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Dear Chairperson and Members of the NRA Nominating Committee:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, Inc. (DSSA) has met and unanimously voted to endorse our DSSA Past President and long-time DSSA Life Member, John C. Sigler, NRA Benefactor Member # [REDACTED], for election to the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association of America. We respectfully ask that you accept our endorsement and this letter as our recommendation to the NRA Nominating Committee that Mr. Sigler receive your nomination for election in the 2025 NRA Board Elections. We also respectfully request that this letter be shared with each and every member of your committee.

The Delaware State Sportsmen's Association was formed in 1968 to serve as NRA's Official State Association in the State of Delaware. We have enjoyed the honor of having previously been named as NRA's State Association of the Year. Our membership currently stands at approximately 5,000 individual and constituent club members.

Mr. Sigler has a long and distinguished record as a life-long hunter, competitive shooter, collector, and Second Amendment activist. He served on the NRA Board of Directors with distinction from 1996 until 2024. He served two terms as NRA's Second Vice President, two terms as NRA's First Vice President, and two terms as NRA's 59th President.

As the result of Mr. Sigler's many years of hard work, dedication and devotion to the Second Amendment and the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, he has been awarded both Delaware's Defender of Freedom Award and the Taurus International Defender of Freedom Award.

Throughout his time on the NRA Board and as an NRA officer, Mr. Sigler has earned the distinction of being known as a strong advocate for not only the Second Amendment but also the needs and desires of the members. When he was NRA's President he was widely known as "The Members' President."

He is a strong and vocal advocate for NRA's system of clubs and associations, frequently arguing that NRA's clubs and associations and the NRA members who populate those organizations are the backbone of the NRA. He has stated many times and in many venues that NRA's system of clubs and associations provides the "boots on the ground" so desperately needed by NRA-ILA and our various State Associations as we fight for the right to keep and bear arms, at both the state and local level and at the national level.

Unfortunately, it seems that his voice, and other voices like his, are far too often voices left crying in the wilderness by those who do not truly understand what makes NRA a strong and effective advocate for the Second Amendment.

Among Mr. Sigler's many achievements as an NRA officer were the creation of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, the Disabled Shooting Committee, and the Competitive Shooting Endowment. Prior to entering "The Chairs," Mr. Sigler was a co-founder of the National Firearms Law Seminar now conducted by the NRA Foundation.

In addition to the usual fundraising and Second Amendment advocacy, Mr. Sigler's NRA presidency was devoted to the growth and expansion of competitive shooting programs and various other programs specifically designed for the benefit of women, youth, military and police veterans, as well as active-duty military and police. Both here in Delaware and at the national level, Mr. Sigler has worked tirelessly to enhance the NRA's presence and influence, to bring new gun owners into the NRA family, and to educate and help new NRA members to become strong and effective Second Amendment advocates.

Mr. Sigler founded the Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Association, the Delaware Association of Second Amendment Lawyers, the Delaware Firearms Law Seminar, and The Delaware Foundation for Legislative Action, DSSA's political arm. He served on a purely pro bono basis as DSSA's lobbyist in the Delaware General Assembly for almost 20 years and is still very active behind the scenes drafting legislation and analyzing bills for pro-gun legislators in support of the lobbying efforts of both NRA-ILA and DSSA.

Additionally, Mr. Sigler is a past Trustee of the NRA Foundation and a current Trustee of the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund and the NRA Special Contribution Fund (Whittington Center). He is also a current member of the NRA's Executive Council.

At various times Mr. Sigler has served on each of the following NRA Board Committees:

Bylaws and Resolutions	Clubs and Associations
Competitions Rules and Programs	Committee on Elections
F-Class High Power Rifle (Chair)	Finance (Chair)
Gun Collectors	Committee on Hearings (VC)
High Power Rifle (Chair)	Law Enforcement Assistance (Chair)
Legal Affairs	Legislative Policy
Military & Veterans' Affairs	Nominating
Protest	Sub-Committee on State & Local Affairs

Mr. Sigler is a retired Police Captain (Dover Police Department) and a veteran of the United States Navy's Submarine Service.

Although now in semi-retirement, Mr. Sigler has been admitted to the practice of law before the Delaware Bar, the Maryland Bar, and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Sigler's experience in the law includes over 25 years as corporate in-house General Counsel for a multi-state mental health firm, and over 12 years in private practice litigating both civil and criminal matters. Mr. Sigler served as an Adjunct Professor at Wilmington University for over almost 30 years, both undergraduate and graduate.

Mr. Sigler is a graduate of Wilmington College (BS), Central Michigan University (MA), and the Delaware Law School of Widener University (JD – Cum Laude).

Mr. Sigler and his wife, Ingrid, have been avid hunters. Together they have hunted throughout the United States, Scotland, Argentina, South Africa, and Zambia.

Up until a few years ago both John and Ingrid were avid Sporting Clays Competitors, competing in various venues throughout the United States.

Although not currently active, John is a Life Member of The Ohio Gun Collectors, Dallas Arms Collectors, and the Missouri Valley Arms Collectors.

Mr. Sigler is a life-long competitive shooter. At various times in his life, he has competed in Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, Police Pistol Combat, Conventional (Bullseye) Pistol, International Free Pistol, Air Pistol, High Power Rifle, and F-Class Rifle.

John was a member of the United States F-Class Rifle Team that represented the USA in Ireland winning Gold in the Creedmoor Cup Matches in 2015, in Canada during the World Championships in 2017 (Bronze), and in South Africa in 2023 when Team USA won the World Championship Gold Medal, the first team ever to defeat the South Africans on their home range. Mr. Sigler holds International Distinguished Rifleman's Badge #67.

Mr. Sigler was an NRA Referee for many years, serving as a Line Referee during Pistol Phase of the National Matches at Camp Perry and as both a Line Referee and the Chief Referee for NRA's National Police Shooting Championships in Jackson, Mississippi.

Unlike many others in his position, Mr. Sigler has a long and distinguished history of taking his Second Amendment advocacy to the next level. John has recruited numerous pro-gun candidates for public office, served as campaign manager for numerous County, State and U.S. Senate campaigns, and has been an NRA -ILA "A-Rated" candidate for public office himself.

He has also taken his Second Amendment advocacy to the "party level", serving as Chairman of Delaware's 34th Republican District, Chairman of the Kent County Republican Committee, and as Chairman of the Delaware Republican State Committee. He served as a member of the Republican National Committee (RNC) and as a member of the 2012 Republican National Platform Committee where he helped draft the strongest pro-Second Amendment Platform ever adopted by a national political party.

In closing, and on behalf of our 5,000+ members and our DSSA Board of Directors, I want to express to you how extremely disappointed we were when we learned that the Members had decided not to elect Mr. Sigler to the NRA Board of Directors in the 2024 cycle. They made a huge mistake.



It is obvious that the Members wanted change – so did we, and so did John. True to form, John chose to work quietly within the system for the changes so desperately needed within NRA. As a result, it is obvious that the Members mistook John's loyalty to the NRA for a willingness to be content with the status quo. They were wrong.

NRA needs change but it also needs experienced leadership that can bring about that change in an organized and effective manner. John's record as a fighter and an innovator was obviously not known to or appreciated by the general membership, but we know it because we have seen it and benefited from it for many years here in Delaware.

Anyone who takes the time to examine the facts will find that John's successful record of reform and innovation during the ten (10) years he was the Chairman of NRA's Finance Committee and during his six (6) years as an NRA officer speak for themselves. Thankfully, John remains a member of the Executive Council, but that is not good enough. We need – and NRA needs – John Sigler back on the NRA Board as a voting member.

Please accept our recommendation, and please renominate John Sigler to the NRA Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey W. Hague, 
President

Cc: John C. Sigler