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PELLETIER: MY OPPONENTS LACK THE EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY TO TAKE ON THE NRA

Voters Want a Representative Who Knows How to Hold the NRA Accountable for Their Corruption

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MCLEAN, VIRGINIA – Paul Pelletier, Democratic candidate in Virginia’s 10th Congressional District questions whether his opponents in the Democratic primary have the knowledge, experience or courage to really take on the NRA.

“All of my fellow candidates in the primary are good people and good Democrats - there is not much daylight between our positions on most of the important issues,” said Pelletier. “But there is a wide gulf of experience and ability between us, and voters of Virginia’s 10th Congressional District need a representative who has a track record of getting things done, standing up for what’s right and holding powerful organizations accountable for their corrupt actions.”

On May 24, 2018, Pelletier sent a criminal referral to Attorney General Jeff Sessions to investigate the National Rifle Association business dealings and murky financial ties to Alexander Torshin, the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Russia, as well as other Russian officials. Pelletier questioned the origins of the unprecedented \$30 million in NRA expenditures to elect Donald J. Trump and whether any of those funds came from Russia.

“My opponents will say they can’t wait to get their F from the NRA. But I won’t be happy with just a bad grade. I am determined to take on the NRA and expose their corruption,” continued Pelletier. “That is exactly why I sent a criminal referral to Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Anyone can run for Congress and make promises. The people of Virginia’s 10th Congressional District are tired of that and want a change. They know I’m the candidate who will not rest until the NRA is shut down.”

While there are Senate, FBI and FEC investigations into these same issues surrounding the NRA, Pelletier knows it's the DOJ that has the ability to get to the bottom of the source of the NRA's tens of millions in "dark money" they spent electing Trump because they alone have the ability to convene a criminal grand jury, issue subpoenas and make international records requests. If Sessions' DOJ refuses to act then Pelletier will when he's in Congress.

After serving as a federal prosecutor for over 27 years, Pelletier retired from the Department of Justice in 2011. While at Justice, Pelletier developed a reputation as a fearless fighter who would successfully prosecute the biggest and baddest criminals, including international drug kingpins, Wall Street and banking executives and corrupt politicians, on both sides of the aisle. The 10th Congressional District is located in Northern Virginia and includes portions of Fairfax and Prince William Counties, all of Loudoun, Clarke and Frederick Counties and the cities of Winchester, Manassas and Manassas Park. A primary for the Democratic nomination will be June 12, 2018.

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