbyist Name(s) (Covered Position, if applicable): Aleix Jarvis, Michael Williams

Government Entities Contacted: House of Representatives, Senate, Department of Justice, White House

Specific Lobbying Issues:

- HR 1 One Big Beautiful Bill Act



Gun Owners of America

In the second quarter of 2025, Gun Owners of America spent \$679,015 to lobby Congress and the Executive Branch on issues related to firearms policy. [Lobbying Report, Q2 2025, Gun Owners of America, [7/21/25](#)]

Total Spent: \$679,015

Lobbying Firm: None (in-house)

Lobbyist Name(s) (Covered Position, if applicable): Aidan Johnston, Erich Pratt, John Velleco, Benjamin Sanderson, Jean Paul Pichardo

Government Entities Contacted: House of Representatives; Senate; Executive Office of the President; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Specific Lobbying Issues:

- House Bills
 - [H.R. 129](#) – Abolish the ATF Act (Boebert)
 - [H.R. 38](#) – Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act
 - [H.R. 169](#) – Prevent Family Fire Act of 2025
 - [H.R. 45](#) – FIND Act
 - [H.R. 70](#) – No SmartPay for Anti-2A Companies Act
 - [H.R. 22](#) – SAVE Act
 - [H.R. 160](#) – Restoring Faith in Elections Act
 - [H.R. 25](#) – FairTax Act of 2025
 - [H.R. 221](#) – Abolish the ATF Act (Burlison)
 - [H.R. 223](#) – Preventing Unjust Red Flag Laws Act of 2025
 - [H.R. 373](#) – SAGA Act
 - [H.R. 335](#) – Repeal the NFA Act
 - [H.R. 350](#) – Prosecutors Need to Prosecute Act
 - [H.R. 404](#) – Hearing Protection Act
 - [H.R. 454](#) – Safe Bases Act of 2025
 - [H.R. 496](#) – Veterans 2nd Amendment Restoration Act of 2025

- o [H.R. 544](#) – To provide a private right of action against the maker of any component of a ghost gun, and any person who facilitated a sale of the ghost gun, for injury or death resulting from the use of the ghost gun.
- o [H.R. 545](#) – To direct the Attorney General to conduct a study on the efficacy of extreme risk protection orders on reducing gun violence, and for other purposes.
- o [H.R. 543](#) – Iron Pipeline Review Act
- o [H.R. 532](#) – Handgun Permit to Purchase Act
- o [H.R. 563](#) – No REGISTRY Rights Act
- o [H.R. 624](#) – RIFLE Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 607](#) – ATF Accountability Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 613](#) – ATF Transparency Act
- o [H.R. 631](#) – PARTS Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 645](#) – National Constitutional Carry Act
- o [H.R. 850](#) – Silencers Help Us Save Hearing (SHUSH) Act
- o [H.R. 943](#) – No User Fees for Gun Owners Act
- o [H.R. 923](#) – Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 962](#) – Defending Veterans Second Amendment Rights Act
- o [H.R. 1097](#) – SECURE Firearm Storage Act
- o [H.R. 1041](#) – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act
- o [H.R. 1111](#) – Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1181](#) – Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act
- o [H.R. 1224](#) – Protecting the Second Amendment in Financial Services Act
- o [H.R. 1272](#) – Secure Storage Information Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1307](#) – Office of Gun Violence Prevention Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1299](#) – EAGLES Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1456](#) – Gun Trafficker Detection Act
- o [H.R. 1564](#) – To amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.
- o [H.R. 1643](#) – SAFER Voter Act
- o [H.R. 1740](#) – Default Proceed Sale Transparency Act
- o [H.R. 1698](#) – Law Enforcement Protection and Privacy Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1749](#) – Safe Storage Lockers for House Office Buildings Act
- o [H.R. 1674](#) – Keep Americans Safe Act
- o [H.R. 1773](#) – Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1907](#) – Defense Against Drones Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1968](#) – Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025

- o [H.R. 1987](#) – To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to furnish to certain individuals items used for the secure storage of firearms, and for other purposes.
- o [H.R. 2039](#) – Protecting the Right to Keep and Bear Arms Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2060](#) – Travelers Gun Rights Act
- o [H.R. 2070](#) – Protect Our Military Families 2nd Amendment Rights Act
- o [H.R. 2105](#) – Preventing Illegal Weapons Trafficking Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2184](#) – Firearm Due Process Protection Act
- o [H.R. 2189](#) – Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2267](#) – NICS Data Reporting Act
- o [H.R. 2243](#) – LEOSA Reform Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2255](#) – Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act
- o [H.R. 2368](#) – Raise the Age Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2442](#) – Freedom from Unfair Gun Taxes Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2395](#) – SHORT Act
- o [H.R. 2552](#) – RIFLE Act
- o [H.R. 2531](#) – Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act
- o [H.R. 2577](#) – PLAN for School Safety Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2648](#) – To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a person who fails to meet age and residential requirements from shipping, transporting, possessing, or receiving firearms and ammunition, to increase the penalties for transfer of a firearm to any person who is under indictment, and for other purposes.
- o [H.R. 2618](#) – To modernize the business of selling firearms.
- o [H.R. 2650](#) – To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale or other disposition of any firearm or ammunition to any person who has been convicted of a violent misdemeanor, and for other purposes.
- o [H.R. 2698](#) – To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Department of Homeland Security to bolster security against threats posed by ghost guns, and for other purposes.
- o [H.R. 2552](#) – RIFLE Act
- o [H.R. 2577](#) – PLAN for School Safety Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2618](#) – Federal Firearm Licensee Act
- o [H.R. 2650](#) – End Gun Violence Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2648](#) – Secure Background Checks Act of 2025

- [H.R. 2698](#) – To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Department of Homeland Security to bolster security against threats posed by ghost guns, and for other purposes.
- [H.R. 2799](#) – Closing the Bump Stock Loophole Act of 2025
- [H.R. 2790](#) – GOSAFE Act
- [H.R. 3034](#) – NFA SBS Act
- [H.R. 3111](#) – Fresh Start Act of 2025
- [H.R. 3115](#) – Assault Weapons Ban of 2025
- [H.R. 3228](#) – Constitutional Hearing Protection Act
- [H.R. 1](#) – One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- [H.R. 3823](#) – TRACE Act
- [H.R. 3868](#) – Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025
- [H.R. 18](#) – Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2025
- [H.R. 3944](#) – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026
- [H.R. 3945](#) – Firearm Destruction Licensure Act of 2025
- [H.R. 4111](#) – MASS Act
- [H.R. 4106](#) – Prevent Illegal Gun Sales Act
- [H.R. 4143](#) – 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2025
- [H.R. 4173](#) – Preventing Pretrial Gun Purchases Act
- [H.R. 4174](#) – ATF DATA Act
- [H.R. 4213](#) – Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026
- [H.R. 4227](#) – AMMO Act
- [H.R. 4224](#) – Background Check Point of Contact Act of 2025
- [H.R. 4225](#) – Protect Children Through Safe Gun Ownership Act
- [H.R. 4242](#) – Innovate Less Lethal to De-Escalate Tax Modernization Act
- [H.R. 4223](#) – Gun Records Restoration and Preservation Act
- [H.R. 4220](#) – Gun Violence Prevention Through Financial Intelligence Act
- [H.R. 4252](#) – Extreme Risk Protection Order Expansion Act of 2025
- [H.R. 3770](#) – FIREARM Act
- House Resolutions
 - [H.Con.Res. 14](#) – Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034
 - [H.Res. 339](#) – Supporting the Second Amendment's guarantee that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, and commending President Trump and his administration as they work to protect Second Amendment

freedoms by reviewing and eliminating any of the Biden administration's infringements on American's constitutional freedoms.

- Senate Bills
 - [S. 65](#) – Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2025
 - [S. 89](#) – Sporting Firearms Access Act of 2025
 - [S. 119](#) – No Retaining Every Gun In a System That Restricts Your Rights Act
 - [S. 137](#) – FIND Act
 - [S. 123](#) – Handgun Permit to Purchase Act
 - [S. 234](#) – Prosecutors Need to Prosecute Act of 2025
 - [S. 345](#) – SHUSH Act
 - [S. 364](#) – Hearing Protection Act
 - [S. 367](#) – Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025
 - [S. 468](#) – SECURE Firearm Storage Act
 - [S. 478](#) – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act of 2025
 - [S. 595](#) – Office of Gun Violence Prevention Act of 2025
 - [S. 597](#) – Age 21 Act
 - [S. 560](#) – EAGLES Act of 2025
 - [S. 726](#) – Ethan's Law
 - [S. 803](#) – Keep Americans Safe Act
- Senate Resolutions
 - [S.Con.Res.7](#) – An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034
 - [S. 679](#) – LEOSA Reform Act
 - [S. 884](#) – ATF Transparency Act
 - [S. 889](#) – Extreme Risk Protection Order Expansion Act of 2025
 - [S. 966](#) – Traveler's Gun Rights Act
 - [S. 926](#) – A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to furnish to certain veterans items used for the secure storage of firearms, and for other purposes.
 - [S. 961](#) – Protect Our Military Families 2nd Amendment Rights Act
 - [S. 1039](#) – PARTS Act
 - [S. 1162](#) – Stop Harassing Owners of Rifles Today (SHORT) Act
 - [S. 1169](#) – A bill to prohibit State excise taxes on firearms and ammunition manufacturers and dealers.
 - [S. 1224](#) – A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the firearm transfer tax, and for other purposes.

- [S. 1294](#) – A bill to modernize the business of selling firearms.
- [S. 1283](#) – A bill to modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes.
- [S. 1307](#) – A bill to allow certain qualified law enforcement officers and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms to protect children in school zones.
- [S. 1224](#) – RIFLE Act
- [S. 1283](#) – Innovate to De-Escalate Modernization Act
- [S. 1294](#) – Federal Firearm Licensee Act
- [S. 1307](#) – Police Officers Protecting Children Act
- [S. 1374](#) – BUMP Act
- [S. 1370](#) – GOSAFE Act
- [S. 1531](#) – Assault Weapons Ban of 2025
- [S. 1652](#) – Protecting Communities and Preserving the Second Amendment Act of 2025
- [S. 2088](#) – Firearm Destruction Licensure Act of 2025
- [S. 2156](#) – MASS Act
- [S. 2155](#) – Keeping Gun Dealers Honest Act of 2025
- [S. 2157](#) – Gun Violence Prevention Through Financial Intelligence Act
- [S. 2165](#) – 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2025
- [S. 2186](#) – Preventing Pretrial Gun Purchases Act
- [S. 2191](#) – AMMO Act
- [S. 2188](#) – ATF DATA Act
- Senate Amendments
 - [S.Amdt. 2402](#) to S.Amdt. 2360 – Repeal of Certain Laws Related to Switchblade Knives
 - [S.Amdt. 2360](#) to H.R. 1 – Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute
 - [S.Amdt. 1822](#) to H.Con.Res. 14 – Deficit-Neutral Reserve Fund Relating to Putting Veterans First
 - [S.Amdt. 2079](#) to S.Amdt. 1717 – Deficit-Neutral Reserve Fund Relating to Putting Veterans First



National Association for Gun Rights

In the second quarter of 2025, the National Association for Gun Rights spent \$304,783 to lobby Congress and the executive branch on a variety of firearms-related legislation and policy. [Lobbying Report, Q2 2025, National Association for Gun Rights, [07/18/25](#)]

Total Spent: \$304,783

Lobbying Firm: None (in-house)

Lobbyist Name(s) (Covered Position, if applicable): Dudley Brown, Angelo Veltri, Dustin Curtis

Government Entities Contacted: House of Representatives; Senate; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Executive Office of the President

Specific Lobbying Issues:

- "The National Association for Gun Rights advocates on behalf of gun owners for pro-Second Amendment related public policy issues including but not limited to the following subject areas and their respective executive departments/agencies and legislative committees: Firearms, ammunition, accessories, right to possess purchase own and carry, background checks, mental health, NICS, registration requirements/databases, federal gun free zones, NFA of 1934, GCA of 1968, gun related Executive Orders, actions, nominations or treaties, 1st and 4th amendment protections for gun owners, and related appropriations."
- "In each case, NAGR opposes gun control and supports removing restrictions on the right to bear arms."
- House Bills
 - [H.R. 38](#) – Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act
 - [H.R. 45](#) – FIND Act
 - [H.R. 60](#) – Knife Owners' Protection Act of 2025
 - [H.R. 129](#) – Abolish the ATF Act
 - [H.R. 169](#) – Prevent Family Fire Act of 2025
 - [H.R. 221](#) – Abolish the ATF Act
 - [H.R. 223](#) – Preventing Unjust Red Flag Laws Act of 2025
 - [H.R. 335](#) – Repeal the NFA Act
 - [H.R. 373](#) – Second Amendment Guarantee (SAGA) Act
 - [H.R. 404](#) – Hearing Protection Act

- o [H.R. 454](#) – Safe Bases Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 496](#) – Veterans 2nd Amendment Restoration Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 532](#) – Handgun Permit to Purchase Act
- o [H.R. 543](#) – Iron Pipeline Review Act
- o [H.R. 544](#) – To provide a private right of action against the maker of any component of a ghost gun, and any person who facilitated a sale of the ghost gun, for injury or death resulting from the use of the ghost gun.
- o [H.R. 556](#) – Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 563](#) – No Retaining Every Gun In a System That Restricts Your Rights Act
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- o [H.R. 962](#) – Defending Veterans’ Second Amendment Rights Act
- o [H.R. 1041](#) – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act
- o [H.R. 1097](#) – SECURE Firearm Storage Act
- o [H.R. 1181](#) – Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act
- o [H.R. 1224](#) – Protecting the Second Amendment in Financial Services Act
- o [H.R. 1272](#) – Secure Storage Information Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1307](#) – Office of Gun Violence Prevention Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1456](#) – Gun Trafficker Detection Act
- o [H.R. 1564](#) – Ethan’s Law
- o [H.R. 1643](#) – SAFER Voter Act
- o [H.R. 1698](#) – Law Enforcement Protection and Privacy Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 1740](#) – Default Proceed Sale Transparency Act
- o [H.R. 2039](#) – Protecting the Right to Keep and Bear Arms Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2060](#) – Traveler’s Gun Rights Act
- o [H.R. 2070](#) – Protect Our Military Families’ 2nd Amendment Rights Act
- o [H.R. 2184](#) – Firearm Due Process Protection Act
- o [H.R. 2189](#) – Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2243](#) – LEOSA Reform Act
- o [H.R. 2255](#) – Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2267](#) – NICS Data Reporting Act
- o [H.R. 2368](#) – Raise the Age Act of 2025

- o [H.R. 2395](#) – SHORT Act
- o [H.R. 2442](#) – Freedom from Unfair Gun Taxes Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2552](#) – RIFLE Act
- o [H.R. 2618](#) – Federal Firearm Licensee Act
- o [H.R. 2648](#) – Secure Background Checks Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2650](#) – End Gun Violence Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2790](#) – GOSAFE Act
- o [H.R. 2799](#) – Closing the Bump Stock Loophole Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2826](#) – CAST Act
- o [H.R. 2915](#) – Why Does the IRS Need Guns Act
- o [H.R. 2930](#) – PROTECT the Second Amendment Act
- o [H.R. 3033](#) – Protecting the Mailing of Firearms Act
- o [H.R. 3034](#) – NFA SBS Act
- o [H.R. 3129](#) – Police Officers Protecting Children Act
- o [H.R. 3228](#) – Constitutional Hearing Protection Act
- o [H.R. 18](#) – Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2649](#) – STOP Violence Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2698](#) – Bolstering Security Against Ghost Guns Act
- o [H.R. 2837](#) – Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 2948](#) – Safer Neighborhoods Gun Buyback Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 3039](#) – PROSPER Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 3115](#) – Assault Weapons Ban of 2025
- o [H.R. 3373](#) – GHOST Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 3740](#) – Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 3770](#) – FIREARM Act
- o [H.R. 3823](#) – TRACE Act
- o [H.R. 3868](#) – Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 3945](#) – Firearm Destruction Licensure Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 3998](#) – Firearms Congressional Notification Modernization Act
- o [H.R. 4064](#) – To amend title 11 of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate.
- o [H.R. 4103](#) – Break the Cycle of Violence Act
- o [H.R. 4106](#) – Prevent Illegal Gun Sales Act
- o [H.R. 4111](#) – MASS Act
- o [H.R. 4143](#) – 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 4152](#) – Safe Storage Saves Lives Act

- [H.R. 4173](#) – Preventing Pretrial Gun Purchases Act
- [H.R. 4174](#) – ATF DATA Act
- [H.R. 4198](#) – Clean Hands Firearm Procurement Act
- [H.R. 4220](#) – Gun Violence Prevention Through Financial Intelligence Act
- [H.R. 4221](#) – Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act
- [H.R. 4222](#) – Fire Sale Loophole Closing Act of 2025
- [H.R. 4223](#) – Gun Records Restoration and Preservation Act
- [H.R. 4224](#) – Background Check Point of Contact Act of 2025
- [H.R. 4225](#) – Protect Children Through Safe Gun Ownership Act
- [H.R. 4227](#) – AMMO Act
- [H.R. 4251](#) – Protecting Americans from Reckless Gun Dealers Act of 2025
- [H.R. 4252](#) – Extreme Risk Protection Order Expansion Act of 2025
- [H.R. 4261](#) – Stopping the Fraudulent Sales of Firearms Act
- [H.R. 4270](#) – Multiple Firearm Sales Reporting Modernization Act of 2025
- Senate Bills
 - [S. 65](#) – Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2025
 - [S. 89](#) – Sporting Firearms Access Act of 2025
 - [S. 119](#) – No Retaining Every Gun In a System That Restricts Your Rights Act
 - [S. 123](#) – Handgun Permit to Purchase Act
 - [S. 137](#) – FIND Act
 - [S. 345](#) – SHUSH Act
 - [S. 364](#) – Hearing Protection Act
 - [S. 468](#) – SECURE Firearm Storage Act
 - [S. 597](#) – Age 21 Act
 - [S. 726](#) – Ethan's Law
 - [S. 889](#) – Extreme Risk Protection Order Expansion Act of 2025
 - [S. 961](#) – Protect Our Military Families' 2nd Amendment Rights Act
 - [S. 1039](#) – PARTS Act of 2025
 - [S. 1162](#) – SHORT Act
 - [S. 1169](#) – Freedom from Unfair Gun Taxes Act
 - [S. 1224](#) – RIFLE Act
 - [S. 1294](#) – Federal Firearm Licensee Act
 - [S. 1307](#) – Police Officers Protecting Children Act
 - [S. 1370](#) – GOSAFE Act
 - [S. 1374](#) – BUMP Act
 - [S. 1436](#) – Why Does the IRS Need Guns Act
 - [S. 1466](#) – Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Act of 2025

- [S. 1531](#) – Assault Weapons Ban of 2025
- [S. 1715](#) – Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act
- [S. 1922](#) – FIREARM Act
- [S. 1955](#) – Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act
- [S. 2088](#) – Firearm Destruction Licensure Act of 2025
- [S. 2154](#) – Protecting Kids from Gun Marketing Act
- [S. 2155](#) – Keeping Gun Dealers Honest Act of 2025
- [S. 2156](#) – MASS Act
- [S. 2157](#) – Gun Violence Prevention Through Financial Intelligence Act
- [S. 2158](#) – Stopping the Fraudulent Sale of Firearms Act
- [S. 2165](#) – 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2025
- [S. 2186](#) – Preventing Pretrial Gun Purchases Act
- [S. 2188](#) – ATF DATA Act
- [S. 2191](#) – AMMO Act
- [S. 2192](#) – Clean Hands Firearm Procurement Act
- Non-legislative issues lobbied before Congress, the BATFE, Executive Office of the President, but not limited to:
 - The ATF and Justice Department rulemaking on AR and AK pistol braces. We are opposed to their rulemaking.
 - The UN Small Arms Treaty. We are opposed to the UN ATT and support the United States removing its signature.
 - We are opposed to the ATF rule on Stabilizing Braces and the ATF rule redefining gun merchants.



National Rifle Association of America

In the second quarter of 2025, the National Rifle Association of America spent \$480,000 to lobby Congress and the executive branch on issues related to firearms policy. [Lobbying Report, Q2 2025, National Rifle Association of America, [7/20/25](#)]

Total Spent: \$480,000

Lobbying Firm: None (in-house)

Lobbyist Name(s) (Covered Position, if applicable): Christopher Zealand; Gordon Speed; Alexander Large; Hadan Hatch; William Lane (Rep. Jeff Duncan (Jan. 2018–July 2024) Rep. Jeb Hensarling (Sept. 2017–Jan 2018) (Internship) Sen. Marco Rubio (May 2016–July 2016) (Unpaid Internship) House Science, Space, and Technology Committee (July 2014–Aug. 2014) (Internship)); John Commerford; Timothy Churchill (Intern – Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins (March 2017 – August 2017) Intern – Congressman Roger Marshall (August 2017 – February 2018) Legislative Assistant – Congressman Steve Watkins (January 2019 – January 2021)); Matthew Schafle; Christopher Zealand

Government Entities Contacted: House of Representatives; Senate; Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms & Explosives; Department of Justice; Department of State; Department of Interior

Specific Lobbying Issues:

- House Bills
 - [H.R. 38](#) – Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act
 - [H.R. 2060](#) – Traveler’s Gun Rights Act
 - [H.R. 2930](#) – PROTECT the Second Amendment Act
 - [H.R. 3868](#) – Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025
 - [H.R. 850](#) – Silencers Help Us Save Hearing (SHUSH) Act
 - [H.R. 613](#) – ATF Transparency Act
 - [H.R. 631](#) – PARTS Act of 2025
 - [H.R. 45](#) – FIND Act
 - [H.R. 404](#) – Hearing Protection Act
 - [H.R. 2552](#) – RIFLE Act
 - [H.R.3033](#) – Protecting the Mailing of Firearms Act
 - [H.R. 3034](#) – NFA SBS Act
 - [H.R. 3115](#) – Assault Weapons Ban of 2025

- o [H.R.4242](#) – Innovate Less Lethal to De-Escalate Tax Modernization Act
- o [H.R. 3998](#) – Firearms Congressional Notification Modernization Act
- o [H.R. 556](#) – Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2025
- o [H.R. 130](#) – Trust the Science Act
- o [H.R.3944](#) – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026
- o [H.R.4016](#) – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026
- o [H.R. 1041](#) – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act
- o [H.R. 1181](#) – Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act
- o [H.R. 987](#) – Fair Access to Banking Act
- House Resolutions
 - o [H.Con.Res.14](#) – Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034.
- Senate Bills
 - o [S. 345](#) – SHUSH Act
 - o [S. 884](#) – ATF Transparency Act
 - o [S. 364](#) – Hearing Protection Act
 - o [S. 1224](#) – RIFLE Act
 - o [S. 1531](#) – Assault Weapons Ban of 2025
 - o [S.478](#) – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act of 2025
 - o [S.401](#) – Fair Access to Banking Act
- Senate Resolutions
 - o [S.Con.Res.7](#) – An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034.



National Shooting Sports Foundation

In the second quarter of 2025, NSSF spent \$1.78 million, including paying \$30,000 to Checkmate Government Relations, to lobby Congress and the executive branch on various firearms legislation and regulation. [Lobbying Report, Q2 2025, NSSF, [7/17/25](#); Checkmate Government Relations, [7/21/25](#)]

Total Spent: \$1,780,000

Lobbying Firm: Checkmate Government Relations plus in-house lobbyists

Lobbyist Name(s) (Covered Position, if applicable):

- NSSF: Lawrence Keane, Patrick Rothwell, Diane Cihota, Sean Smith, Joseph Bliss
- Checkmate Government Relations: Charles McDowell; Frederick Vaughan (Principal Deputy Asst. Secretary, Treasury Dept.; Deputy Asst. Secretary, Treasury Dept.; Senior Counsel, House Financial Services Cmte.; Associate Director, The White House; Confidential Asst., Office of Management & Budget; Writer, The White House); Christopher LaCivita Jr; William Odwyer (Senior Advisor, USDA)

Government Entities Contacted: House of Representatives, Senate

Specific Lobbying Issues:

- House Bills
 - [H.R.1897](#) – ESA Amendments Act
 - [H.R.6492](#) in 118th – Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act
 - [H.R.987](#) – Fair Access to Banking Act
 - [H.R.1773](#) – FFL Protection Act
 - [H.R.3770](#) – Fighting Irrational Regulatory Enforcement to Avert Retailers' Misfortune (FIREARM) Act
 - [H.R. 2702](#) – Financial Integrity and Regulation Management (FIRM) Act
 - [H.R.45](#) – Firearm Industry Nondiscrimination (FIND) Act
 - [H.R.2442](#) – Freedom from Unfair Gun Taxes Act of 2025
 - [H.R.3034](#) – No Frivolous Applications for Short-Barreled Shotguns Act
 - [H.R.1](#) – One Big Beautiful Bill Act
 - [H.R.845](#) – Pet and Livestock Protection Act of 2025
 - Presidential Nominations of Various Federal Departments and Agencies

- [H.R.2930](#) – PROTECT the Second Amendment Act
- [H.R.1181](#) – Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act
- [H.R.2039](#) – Protecting the Right to Keep and Bear Arms Act
- [H.R.624](#) – Reining in Federal Licensing Enforcement (RIFLE) Act
- [H.R.3033](#) – The Protecting the Mailing of Firearms Act
- [H.R.1698](#) – Law Enforcement Protection and Privacy Act
- [H.R.404](#) – Hearing Protection Act
- [H.R.631](#) – Protecting Americans Right to Silence (PARTS) Act
- [H.R.556](#) – Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act
- [H.R.2552](#) – Repealing Illegal Freedom and Liberty Excises (RIFLE) Act
- [H.R.1987](#) – Saving Our Veterans Lives Act
- [H.R.2395](#) – SHORT Act
- [H.R.2060](#) – Travelers Gun Rights Act
- [H.R.1041](#) – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act
- House Resolutions
 - [H.Res.339](#) – Supporting the Second Amendment's guarantee and eliminating any of the Biden administration's infringements on American's constitutional freedoms
- Senate Bills
 - [S.1306](#) – A bill to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to reissue a final rule removing the gray wolf...
 - [S.1547](#) – America the Beautiful Act
 - [S.1404](#) – Combating Organized Retail Crime Act
 - [S.401](#) – Fair Access to Banking Act
 - [S.1922](#) – Fighting Irrational Regulatory Enforcement to Avert Retailers' Misfortune (FIREARM) Act
 - [S.875](#) – Financial Integrity and Regulation Management (FIRM) Act
 - [S.137](#) – Firearm Industry Nondiscrimination (FIND) Act
 - [S.1169](#) – Freedom from Unfair Gun Taxes Act of 2025
 - [S.1652](#) – Protecting Communities and Preserving the Second Amendment Act
 - [S.364](#) – Hearing Protection Act
 - [S.1039](#) – Protecting Americans Right to Silence (PARTS) Act
 - [S.537](#) – Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act
 - [S.1224](#) – Repealing Illegal Freedom and Liberty Excises (RIFLE) Act
 - [S.926](#) – Saving Our Veterans Lives Act
 - [S.1162](#) – SHORT Act
 - [S.966](#) – Travelers Gun Rights Act
 - [S.478](#) – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act

- Budget/Appropriations Legislation
 - FY26 Appropriations – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration
 - FY26 Appropriations – Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies
 - FY26 Appropriations – Defense
 - FY26 Appropriations – Financial Services & General Government
 - FY26 Appropriations – Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
 - FY26 Appropriations – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
- National Defense Authorization Act / Ammunition Supply Chain
- Other
 - ATF “engagement focused on firearm regulations”
 - USFWS Proposed Rule 2025–2026 Station–Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations

Other Gun Lobbying Activity

- **Centre Firearms Co.** paid \$45,000 to TSG Advocates DC, LLC to lobby Congress and the executive branch on issues related to government services and sales. [[filing](#)]
- **Magpul Industries Corp.** paid \$30,000 to Natural Resource Results LLC to lobby Congress on issues related to protecting accessory use for firearms. [[filing](#)]
- **The Kinetic Groups Operations LLC** paid \$60,000 to Mercury Public Affairs to lobby Congress on issues related to ammunition. [[filing](#)]
- **The American Firearms Association** spent \$10,000 to lobby Congress on various firearms-related legislation, including President Trump's budget-and-tax bill only "with fully adding in NFA deregulation, not just the \$200 tax repeal." [[filing](#)]
- **The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms** spent \$90,000 to lobby Congress on issues related to Second Amendment Protections. [[filing](#)]
- **The Firearms Regulatory Accountability Coalition** paid \$10,000 to Wiley Rein LLP to lobby Congress on issues related to the NFA tax in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and policy changes at the ATF. [[filing](#)]
- **Walk the Talk America** paid \$10,000 to Da Vinci Group to lobby Congress on issues related to firearm safety. [[filing](#)]

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