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As expected after the leak yesterday, LaPierre just called on you to resign at the NRA's annual convention. Below is the statement we gave to CBS yesterday which I'll give out to anyone that asks today (only Politico has so far - I don't think most people are going to be that surprised that the NRA doesn't like us).

Fighting criminal activity along the Southwest Border - including the illegal trafficking of guns to Mexico - has been a priority of this Administration and this Department of Justice. The mission of ATF and other law enforcement agencies is to stop the flow of illegal weapons and drugs across the Border - and it will continue to be. The Attorney General takes seriously the concerns that have been raised, and that's why he has asked the Inspector General to get to the bottom of it. He has also made it clear to the law enforcement agencies and prosecutors working along the Southwest Border that no one in the Department should allow guns to illegally cross the border into Mexico.

We have invited the NRA to join us and other stakeholders from across the spectrum in working to find common sense solutions to keep guns out of the hands of people who are not legally allowed to possess them. They have yet to come to the table with any productive suggestions, but we hope they will reconsider.