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## LAW STUDENT RESEARCH AND WRITING COMPETITION

### Question #2

#### Background:

On June 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court rendered its long-awaited opinion in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022), soundly rejecting First Amendment-style balancing tests such as the Intermediate Scrutiny Test adopted by many Circuits and many state courts and adopted an entirely new test for analyzing Second Amendment cases.

In *Bruen*, and before *Bruen*, in *Heller* and *McDonald*, the United States Supreme Court dealt specifically with the right to keep and bear arms for self-defense. However, firearms are frequently used for other lawful purposes such as hunting, competitive shooting and other forms of recreation.

Historically, the use of firearms for hunting was widespread. At many times and at many places, using arms to harvest animals for food was the only way some Americans were able to obtain the protein necessary for healthy human subsistence.

While *Bruen* answered many questions necessary for Second Amendment jurisprudence, *Bruen* also left many questions unanswered. Your assignment is to address one of those unanswered questions.

#### Question Presented:

Whether the Second Amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms for hunting.

#### Instructions:

Your task is to write and submit a unique, original scholarly article suitable for publication in a scholarly journal. Submissions must not exceed 12,000 words, including both text and notes. Citations shall conform to *THE BLUE BOOK: A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF CITATION*. Your submission is to be typed double spaced, in Times New Roman 14-point typeface, including notes. You may choose to use footnotes or endnotes.

Your completed submission must be received electronically as a PDF file by the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund at [nracrdf\\_lawschoolcontest@nrahq.org](mailto:nracrdf_lawschoolcontest@nrahq.org) on or before March 1, 2024.