

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 25-238

CUTBERTO VIRAMONTES, ET AL., PETITIONERS

v.

COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ET AL.

No. 25-566

EDDIE GRANT, JR., ET AL., PETITIONERS

v.

RONNELL HIGGINS, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY
AS COMMISSIONER OF THE CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, ET AL.

ON WRITS OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS
FOR THE SEVENTH AND SECOND CIRCUITS

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

Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Rules of this Court, the 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. The United States respectfully requests that the Court allot 20 minutes to petitioners, 10 minutes to the United States, and 30 minutes to respondents.* Counsel for petitioners consents to this motion.

These cases present the question whether a categorical ban on the possession of AR-15 semiautomatic rifles infringes the right to keep and bear arms guaranteed by the Second Amendment. The United States has filed a brief as amicus curiae supporting petitioners, arguing that such a ban is unconstitutional.

The United States has a substantial interest in the preservation of the right to keep and bear arms and in the proper interpretation of the Second Amendment. The United States previously presented oral argument as amicus curiae in other Second Amendment cases. See Wolford v. Lopez, 146 S. Ct. 2032 (2026) (No. 24-1046); NYSRPA v. Bruen, 597 U.S. 1 (2022) (No. 20-843); NYSRPA v. City of New York, 590 U.S. 336 (2019) (No. 18-280); District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) (No. 07-290). The United States' participation in oral argument could materially assist the Court in its consideration of this case.

* Petitioners in No. 25-238 and No. 25-566 are represented by the same counsel of record. The United States takes no position on whether or how respondents' time should be divided between respondents in No. 25-238 and respondents in No. 25-566.

Respectfully submitted.

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