

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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No. 20-843

NEW YORK STATE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL.,  
PETITIONERS

v.

KEVIN P. BRUEN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF  
NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ET AL.

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ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

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MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR LEAVE TO  
PARTICIPATE IN ORAL ARGUMENT AS AMICUS CURIAE,  
FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME FOR ORAL ARGUMENT,  
AND FOR DIVIDED ARGUMENT

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Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Rules of this Court, the Acting Solicitor General, on behalf of the United States, respectfully moves that the United States be granted leave to participate in the oral argument in this case, that the time for oral argument be enlarged to 65 minutes, and that the time be allotted as follows: 30 minutes for petitioners, 20 minutes for respondents, and 15 minutes for the United States. Respondents consent to this motion. Petitioners oppose any motion that would not allocate the argument

time equally between lawyers advancing petitioners' position and those advocating respondents' position.

This case presents the question whether New York's denial of petitioners' applications for concealed-carry licenses for self-defense violated the Second Amendment. The United States has filed a brief as amicus curiae supporting respondents, arguing that the denial of the applications is consistent with the Second Amendment.

The United States has a substantial interest in this case. Congress has enacted numerous laws regulating firearms, and the United States has a substantial interest in defending the constitutionality of those laws. The United States has previously presented oral argument as an amicus curiae in two other cases involving the Second Amendment: New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. City of New York, 140 S. Ct. 1525 (2020), and District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008). The United States' participation at oral argument could therefore materially assist the Court in its consideration of this case.

Respectfully submitted.

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