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1 pleasure to be here.

2 THE COURT: Welcome to our court, sir. Is Mr.
3 Rowling ready?

4 MR. GARMAN: Yes, Your Honor, Ms. Rowling is in the
5 video room, she's ready. And Ms. Kozlowski from my office will
6 be defending her.

7 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Rowling, can you hear me?

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9 MS. ROWLING: Yes, I can.

10 THE COURT: Would you raise your right hand.

11 **SONYA ROWLING, SWORN**

12 THE COURT: Mr. Thompson, you may proceed.

13 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. THOMPSON:

15 Q Good afternoon, Ms. Rowling.

16 A Good afternoon.

17 Q Can you hear me all right?

18 A Yes, I can.

19 Q Okay, great. Could you please state your full name for
20 the record?

21 A Sonya Rowling.

22 Q And Ms. Rowling, you are currently the acting Chief
23 Financial Officer for the National Rifle Association, is that
24 correct?

25 A That is correct.

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1 for reviewing the AmEx expense reports, is that correct?

2 A I don't know if they were responsible for reviewing each
3 one of the ones underneath them. I don't know.

4 Q Okay. Prior to Mr. Spray joining the NRA in March of
5 2018, the NRA's policy for requiring a business purpose for
6 expense reimbursements was inconsistently enforced, is that
7 correct?

8 A There were, yes, there were occasions when the business
9 purpose was not supplied.

10 Q Okay. And so this resulted in instances where the NRA was
11 improperly reimbursing employees for personal?

12 A For personal?

13 Q Yes. Let me rephrase. So, this rustled in instances
14 where the NRA was improperly reimbursing employees for expenses
15 that did not have a proper NRA business purpose, is that
16 correct?

17 A That could have happened, yes.

18 Q Okay. Did it in fact happen?

19 A I'd have to look back and see, but I don't, I can't say if
20 there were, they actually ended up being improper or not. Each
21 one would have to be analyzed in and of itself.

22 Q So for example, let's take Joshua Powell as an example.

23 You did personally review the AmEx expenditures for Mr. Powell
24 at some point in late 2019, is that correct?

25 A I did.

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1 Q And as a result of your review, you determined that some
2 of Mr. Powell's expenditures were not for proper NRA business
3 purposes, is that correct?

4 A That is correct.

5 Q And that determination applied to some payments going as
6 far back as when Mr. Powell joined the NRA in 2016, is that
7 correct?

8 A Yes.

9 Q So it's fair to say that in some instances the NRA was
10 improperly reimbursing employees for expenses that did not have
11 an appropriate NRA purpose, is that correct?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And prior to Mr. Spray joining the NRA in March of 2018,
14 there were instances where employees' expenses were being
15 billed to the NRA as pass through expenses by vendors, is that
16 correct?

17 A That is -- I personally did not see evidence of that. But
18 that is what -- all my conversations relating to those have
19 been with counsel.

20 Q Have you had any conversations with any of your
21 colleagues, for example Ms. Padilla in the Accounts Payable
22 Division, about any expenses she has seen being passed to the
23 NRA as pass through by vendors?

24 A I don't recall.

25 Q So you have no personal knowledge of any NRA employee

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1 You all have a nice weekend.

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