

The National Shooting Sports Foundation—With Many Career Conservative Operatives In Its Leadership Calling The Shots—Has Given The Sedition Caucus \$114,386

SUMMARY: The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) is a pro-gun trade group that has given \$114,386 to the Sedition Caucus, so far during 2021. Alarming, one of NSSF's contributions was to [Rep. Andy Biggs \(R-AZ\)](#), who reportedly was among those "[intimately involved](#)" in planning the events of January 6, 2021.

NSSF [claims](#) that a central tenet of its mission is "[keeping guns out of the wrong hands](#)." Meanwhile, several insurrectionists have [faced gun charges](#) and others were suspected of [possessing guns](#) during the violence at the Capitol.

In tension with NSSF's Sedition Caucus money is a 2019 voter information initiative the group started "[to ensure every citizen understands the importance of voting to protect America's firearms freedoms](#)," in which the group promoted absentee and early voting options. The Sedition Caucus, on the other hand, sought to overturn the 2020 election with [false](#) claims of [voter fraud](#) that later drove state Republicans' restrictions against [the same early and absentee voting options](#) that NSSF promoted.

NSSF's contributions to those who sought to overturn the election may have been influenced by the fact that the group's leadership is a haven for career Republicans, conservatives, and Trump allies. The most notable figures include:

- NSSF Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Board of Governors' Assistant Secretary [Lawrence Keane](#) is an [outspoken ideological contributor](#) for the Federalist, a "[conservative online magazine](#)."
- NSSF board member [Marty Daniel](#), CEO of "[one of the country's largest](#)" private gun companies, supported Trump and said his firm was "[very much relieved in the long term](#)" after Trump's election.
- NSSF Board of Governors member and talk radio host [Tom Gresham](#) said the insurrectionists were just "[a very small group of people out of a very large group](#)" and hosted [Ted Nugent](#), one of Trump's "[most vocal](#)" celebrity supporters.
- NSSF Managing Director of Government Relations, Federal Affairs [Patrick Rothwell](#) has worked for a string of Republicans, including serving as Chief of Staff for Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA), who was "[one of the first](#)" in Congress to endorse Trump in 2016 and became one of his most prominent allies.
- NSSF's Director of Government Relations, Federal Affairs [Diane Cihota](#) was Legislative Director for Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL), who was a "[leading candidate](#)" to be Trump's Secretary of Veterans Affairs and who endorsed Trump by claiming, "[America needs Donald Trump and his conservative agenda](#)."

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) Claims That Part Of Its Mission Is "Keeping Guns Out Of The Wrong Hands," But Gave The Sedition Caucus \$114,386 While Insurrectionists Faced Gun Charges And Scholars Noted That The Insurrection Was Driven In Part By "Expansive Gun Rights" And Armed Militias.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) Gave \$114,386 To The Sedition Caucus, Including \$1,000 To Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Who Reportedly Helped Plan The Rallies That Led To The Insurrection.

As Of December 22,2021, The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) Gave \$114,386 To The Sedition Caucus. [Accountable.US, Corporation Donations Tracker, accessed [12/22/21](#)]

PAC	Member Of Congress	Amount	Date
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Richard Hudson (NC-08)	\$5,000	8/12/21; 6/21/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)	\$5,000	5/5/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Elise Stefanik (NY-21)	\$5,000	5/14/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Ted Budd (NC-13)	\$5,000	4/6/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Cliff Bentz (OR-02)	\$3,567	10/25/21; 10/25/21; 7/20/21; 5/12/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep Ben Cline (VA-06)	\$3,500	8/12/21; 6/29/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Markwayne Mullin (OK-02)	\$2,550	10/25/21; 10/25/21; 10/25/21; 6/24/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Jim Jordan (OH-04)	\$2,500	6/17/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-05)	\$2,500	7/22/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)	\$2,500	8/12/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Glenn Thompson (PA-15)	\$2,500	6/14/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Bill Posey (FL-08)	\$2,500	9/29/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Mike Johnson (LA-04)	\$2,500	6/24/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Trent Kelly (MS-01)	\$2,500	7/28/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Mike Kelly (PA-16)	\$2,500	8/12/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Roger Williams (TX-25)	\$2,500	9/28/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Andy Harris (MD-01)	\$2,500	9/27/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11)	\$2,500	8/12/21

National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Dan Bishop (NC-09)	\$2,500	9/20/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Sam Graves (MO-06)	\$2,500	9/29/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Mike Rogers (AL-03)	\$2,500	9/28/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Joe Wilson (SC-02)	\$2,500	7/29/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Russ Fulcher (ID-01)	\$2,500	7/9/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX-19)	\$2,035	11/18/21; 11/18/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Barry Loudermilk (GA-11)	\$2,000	6/28/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. David Kustoff (TN-08)	\$2,000	7/12/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Matt Rosendale (MT-ALL)	\$1,640	9/22/21; 9/20/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Tim Walberg (MI-7)	\$1,500	11/19/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Jack Bergman (MI-01)	\$1,360	10/19/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Steven Palazzo (MS-04)	\$1,337	9/20/21; 9/27/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Brian Babin (TX-36)	\$1,337	9/20/21; 9/27/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Jim Banks (IN-03)	\$1,000	8/26/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Warren Davidson (OH-08)	\$1,000	9/23/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Chuck Fleischmann (TN-03)	\$1,000	6/17/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Jeff Duncan (SC-03)	\$3,060	6/24/21; 11/02/21; 11/01/21; 11/01/21; 11/01/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-03)	\$1,000	9/29/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Andy Biggs (AZ-05)	\$1,000	9/28/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. John Carter (TX-31)	\$1,000	11/2/21; 8/30/21; 6/23/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Hal Rogers (KY-05)	\$1,000	5/19/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Tom Cole (OK-04)	\$1,000	5/12/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25)	\$1,000	9/23/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Burgess Owens (UT-04)	\$1,000	7/20/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Garret Graves (LA-06)	\$1,000	9/23/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Jay Obernolte (CA-08)	\$1,000	9/28/21

National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42)	\$1,000	6/16/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Chris Stewart (UT-02)	\$1,000	5/12/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)	\$1,000	6/28/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	\$1,000	6/24/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Greg Pence (IN-06)	\$1,000	11/23/21; 11/22/21; 10/28/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Pete Sessions (TX-17)	\$1,000	10/28/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Lance Gooden (TX-05)	\$1,000	9/23/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. William Timmons (SC-04)	\$1,000	6/24/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Greg Steube (FL-17)	\$1,000	5/18/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Jerry Carl (AL-01)	\$1,000	6/21/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Steve Chabot (OH-01)	\$1,000	5/21/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Mike Garcia (CA-25)	\$1,000	7/29/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Michelle Fischbach (MN-07)	\$1,000	7/20/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Tom Tiffany (WI-07)	\$1,000	7/22/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Frank Lucas (OK-03)	\$1,000	7/26/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Scott Fitzgerald (WI-05)	\$1,000	5/20/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. John Rutherford (FL-04)	\$1,000	11/8/21; 10/28/21
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Political Action Committee (NSSF PAC)	Rep. Beth Van Duyne (TX-24)	-\$500	2/1/21
Total:		\$114,386	

[Accountable.US, Corporation Donations Tracker, accessed [12/22/21](#)]

Rep Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Who Received \$1,000 From The NSSF, Reportedly Helped Planned The Rallies That Led To The Insurrection. “As the House investigation into the Jan. 6 attack heats up, some of the planners of the pro-Trump rallies that took place in Washington, D.C., have begun communicating with congressional investigators and sharing new information about what happened when the former president’s supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol. Two of these people have spoken to Rolling Stone extensively in recent weeks and detailed explosive allegations that multiple members of Congress were intimately involved in planning both Trump’s efforts to overturn his election loss and the Jan. 6 events that turned violent. [...] Along with Greene, the conspiratorial pro-Trump Republican from Georgia who took office earlier this year, the pair both say the members who participated in these conversations or had top staffers join in included Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.), Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Ala.), Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.), Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), and Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas).” [Rolling Stone, [10/24/21](#)]

- **NSSF Gave \$1,000 To Rep. Andy Biggs On September 28, 2021.** [Accountable.US, Corporation Donations Tracker, accessed [12/02/21](#)]

NSSF's Mission Statement Claims The Group Helps In "Keeping Guns Out Of The Wrong Hands," But Some Of The Insurrectionists Have Faced Gun Charges And Others Were Suspected Of Possessing Guns During The Capitol Riot.

NSSF Mission Statement: "NSSF Leads The Way In Advocating For The Industry And Its Business And Jobs, Keeping Guns Out Of The Wrong Hands, Encouraging Enjoyment Of Recreational Shooting And Hunting And Helping People Better Understand The Industry's Lawful Products." "NSSF leads the way in advocating for the industry and its business and jobs, keeping guns out of the wrong hands, encouraging enjoyment of recreational shooting and hunting and helping people better understand the industry's lawful products." [National Sports Shooting Federation, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

HEADLINE: Yes, Capitol Rioters Were Armed. Here Are The Weapons Prosecutors Say They Used. [NPR, [3/19/21](#)]

At Least Three People Were "Arrested In Connection With The Capitol Riot" Faced Gun Charges, And Others Were "Suspected Of Possessing Guns During The Riot." "At least three people arrested in connection with the Capitol riot are facing gun charges, though the government has not alleged that those three were part of the actual breach of the building. Other defendants are suspected of possessing guns during the riot but, like the vast majority of the estimated 800 rioters, were not searched that day." [NPR, [3/19/21](#)]

A Duke Law Article Suggested That D.C.'s "Strict Gun Laws Likely Saved Lives" During The Insurrection.

A Duke University Center For Firearms Law Article Suggested That The District Of Columbia's "Strict Gun Laws Likely Saved Lives During the Capitol Insurrection," Since Rally And Insurrection Participants Were Restricted From Carrying Firearms. "The events of January 6, 2021 were tragic and shameful. Five people lost their lives as a result of the failed attempt to overthrow our elected government. But without the federal and D.C. gun laws in place, it could have been much worse. [...] D.C. law bars openly carrying firearms and restricts both concealed carry and the types of firearms that one can transport or possess. [...] Most of those who joined the rallies in D.C.—even those rioters who unlawfully stormed the building—seem to have largely followed these restrictions." [Duke Center for Firearms Law, [01/27/21](#)]

- **Headline: Strict Gun Laws Likely Saved Lives During the Capitol Insurrection** [Duke Center for Firearms Law, [01/27/21](#)]

NSSF Created A Voter Information Tool To "To Ensure Every Citizen Understands The Importance Of Voting" And Even Promoted Early And Absentee Voting—Meanwhile, The Sedition Caucus Sought To Overturn The Election With False Claims Of Voter Fraud That Later Informed State Republicans' Restrictions Against Early And Absentee Voting Options.

NSSF Created The #GUNVOTE Tool To "To Ensure Every Citizen Understands The Importance Of Voting To Protect America's Firearms Freedoms" And Promoted Absentee And Early Voting Information To Make Voting "As Easy As Possible."

2019: NSSF Touted Its #GUNVOTE Tool Which Was "Created To Ensure Every Citizen Understands The Importance Of Voting To Protect America's Firearms Freedoms." "Ultimately, #GUNVOTE is a tool created to ensure every citizen understands the importance of voting to protect America's firearms freedoms." [National Sports Shooting Federation, [9/26/19](#)]

NSSF's Promoted Early Voting And Absentee Voting Options In Each State And Its #GUNVOTE Tool Sought To Make Voting "As Easy As Possible." "Once armed with the facts, #GUNVOTE will help you figure out when and where you can cast your vote. Early voting and absentee voting differs from state to state, but #GUNVOTE conveniently lists out all U.S states with links to their respective Secretary of State's website where more details about the process can be found. For those who wait until election day to cast their ballot, #GUNVOTE will also tell you your polling place so that exercising your right to vote is as easy as possible." [National Sports Shooting Federation, [9/26/19](#)]

NSSF: Get Informed, Go Vote. [National Sports Shooting Federation, [9/26/19](#)]

The Brookings Institution Found That The Insurrection Was Motivated By The "Same Pretext" Of Voter Fraud—Which Is "Very Rare"—That Republican State Officials Relied On To Advance State Voter Restrictions On Absentee And Early Voting After The 2020 Election.

Brookings Institution: Republican State Officials Used The "Same Pretext" Of Voter Fraud That Motivated The Insurrection To Advance Voter Restrictions Following The 2020 Election, Including In Georgia, Where The Law Added "Many Obstacles To Voting." "Just three short months ago, a violent mob overran our nation's Capital Building to revolt against certifying Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 presidential election. Many of the rioters carried signs proclaiming 'Stop the Steal'—reflecting the lies that President Donald Trump and his team stoked about voter fraud. Today, many elected officials are using that same pretext to dismantle the voting rights won during the civil rights movement. [...] In Georgia, Governor Brian Kemp just signed into law a bill that adds many obstacles to voting, including reducing the number of ballot boxes, shrinking the window for early voting, adding additional photo ID requirements, and allowing state officials to circumvent the work of county election officials if they don't like the outcomes they are seeing." [Brookings Institution, [04/19/21](#)]

"Extensive Research" Has Shown That Voter Fraud "Is Very Rare, Voter Impersonation Is Virtually Nonexistent, And Many Instances Of Alleged Fraud Are, In Fact, Mistakes By Voters Or Administrators." "Politicians at all levels of government have repeatedly, and falsely, claimed the 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections were marred by large numbers of people voting illegally. However, extensive research reveals that fraud is very rare, voter impersonation is virtually nonexistent, and many instances of alleged fraud are, in fact, mistakes by voters or administrators." [Brennan Center for Justice, accessed [11/10/21](#)]

Discussing Trump's "False Claims Of Voter Fraud," Brennan Center For Justice's Michael Waldman Noted That State Voter Restrictions Heavily Targeted Vote-By-Mail And Early Voting Options, Which Disproportionately Affected "New Voters, Younger Voters, [And] Voters Of Color." "Former President Trump's false claims about voter fraud sparked a movement to restrict voting access. NPR's Ari Shapiro talks with Michael Waldman of the Brennan Center for Justice about the new laws. [...] WALDMAN: Well, it's hard to know what the impact going forward of any one bill would be. But in 2020, there was a significant expansion of vote-by-mail, and the people who were using it for the first time tended to be younger, tended to be more diverse. The restrictions on vote-by-mail or on early voting that are being pushed don't really affect everybody equally. They're very carefully targeted to affect new voters, younger voters, voters of color." [NPR, [07/12/21](#)]

NSSF Leadership Is A Haven For Career Republicans, Conservative Operatives, And Trump Supporters, Including An Ideological Opinion Writer, A Talk Radio Host, And Senior Staffers For Major Congressional Trump Allies.

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Lawrence Keane Is NSSF's Senior Vice President & General Counsel, As Well The Assistant Secretary For Its Board Of Governors. [National Shooting Sports Foundation, accessed [12/1/21](#)]



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Keane Has Written Several Articles For The Federalist, A "Conservative Online Magazine," And Has An Author's Page On The Outlet's Site. [The Federalist, Lawrence Keane, accessed [12/1/21](#)]



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- **The Federalist Is A "Conservative Online Magazine."** "A federal appeals court in Philadelphia slammed the National Labor Relations Board's decision that the publisher of conservative online magazine the Federalist unlawfully threatened workers by tweeting that he'd send them 'back to the salt mine' if they tried to unionize. During oral argument Wednesday at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, one judge focused on First Amendment concerns about sanctioning FDRLST Media, which runs the magazine, for a tweet that arguably was a joke." [Bloomberg Law, [11/10/21](#)]

Keanes' Headlines Are On "How The Left Tries To Trick Gun Owners" And How The Centers For Disease Control "Can't Figure Out What A Man Is."

- **HEADLINE: How The Left Tries To Trick Gun Owners Into Supporting Gun Control.** [The Federalist, [10/22/20](#)]
- **HEADLINE: SCOTUS Gun Case Denials Signal Conservative Justices Don't Trust Roberts With The Second Amendment.** [The Federalist, [6/17/20](#)]

- **HEADLINE: The Same CDC That Can't Figure Out What A Man Is Now Wants To 'Study Guns'**
[The Federalist, [09/03/21](#)]

NSSF Board Member Marty Daniel, CEO Of "One Of The Country's Largest" Private Gun Companies, Supported President Trump And Said His Firm Was "Very Much Relieved In The Long Term" After Trump's Election.

CEO Of Daniel Defense, Inc. Marty Daniel Is A Member Of NSSF's Board Of Governors. [National Shooting Sports Foundation, accessed [12/1/21](#)]



Marty Daniel
Daniel Defense, Inc.
CEO

[National Shooting Sports Foundation, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

- **Daniel Defense Has Been "One Of The Country's Largest Privately Held Producers Of Guns And Accessories."** "Daniel Defense has since grown into one of the country's largest privately held producers of guns and accessories, with \$73 million in 2016 sales, a gross profit margin of 35% and 279 employees." [Forbes, [2/6/17](#)]

Marty Daniel Has Supported Trump And "Saw Sales Spike [...] When It Looked Like Hillary Clinton Would Win The Presidency." "At Daniel Defense, a Black Creek, GA-based manufacturer of AR-15 semi-automatic rifles and accessories, founder Marty Daniel saw sales spike last year when it looked like Hillary Clinton would win the presidency. Though he supports Donald Trump, his customers aren't buying as many firearms now that they have a National Rifle Association supporter in the White House." [Forbes, [2/6/17](#)]

Daniel Said "I Was 100% Behind Donald Trump Once He Got The Nomination" And That His Company Was "Very Much Relieved In The Long Term" At The Prospect Of A Trump Presidency. "Adams: What does the Trump presidency mean for your business? Daniel: We are very much relieved in the long term. We know that 10 or 20 years down the road we're going to remain in business. [...] But I was 100% behind Donald Trump once he got the nomination." [Forbes, [2/6/17](#)]

NSSF Board Of Governors Member And Talk Radio Host Tom Gresham Hosted Ted Nugent, One Of Trump's "Most Vocal" Celebrity Supporters And Gresham Said The Insurrectionists Were Just "A Very Small Group Of People Out Of A Very Large Group."

Tom Gresham, Host And Owner of Gun Talk Media, Is A Member Of The NSSF Board Of Governors. [National Shooting Sports Foundation, accessed [12/1/21](#)]



Tom Gresham
Gun Talk Media
Owner/Host

[National Shooting Sports Foundation, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

Gresham's Show Hosted Ted Nugent, One Of Trump's "Most Vocal" Celebrity Supporters. "Last Sunday on Tom Gresham's Gun Talk Radio, I interviewed NRA director and music legend Ted Nugent. There's no doubt about Ted being an interesting guy to talk with, and while he was there to announce that he's selling part of his gun collection, I just had to ask him about the mess at the NRA, and more pointedly, what he was doing (as a director) to remove Wayne LaPierre (WLP) from his role as Executive Vice President (a position Wayne appears to believe should be called 'emperor')." [Gun Talk Media, [2/11/21](#)]

- **Nugent Was One Of Trump's "Most Vocal" Celebrity Supporters.** "Ted Nugent isn't the only celebrity outwardly supporting Donald Trump, but he's certainly one of the most vocal. In a brief interview with The Hollywood Reporter, the rocker is none too pleased with conservatives in the entertainment industry who won't stand up for their principles in liberal Hollywood." [Billboard, [3/11/16](#)]
- **Nugent Is A "Gun Rights Activist."** "The controversy over gun control hit Waco Thursday as protesters gathered outside the McLennan County Republican Club's monthly lunch meeting, where singer and gun rights activist Ted Nugent was discussing the right to bear arms." [KCEN, [3/16/18](#)]

Gresham On The Capitol Insurrection : "We, We Had A Very Small Group Of People Out Of A Very Large Group Of People Who Showed Up At The Capitol." GRESHAM (00:1:48:00): 'We have enough people on our side who do both help us and hurt us. So, few thoughts here. Events of the week. We, we had a very small group of people out of a very large group of people who showed up at the Capitol. The small group stormed the Capitol. Broke in broke the law, broke federal laws, a bunch of them are going to get there. They're being charged, but I think they're going to be surprised because people were killed at this event.'" [YouTube, Gun Talk Media, [1/11/21](#)]

- **Gun Talk's Description For This Show Asked "Do You Think It Was Right Or Wrong For A Group Of Protestors To Storm The Capitol Building While Congress Was In Session?"** [YouTube, Gun Talk Media, [1/11/21](#)]

NSSF's Director Of Government Relations, Federal Affairs Diane Cihota Was Legislative Director For Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL), Who Was A "Leading Candidate" To Be Trump's Veterans Affairs Secretary And Who Endorsed Trump By Claiming, "America Needs Donald Trump And His Conservative Agenda."

Diane Cihota Has Been NSSF's Director Of Government Relations, Federal Affairs Since September 2016, According To Legistorm. [Legistorm, Diane Cihota, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2005-2016: Cihota Worked For Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL), Lastly As His Legislative Director. [Legistorm, Diane Cihota, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

- **2010-2016: Cihota Was Miller's Legislative Director.** [Legistorm, Diane Cihota, accessed [12/1/21](#)]
- **2005-2010: Cihota Was Miller's Scheduling Coordinator.** [Legistorm, Diane Cihota, accessed [12/1/21](#)]
- **2005-2010: Cihota Was Miller's Staff Assistant.** [Legistorm, Diane Cihota, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

Rep. Jeff Miller, Who Retired From Congress In 2017, Was "A Leading Candidate" To Be Trump's Veterans Affairs Secretary In 2018. "Former Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., who chaired the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs before retiring from Congress last year, is considered a leading candidate to become President Donald Trump's next nominee for Veterans Affairs secretary, according to several people familiar with the matter. Miller, who spent 16 years in Congress and now works in Washington, D.C., as a lobbyist, is scheduled to meet Wednesday with officials in a White House vetting office and possibly Trump, according to

the people, who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the personnel issue." [Chicago Tribune, [05/02/18](#)]

2016: Rep. Jeff Miller Endorsed Trump And Claimed, "'America Needs Donald Trump And His Conservative Agenda.'" "On Thursday, House Veterans Affairs' Committee Chairman Jeff Miller endorsed Donald Trump for president. [...] 'America needs Donald Trump and his conservative agenda to shore up and secure our borders and to rebuild our military,' added Miller." [Pensacola News Journal, [04/28/16](#)]

- [National Shooting Sports Foundation Inc.](#) (Sept. 2016-) *Director, Government Relations, Federal Affairs*
- [Rep. Jeff Miller \(R-FL\)](#) (Aug. 2010-Sept. 2016) *Legislative Director*
- [Rep. Jeff Miller \(R-FL\)](#) (Sept. 2005-July 2010) *Scheduling Coordinator*
- [Rep. Jeff Miller \(R-FL\)](#) (May 2005-Aug. 2005) *Staff Assistant*

[Legistorm, Diane Cihota, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

NSSF's Director Of State Affairs, Government Relations, Christopher Lee Was A District Director For Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN)—Who Voted Against Impeaching Trump For Inciting The Insurrection—And Worked For The Indiana Republican Party.

Christopher Lee Is NSSF's Director Of State Affairs, Government Relations, According To Legistorm. [Legistorm, Christopher Lee, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2015-2019: Lee Worked For Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN), Lastly As Her District Director. [Legistorm, Christopher Lee, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

- **2019: Lee Was Walorski's District Director.** [Legistorm, Christopher Lee, accessed [12/1/21](#)]
- **2018-2019: Lee Was Walorski's Field Director.** [Legistorm, Christopher Lee, accessed [12/1/21](#)]
- **2015-2018: Lee Was Walorski's Field Representative.** [Legistorm, Christopher Lee, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2015: Lee Was The Campaign Coordinator For Walorski's Campaign, Walorski For Congress Inc. [Legistorm, Christopher Lee, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2014: Lee Was A Field Representative For The Indiana Republican Party. According to Legistorm, Lee was a field representative for the Indiana Republican Party. [Legistorm, Christopher Lee, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

Rep. Walorski Voted Against Impeaching Trump For Inciting The January 6 Insurrection. "U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski voted against President Trump's impeachment on Wednesday, saying it would not help unite the country. 'In the wake of a divisive election and last week's horrific attack on the U.S. Capitol, Congress should be entirely focused on uniting the American people and strengthening our country,' Walorski, a Republican who represents Indiana's 2nd Congressional District, said in a statement. 'Impeaching the president with less than a week left in his term will not advance either of these goals.'" [South Bend Tribune, [01/14/21](#)]

- [Rep. Jackie Walorski \(R-IN\)](#) (Feb. 2019-Oct. 2019)
District Director
 - [Rep. Jackie Walorski \(R-IN\)](#) (May 2018-Jan. 2019)
Field Director
 - [Rep. Jackie Walorski \(R-IN\)](#) (Sept. 2015-April 2018)
Field Representative
- [Legistorm, Christopher Lee, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

NSSF Managing Director Of Government Relations, Federal Affairs Patrick Rothwell Has Worked For A String Of Republicans, Including Serving As Chief Of Staff Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA), Who Was "One Of The First" In Congress To Endorse Trump In 2016 And Became One Of His Most Prominent Allies.

Patrick Rothwell Is NSSF's Managing Director, Government Relations, Federal Affairs, According To Legistorm. [Legistorm, Patrick Rothwell, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2012: Rothwell Was The Senior Policy Adviser For Republican Rep. Thad McCotter (R-MI). [Legistorm, Patrick Rothwell, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

- **McCotter Was A Republican Member Of Congress.** "Michigan Republican Rep. Thaddeus McCotter resigned from Congress on Friday, a surprise decision that caps among the most madcap two-month periods in modern politics." [Washington Post, [7/6/12](#)]

2011-2012: Rothwell Was The Chief Of Staff To Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA), Who Would Later Become One Of Trump's Most Prominent Congressional Allies. [Legistorm, Patrick Rothwell, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

- **Barletta Is A Former Republican Member Of Congress.** "Republican Lou Barletta, a former U.S. representative from Hazleton, discusses the decisions he would make as Pennsylvania governor. Barletta is running in 2022." [WCAU, [10/21/21](#)]
- **Rep. Barletta Was "One Of The First" In Congress To Endorse Trump's 2016 Campaign, Was The Trump Campaign's Pennsylvania Co-Chair, Was On Trump's Transition Team, And Was Endorsed By Trump For His 2018 Senate Bid.** "Lou Barletta, the Republican Party's Donald Trump-endorsed nominee for U.S. Senate in 2018, is running for governor of Pennsylvania. [...] Barletta was one of the first members of Congress to endorse Trump in 2016's Republican presidential primary. He went on to serve as Trump's campaign co-chair in Pennsylvania that year and on Trump's transition team before becoming one of the former president's biggest allies on Capitol Hill." [Associated Press, [05/17/21](#)]

2007-2010: Rothwell Was The Chief Of Staff To The House Republican Policy Committee. [Legistorm, Patrick Rothwell, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2003-2006: Rothwell Was The Legislative Assistant For Rep. Thad McCotter (R-MI). [Legistorm, Patrick Rothwell, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2002-2003: Rothwell Was A Legislative Correspondent For Rep. Charlie Norwood (R-GA), A "Feisty Conservative." [Legistorm, Patrick Rothwell, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

- **Norwood, A "Feisty Conservative," Passed In 2007.** "Representative Charlie Norwood, Republican of Georgia, a dentist who sold his practice to run for Congress at 52, died Tuesday at his home in Augusta, Ga. [...] A feisty conservative who railed against government bureaucracy, Mr. Norwood was part of the Republican wave that took control of Congress in 1994." [New York Times, [2/14/07](#)]

2001-2002: Rothwell Interned For Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY). [Legistorm, Patrick Rothwell, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

Employment History
• National Shooting Sports Foundation Inc. (July 2012-) <i>Managing Director Government Relations, Federal Affairs</i>
• Rep. Thad McCotter (R-MI) (May 2012-July 2012) <i>Senior Policy Adviser</i>
• Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA) (Jan. 2011-March 2012) <i>Chief of Staff</i>
• House Republican Policy Committee (Jan. 2007-Dec. 2010) <i>Chief of Staff</i>
• Van Scoyoc Associates Inc. (Sept. 2005-Dec. 2006) <i>Manager, Government Relations</i>
• Rep. Thad McCotter (R-MI) (Jan. 2003-Sept. 2005) <i>Legislative Assistant</i>
• Rep. Charlie Norwood (R-GA) (Jan. 2002-Jan. 2003) <i>Legislative Correspondent</i>
• Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) (Sept. 2001-Jan. 2002) <i>Intern</i>

[Legistorm, Patrick Rothwell, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

NSSF Director Of Public Affairs Mark Oliva Was The U.S. Marine Corp Congressional Fellow For Virginia Republican House Member Rep. Scott Rigell.

Mark Oliva Has Been NSSF's Director Of Public Affairs Since 2019. [Legistorm, Mark Oliva, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

2014-2016: Oliva Was The U.S. Marine Corp. Congressional Fellow For Rep. Scott Rigell (R-VA). [Legistorm, Mark Oliva, accessed [12/1/21](#)]

- **Riggell Was A Republican Member Of Congress.** “Rep. Scott Rigell (R-Va.) resigned Tuesday from the Virginia Beach Republican Party, taking another step away from party politics two days after he endorsed Libertarian Gary Johnson for president over Republican nominee Donald Trump. Leaving the local committee of the Republican Party will have little practical effect on the congressman, who is retiring from Congress at the end of his term after six years in office. Rigell said he remains a ‘proud member’ of the Republican Party, although there is no party registration in Virginia.” [Washington Post, [8/8/16](#)]

Employment History
• National Shooting Sports Foundation Inc. (April 2019-) <i>Director of Public Affairs</i>
• National Shooting Sports Foundation Inc. (Jan. 2017-April 2019) <i>Public Affairs Manager</i>
• Rep. Scott Rigell (R-VA) (Oct. 2014-Jan. 2016) <i>U.S. Marine Corps Congressional Fellow</i>

[Legistorm, Mark Oliva, accessed [12/1/21](#)]