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Dear Editor:

The United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear one of the most important Second Amendment cases in American history. *District of Columbia v. Heller* is a challenge to Washington, D.C. laws that criminalize self-defense by forbidding citizens to possess a handgun or any operable firearm in the home, thus eliminating the means of self-defense for law-abiding D.C. residents.

Since D.C. imposed its draconian gun ban in 1976, it has often earned the unfortunate distinction of “murder capital of the United States.” Following the implementation of the its gun ban, the murder rate increased 200% from 1976-1991 according to the FBI and D.C. Police. D.C.’s unreasonable gun laws have forced law-abiding citizens to choose between protecting their lives and obeying the law.

By upholding the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, that the Second Amendment of the Constitution protects an *individual* right to keep and bear arms, and that the District’s ban on handguns and possession of operable firearms for self-defense violate that right, the U.S. Supreme Court can undo this great injustice that renders D.C. residents defenseless in their own homes.

Sincerely,

Your Name