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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL FILES BRIEF SUPPORTING NEW YORK'S CONCEALED CARRY LAW

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul, as part of a coalition of 19 attorneys general, today filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court defending New York's law regulation on when individuals may obtain a license to carry firearms in public. Raoul and the coalition argue that the Second Amendment does not provide Americans with an unrestricted right to carry loaded firearms in virtually all public places. Instead, in keeping with centuries of tradition, the Second Amendment allows states to enact policies regulating public carry that are tailored to local public safety concerns and needs.

"States have the right to craft and enact policies that best protect their residents from gun violence, and a one-size-fits-all approach to firearm regulations disregard the nuances each state faces when addressing gun violence," Raoul said. "By regulating where and how individuals can carry loaded firearms, states can address their own specific public safety concerns and better keep their communities safe."

A one-size-fits-all approach to regulating public carry would take away the ability of officials, democratically elected by the people of their states, to address the unique public safety needs of their residents. In this case, *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, the petitioners are asking the Supreme Court to grant Americans the right to carry loaded firearms anytime, in virtually any public place – disregarding the established practice that states and local governments may regulate the public carry of firearms in their jurisdictions.

[In today's brief](#), Raoul and the coalition argue that throughout U.S. history, public carry regulations have varied from region to region, and that tradition predates the United States, going back more than 700 years in England. Regulations today and centuries ago "varied substantially between and within the States – the result of accountable policymakers enacting regulatory schemes tailored to local needs and conditions."

Joining Raoul in filing the brief are the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.