

Amicus briefs filed in *Washington, D.C. v. Heller*

The columns below list the organizations and individuals who have signed an amicus curiae brief on both sides of *Washington, D.C. v. Heller*, in which the Supreme Court will consider the constitutionality of the District of Columbia's handgun ban. Amici filing in support of the petitioner represent a wide range of mainstream American institutions, including national public health organizations, mayors of major metropolitan cities, law enforcement, religious groups, and leading academics. In comparison, a significant number of amici filing in support of the respondent have gun industry or gun lobby ties or have as a guiding focus more narrow, gun-related interests.

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Organizations:

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#) joined by:

- Society for Adolescent Medicine
- Children's Defense Fund
- Women Against Gun Violence
- Youth Alive!

[American Bar Association](#)

[American Public Health Association](#) joined by:

- American College of Preventive Medicine
- American Trauma Society
- American Association of Suicidology

[Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence](#) joined by:

- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Major Cities Chiefs
- International Brotherhood of Police Officers
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association
- School Safety Advocacy Council
- Police Executive Research Forum

[City of Chicago](#) joined by:

- Board of Education of the City of Chicago

[American Jewish Committee](#) joined by individuals, families and:

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Organizations:

[Academics for the Second Amendment](#)

[Alaska Outdoor Council](#) joined by:

- Alaska Fish and Wildlife Conservation Fund
- Sitka Sportsman's Association
- Juneau Rifle and Pistol Club
- Juneau Gun Club
- Alaska Territorial Sportsmen, Inc.

[American Center for Law and Justice](#)

[American Civil Rights Union](#)

[American Legislative Exchange Council](#)

[Association of American Physicians and Surgeons](#)

[Buckeye Firearms Foundation](#) joined by:

- National Council for Investigation and Security Services (NCISS)
- Ohio Association of Security and Investigation Services
- Michigan Council of Private Investigators
- Indiana Association of Professional Investigators
- Kentucky Professional Investigators Association

[Cato Institute](#) joined by:

- Joyce Lee Malcolm, George Mason Univ.

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- Anti-Defamation League
- Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America
- Ceasefire NJ
- Central Conference of American Rabbis
- Citizens for a Safer Minnesota
- Methodist Federation for Social Action
- Clifton Kirkpatrick in his Capacity as the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence
- Freedom States Alliance
- American Jewish Congress
- Friends Committee On National Legislation
- Gray Panthers
- Gunfreekids.org
- Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence
- IllinoisVictims.org
- Iowans for the Prevention of Gun Violence
- Jenna Foundation for Nonviolence, Inc.
- Karla Zimmerman Memorial Foundation
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- National Council of Jewish Women
- New England Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
- New Yorkers Against Gun Violence
- DC Statehood Green Party
- North Carolinians Against Gun Violence Education Fund
- Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence
- Renee Olumbuni Rondeau
- Peace Foundation, ROOT (Reaching Out To Others Together) Inc.
- Union for Reform Judaism
- Virginia Center for Public Safety
- Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort

DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

joined by:

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Center for Individual Freedom

Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms joined by:

- Evergreen Freedom Foundation
- David Beito, Univ. of Alabama
- Douglas Rasumussen, St. John's Univ.
- Steve Russell, Indiana Univ.
- Lynn Wardle, Brigham Young Univ.
- Robert Wright, New York Univ.

Congress of Racial Equality

Disabled Veterans of Self-Defense (no website)
joined by one individual

Eagle Forum Education and Legal Defense Fund

Foundation for Free Expression (no website)

Foundation for Moral Law

GeorgiaCarry.org

Goldwater Institute

Grass Roots of South Carolina

Gun Owners of America joined by:

- Gun Owners Foundation
- Maryland Shall Issue
- Virginia Citizens Defense League
- Gun Owners of California
- Lincoln Institute for Research and Education
- Conservative Legal Defense and Education Fund

Heartland Institute

Institute for Justice

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- D.C. Chamber of Commerce
- D.C. for Democracy
- D.C. League of Women Voters
- Federal City Council
- Washington Council of Lawyers

US Conference of Mayors and Legal Community Against Violence joined by:

- Baltimore, Maryland
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Los Angeles, California
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- New York City, New York
- Oakland, California
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Sacramento, California
- San Francisco, California
- Seattle, Washington
- Trenton, New Jersey

National Network to End Domestic Violence joined by:

- National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund
- District of Columbia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
- Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Family Violence Prevention Fund
- Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association joined by:

- Southern States Police Benevolent Association
- Maryland State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police
- San Francisco Veteran Police Officers Association
- Long Beach Police Officers Association
- Texas Police Chiefs Association
- Texas Municipal Police Association
- New York State Association of Auxiliary Police
- National Police Defense Foundation
- Law Enforcement Alliance of America
- Independence Institute
- International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors¹

Jeanette Moll on behalf of Ohio Conceal Carry Permitholders, joined by:

- US Bill of Rights Foundation

Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership

Libertarian National Committee

Liberty Legal Institute joined by one individual

Mountain States Legal Foundation

National Rifle Association and NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund

National Shooting Sports Foundation

Paragon Foundation

Pink Pistols joined by:

- Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty

¹ Amicus was joined by a sheriff and a state representative.

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- Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence
- Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.
- Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Kentucky Domestic Violence Association
- Legal Momentum, Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.
- Jane Doe Inc. (The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence)
- Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
- National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence
- New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- New Jersey Coalition For Battered Women
- North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services/ Coalition Against Sexual Assault in North Dakota
- Action Ohio
- Ohio Domestic Violence Network
- Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

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Rutherford Institute

Second Amendment Foundation

Southeastern Legal Foundation joined by four individuals and:

- Second Amendment Sisters
- Women Against Gun Control
- 60 Plus Association

State Firearms Associations:

- Alabama State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- California Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Colorado State Shooting Ass'n
- Connecticut State Rifle & Revolver Ass'n
- Delaware State Sportsmen's Ass'n
- Georgia Sport Shooting Ass'n
- Hawaii Rifle Ass'n
- Idaho State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Illinois State Rifle Association
- Indiana State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Kansas State Rifle Association
- League of Kentucky Sportsmen
- Louisiana Shooting Ass'n
- Pine Tree State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n (Maine)
- Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Gun Owners Action League (Massachusetts)
- Michigan Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Minnesota Rifle & Revolver Ass'n
- Mississippi State Firearm Owners Ass'n
- Missouri Sport Shooting Ass'n
- Montana Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Nebraska Shooting Sports Ass'n
- Nevada State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Gun Owners of New Hampshire
- Ass'n of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs
- New Mexico Shooting Sports Ass'n
- New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n

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- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Puerto Rico Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Coordinadora Paz Para La Mujer, Inc.)
- Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

[Violence Policy Center](#) joined by:

- Los Angeles Chief of Police
- Seattle Chief of Police
- Minneapolis Chief of Police

Academics:

- Jack Rakove, Stanford Univ.
- Saul Cornell, Ohio State Univ.
- David Konig, Washington Univ.
- William Novak, Univ. of Chicago
- Lois Schworer, George Washington Univ.
- Fred Anderson, Univ. of Colorado
- Carol Berkin, CUNY and Baruch College
- Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School
- Don Higginbotham, Univ. North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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- North Carolina Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Ohio Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Oklahoma Rifle Ass'n
- Oregon State Shooting Ass'n
- Penn. Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Penn. Federation of Sportsmen Clubs
- Rhode Island State Rifle & Revolver Ass'n
- Gun Owners of South Carolina
- Texas State Rifle Association
- Utah State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Virginia Shooting Sports Ass'n
- West Virginia State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Wisconsin Rifle & Pistol Ass'n
- Wyoming State Shooting Ass'n

[Virginia1774.org](#)

Joseph B. Scarnetti, President Pro Tem of the Pennsylvania Senate

Academics:

- Bruce Benson, Florida State Univ.
- Arthur Berg, Harvard Univ.
- Bryan Boulier, George Washington Univ.
- R. Morris Coats, Nicholls State Univ.
- Lloyd Cohen, George Mason
- Frank Falero, California State Univ.
- Earl Grinols, Baylor Univ.
- Bruce Johnson, George Mason Univ.
- Peter Kerr, Southeast Missouri State
- Edgar Kossack, Florida Atlantic Univ.
- Roger Meiners, Univ. of Texas,

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- Stanley Katz, Princeton Univ.
- Pauline Maier, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Peter Onuf, Univ. of Virginia
- Robert Shalhope, Univ. of Oklahoma
- John Shy, Univ. of Michigan
- Alan Taylor, Univ. of California, Davis
- Erwin Chemerinsky, Duke Univ.
- Adam Winkler, Univ. of California, Los Angeles
- Dennis Baron, Univ. of Illinois
- Richard W. Bailey, Univ. of Michigan
- Jeffrey P. Kaplan, San Diego State Univ.

Criminologists:

- James Alan Fox, Northeastern Univ.
- David McDowall, SUNY Albany

Former Department of Justice Officials: 13

District Attorneys: 18

Members of Congress: 18

State Attorneys General: 5

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- Arlington
- Carlisle Moody, William and Mary
 - David Mustard, Univ. of Georgia
 - William Shughart II, Univ. of Mississippi
 - William Schroeder, Southern Illinois Univ.
 - Stephan Thernstrom, Harvard Univ.
 - Charlotte Twight, Boise State Univ.
 - David Vandercocoy, Valparaiso Univ.
 - Samuel Wheeler III, Univ. of Connecticut
 - Allan Walstad, Univ. of Pittsburg, Johnstown
 - Roy Wortman¹ – Kenyon Univ.

Criminologists:

- Frederick Bieber, Harvard Univ.
- David Bordua, Univ. of Illinois
- Edwin Cassem, Harvard Univ.
- Raymond Kessler, Sul Ross State Univ.
- Gary Mauser, Institute for Canadian Urban Research Studies
- Daniel Polsby – George Mason Univ.
- Lawrence Southwick, SUNY Buffalo
- Lance Stell, Davidson College
- William Tonso, Univ. of Evansville
- Walter Williams, George Mason Univ.

Former Department of Justice Officials: 11

District Attorneys: 30

Members of Congress: 306

State Attorneys General: 31

Retired Military Officers: 31

Women State Legislators²: 122

¹ Separate Amicus was filed by academics affiliated with foreign universities and foreign-born academics teaching in the US.

² Amicus was joined by a small number of academics in addition to the state legislators.