

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

U.S. Solicitor General Paul D. Clement recently filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in the *D.C. v. Heller* case arguing that categorical bans of virtually all self-defense firearms may be upheld as constitutional if a court determines that these prohibitions are “reasonable” restrictions of constitutional rights. The reasonability standard is the lowest standard of constitutional review our courts utilize, a much lesser hurdle than the “strict scrutiny” review that courts use in many cases in which regulations threaten individual rights.

If the Supreme Court finds that the D.C. gun ban is a “reasonable” limitation of Second Amendment rights, the Court could create a dangerous precedent for the nation in the future. Such a decision could open the door to further regulation of American citizens’ Second Amendment rights on a large scale.

We respectfully request that you direct the Department of Justice to withdraw this misguided brief. Instead, the Solicitor General should prepare a new brief that more accurately reflects the time-honored view that the Second Amendment provides law-abiding Americans with the right to keep and bear arms. This position would more precisely represent the long-standing, traditional intent of Congress, the Framers of the Constitution, and the American people with respect to the Second Amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for giving us the opportunity to defend our nation’s historical record of Second Amendment rights.

Sincerely yours,

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