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Attorney General Steve Marshall Hails Second Amendment Victory in U.S. Supreme Court

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall hailed the United States Supreme Court's decision recognizing that the Second Amendment's "to keep and bear arms" protects a citizen's right to carry a firearm outside the home. New York State had denied this right to anyone who could not show "proper cause" to carry a firearm, and Attorney General Marshall filed a brief with the Supreme Court last July opposing New York's unlawful imposition on self-defense.

"New York's 'proper cause' requirement serves as a de-facto concealed-carry ban for most citizens of that state and is a direct violation of the Second Amendment," said Attorney General Marshall. "Under New York's severely limited concealed-carry law, you can only obtain a permit if you first prove you have already been a victim of a violent crime. Therefore, you have no right to proactively protect yourself by concealed-carry of a firearm outside your home.

"Last July, I filed a legal brief in the case *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, opposing the law, and I am pleased the U.S. Supreme Court has declared the Empire State's patently illegal concealed-carry ban unconstitutional by a 6-3 majority. Similar unlawful restrictions on gun rights in other states will soon be challenged and citizens' rights to protect themselves will be upheld once and for all."

Attorney General Marshall joined attorneys general from Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming in filing the <u>amicus brief</u> on July 20, 2021.

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The U.S. Supreme Court opinion can be read <u>here</u>.



