The tragic shooting of Trayvon Martin has exposed the NRA and ALEC’s deadly network of money and influence, which they have used to push for more laws like Florida’s, and which helped protect Trayvon’s killer from conviction.

GUN MANUFACTURERS

Facing a decline in gun ownership, firearms manufacturers are investing in the NRA—to the tune of between $15.7 million and $38.9 million since 2005.1 Easing firearms restrictions and stoking bogus fears of Obama gun confiscations could drive profits.

STATE LEGISLATURES

The NRA is a dominant force in state legislatures. In the 2010 election cycle alone, the NRA’s state legislative political expenditures total at least $3.5 million. Here are some examples.

**FLORIDA**

FL State Senator Durell Peaden and Representative Dennis Baxley (ALEC members) joined forces with former NRA President and FL lobbyist Marion Hammer to push through the 2005 ‘Shoot First’ bill, the first law of its kind in the country.2 In the 2010 election cycle, the NRA spent $729,863 to influence FL politicians.

**WISCONSIN**

Wisconsin passed ‘Shoot First’ legislation in late 2011.3 In the 2010 election cycle alone, the NRA’s political expenditures total at least $161,291 in the state.

**Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania passed ‘Shoot First’ legislation in June 2011.4 The NRA lobbyist in PA attended the bill signing with its lead sponsors from the General Assembly and the Governor. In the 2010 election cycle alone, the NRA spent more than $142,170 in the state.

SHOOT FIRST LAWS

In just seven years since ALEC adopted the model "Shoot First" law, ALEC members and the NRA have successfully worked to get laws passed around the country that encourage armed vigilantism. In more than 30 states, it is now legal to lethally shoot another person if you feel threatened, even if you could have safely walked away. No reliable statistics track how many people have been killed nationwide thanks to these laws, but in Florida alone, there are on average two homicides each week where the killers are likely to go free.7 That’s two Trayvons—every week.

TRAYVON MARTIN

Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old, was fatally shot as he walked home from a convenience store in February 2012. Because of the ‘Shoot First’ law in Florida, his killer has walked free.

BO MORRISON

Morrison, an unarmed 20-year-old, was fatally shot while hiding on a neighbor’s porch after police broke up an underage drinking party in March 2012. Because of the ‘Shoot First’ bill signed into law in 2011 by WI Gov. Scott Walker, no charges have been filed against his killer.

BRANDON ZETH

Zeth, an unarmed 24-year-old, was fatally shot five times in PA in Jan 2012, by a homeowner who thought he was an intruder. Zeth banged on the door of the home, mistaking it for his girlfriend’s. No charges have been filed.