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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

As the conversation over gun violence continues to unfold in Washington and across the nation, I wanted to bring to your attention a disturbing new online video game.

A website entitled "facepunch" allows users to download a video game inviting them to take head shots at National Rifle Association (NRA) officials. The game, "Bullet to the Head of the NRA," specifically targets NRA President David Keene and Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre. According to reports, one scene depicts Mr. LaPierre standing at a podium, giving a speech with a crosshair over his head, and allows users to shoot him in the head.

Making threats against public figures who speak out either for or against gun control prevents us from having a reasonable, thoughtful debate. Although we may have strong disagreements on the best ways to reduce gun violence, it is my hope that we can both agree that video games targeting specific individuals who speak out on this issue, is counterproductive.

I urge you to publicly denounce this video game. Your voice can serve a powerful tool to emphasize the need for a civilized discussion.

I look forward to a robust debate of the complex issues surrounding gun safety in the new Congress. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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