

# Industry Talk



## NSSF Applauds U.S. Supreme Court's NYSRPA v. Bruen Decision

NEWTOWN, Conn. — NSSF®, the firearm industry trade association, applauds the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* to strike down New York's restrictive "may issue" concealed carry permitting scheme. This decision affirms that the Second Amendment is an individual right that may be exercised both in the home and in public.

"This is a tremendous victory for the rights of all law-abiding Americans to exercise the pre-existing and God-given right to keep and bear arms for self-defense," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel. "This establishes that 'may issue' permitting schemes that relegate the Second Amendment to a second-class right that can be meted out by government bureaucrats are unconstitutional. The firearm industry is tremendously grateful to the U.S. Supreme Court's faithful application of Constitutional rights.

"Of equal importance is the fact that the U.S. Supreme Court has set forth the correct

test for evaluating whether a law infringes upon the Second Amendment. The court rejected the 'means-ends' (interest weighing analysis) test adopted by the lower courts since *Heller* and *McDonald*. This 'means-ends' test is based on retiring Justice Breyer's dissent in *Heller* that was expressly rejected by the court in *Heller* itself. The court also made clear today that intermediate scrutiny is not appropriate and that the proper test is to look at the text, history and national tradition at the time of the founding as to whether a restriction violates the Second Amendment.

"NSSF in amicus briefs filed with the U.S. Supreme Court has urged the court to provide clear guidance to the lower courts as to proper test. We are very pleased the court has put an end to the improper interest balance test in which the government restriction is nearly always upheld. Now, finally, the Second Amendment will not be treated like a second-class right," said Keane.

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## NSSF Announces Study on Assessing the Quality and Availability of Hunting and Shooting Access in the United States

With support from an AFWA grant, new research looks at availability, access, issues and current perceptions

NSSF Announces Study on Assessing the Quality and Availability of Hunting and Shooting Access in the United States. NEWTOWN, Conn. – Access to hunting land and to shooting ranges are key indicators affecting the future of hunting and sport shooting. A new study, announced by the National Shooting Sports Foundation®, reports on findings regarding current availability of public and private areas accessible for hunting and sport shooting collected from a nationwide survey that included a trend analysis to see how perceptions have changed over the last decade.

With support from a grant awarded by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' (AFWA) Multistate Conservation Grant program, the report titled "Assessing the Quality and Availability of Hunting and Shooting Access in the United States," produced by Responsive Management, provides major findings from the surveys reporting on activity locations, factors considered for location selection and factors that affect hunter/shooter enjoyment, access constraints and ratings, information sources for locations and user awareness of programs and resources.

Beyond the survey information reported is a robust recommendations section – 99 of them in all. A recurring message in many of the recommendations is the importance of current information supported by using effective communication, marketing, branding and outreach strategies. These efforts have a clear impact on awareness of, participation in, and satisfaction with access programs/resources, and will increase the success of implemented programs.

Attached to the *Assessing the Quality and Availability of Hunting and Shooting Access in the United States* report is a *Hunting and Shooting Access Inventory Report* that includes a national summary total and a one-page report per state. A detailed Excel file reporting all 50 states is also available for download.

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