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AG STRANGE JOINS AMICUS BRIEF OPPOSING UNCONSTITUTIONAL LOCKED-GUN STORAGE LAW

(Montgomery) – Attorney General Luther Strange has joined an amicus brief filed by the State of Nebraska and 25 other States asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a San Francisco ordinance which infringes upon the Second Amendment rights of gun owners who wish to protect themselves in their homes.

The brief was filed in the case of *Jackson v. San Francisco* in opposition to a San Francisco law requiring that guns be stored in a locked container, or with a trigger lock, at all times inside the home except when the homeowner is actually carrying the firearm. The locked-gun storage requirement ordinance was upheld by the Ninth Circuit Court.

“This ordinance violates the right to keep and bear arms as protected by the Second Amendment,” said Attorney General Strange. “This requirement, in effect, renders it virtually impossible for occupants of a home to protect themselves with a firearm since most people don’t have time to unlock and remove their guns from storage during an attack.”

Attorney General Strange and the other Attorneys General asserted in the amicus brief that the U.S. Supreme Court had previously ruled in a similar case, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, that “citizens must be permitted ‘to use [handguns] for the core lawful purpose of self defense.’”

“Under this Court’s precedent, San Francisco’s ordinance must be stricken because its restrictions extend to possession of a firearm by a law-abiding, responsible citizen for self-defense in the home,” Attorney General Strange and the other Attorneys General noted in the amicus brief.

In addition to Alabama, the States joining Nebraska in the amicus brief are Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

