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HAWAII FIREARMS COALITION SUBMITS AMICUS BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO THE STATE OF HAWAII'S APPEAL FOR EN BANC REHEARING IN YOUNG VS HAWAII

The Ninth District Court of Appeals Correctly Ruled That the People Must Have a Means to Protect Themselves Outside of Their Home.

Honolulu, Hawaii — The Hawaii Firearms Coalition (HIFICO) today filed an amicus brief in opposition to a rehearing of Young VS Hawaii by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Young VS Hawaii was heard in the Ninth Circuit Court, arguing that Hawaii's effective ban on carrying a firearm openly for self-defense is unconstitutional. The State of Hawaii refuses to accept the ruling made by the three-judge panel and is seeking a rehearing before the full court.

Hawaii Island's vast rural land mass creates areas that are potentially dangerous. Many areas are inadequately policed leaving one's safety and their family's safety up to the individual. In some areas of the state, including Hawaii Island, police response times are measured in hours not minutes. The implementation of Hawaii Revised Statute 134-9 removes the ability of the individual to have adequate means of self-defense.

HIFICO has an interest in this case because an erroneous *en banc* reversal of the panel opinion will unconstitutionally deprive Hawaii citizens of the right to adequately defend themselves, their family, and their property.

About Hawaii Firearms Coalition

Hawaii Firearms Coalition promotes legislative and legal action, as well as research, publication and advocacy, in support of people's civil liberties. Hawaii Firearms Coalition litigates firearm-regulation cases, and it has consistently advocated for a principled interpretation of the United States Constitution to prevent government from violating the basic civil rights of its citizens.

Hawaii Firearms Coalition works with other groups, clubs, organizations and individuals to unify Hawaii's firearms owners towards the common goal of defending their rights, themselves and their families.