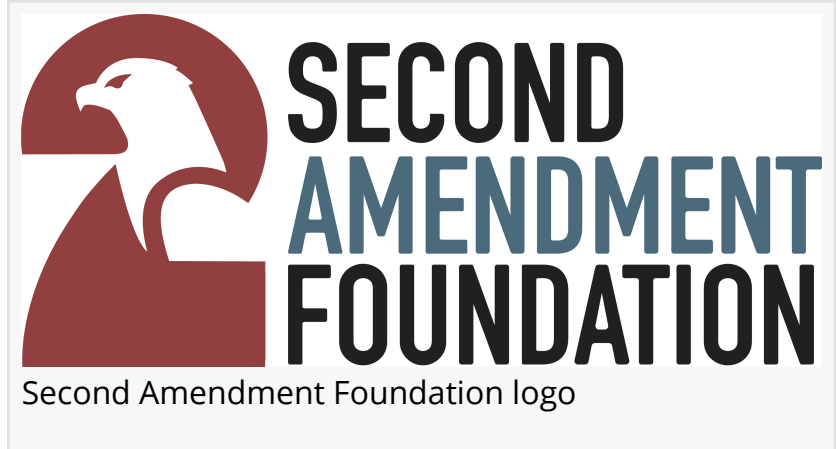


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BELLEVUE, WA, UNITED STATES, August 27, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners have [petitioned](#) the U.S. Supreme Court for review in *Viramontes v. Cook County* (No. 24-1437), SAF's challenge to the Cook County, Ill., ban on so-called "assault weapons."



Originally filed in 2021, the case was put "on hold" during which time the Supreme Court handed down the 2022 *Bruen* decision, and the Illinois legislature passed the nearly identical statewide

ban on "assault weapons," which SAF has also challenged, in *Harrel v. Raoul*. SAF is joined in *Viramontes* by the Firearms Policy Coalition and two private citizens.

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“The Supreme Court has indicated its interest in addressing assault weapons bans within the next term or two, and we think this case is a solid vehicle for that review,” said SAF Director of Legal Operations Bill Sack. “As Justice Thomas rightly pointed out in his dissent from denial in *Snope*, the longer SCOTUS delays, the longer millions of Americans are subject to these unconstitutional, categorical bans of the some of the most

popular arms in America.”

As noted in the petition: “Cook County’s ‘assault weapons’ laws restrict many perfectly ordinary and common firearms, like the AR-15 rifle. These firearms are not distinct from other rifles in their design or their function. Indeed, the very term ‘assault weapon’ is a political slogan masquerading as a meaningful designation, designed to exploit ‘the public’s confusion over fully automatic machine guns versus semi-automatic’ firearms.”

“The idealogues in Cook County wrongfully think that the AR-15, and similar firearms, are not appropriate for self-defense,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “The disenfranchisement of an entire population of residents is an absolute infringement on their Second Amendment rights. We’ve fought this case for far too long and it’s time for the Supreme Court to step in and determine that bans on the AR-15 are unconstitutional.”

For more information, or to register, visit [SAF.org](https://saf.org).

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