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BRIEF RE: CHARTS OF
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INTRODUCTION

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2 The Supreme Court’s recent decision in *N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n v. Bruen*,
3 597 U.S. ___, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022), guides courts to “not ‘uphold every modern law
4 that remotely resembles a historical analogue,’ because doing so ‘risk[s] endorsing
5 outliers that our ancestors would never have accepted.’” *Id.* at 2133 (quoting
6 *Drummond v. Robinson Twp.*, 9 F.4th 217, 226 (3d Cir. 2021)).

7 Frankly, even remote resemblances are not within the grasp of any of the
8 *hundreds* of proposed analogues the State has submitted to this Court. It saw fit to
9 include English laws that pre-date Shakespeare, fire-safety laws, laws that barred the
10 concealed carry (but not possession) of certain weapons, and puzzlingly, even an
11 assortment of racist laws that only applied to slaves, free African Americans, and
12 Native Americans. But the State *did not* include laws dating to the ratification of the
13 Second or Fourteenth Amendments that banned the possession of an entire class of
14 common arms based on their firing capacity—because, try as it might, the State could
15 not find a single example of such a law.

16 Even after extended supplemental briefing was complete, this Court gave the
17 State another opportunity to find any laws it considered proper analogues. Given that
18 opportunity, the State has once again failed to present a “well established and
19 representative” analogue to its modern-day ban on magazines able to hold over ten
20 rounds of ammunition. *Id.* It has not—and cannot—“demonstrate that [the magazine
21 ban] is consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.” *Id.* at
22 2126. The law violates the Second Amendment.

ARGUMENT

23
24 The Second Amendment provides that “the right of the people to keep and bear
25 Arms ... shall not be infringed.” U.S. Const. amend. II. That right, the Supreme Court
26 recently confirmed, necessarily “protects the possession and use of weapons that are
27 ‘in common use.’” *N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. ___, 142 S. Ct.
28 2111, 2118 (2022). And it “extends, *prima facie*, to all instruments that constitute

1 bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding.”
 2 *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 582 (2008). In short, if an arm is
 3 “typically possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes” today, the State
 4 cannot ban it—full stop. *Id.* at 625-627. This must be so. For the state has no power to
 5 ban what that the Constitution protects. Indeed, if the Second Amendment means
 6 anything, it must mean that the government cannot prohibit “an entire class of ‘arms’
 7 that is overwhelmingly chosen by American society for [a] lawful purpose.” *Id.* at 628.

8 Yet California has taken the extreme step of banning the acquisition and
 9 possession of common magazines able to hold more than 10 rounds—items that the
 10 State pejoratively (and arbitrarily) calls “large capacity magazines.” Cal. Penal Code §
 11 32310(a). Because the law is a flat ban on these arms, this case is a straightforward
 12 one. Indeed, *Heller*’s exhaustive historical analysis establishes that “bearable arms”
 13 can be prohibited only if they are “dangerous and unusual.” 554 U.S. at 627. On the
 14 other hand, the State cannot ban arms that are “typically possessed by law-abiding
 15 citizens for lawful purposes.” *Id.* at 625. *Bruen* did not change this test for analyzing
 16 arms bans. This case thus boils down to a single issue: Are the magazines that
 17 California bans “typically possessed” for lawful purposes? As many courts, including
 18 this one, have already held, the answer is irrefutably “yes.” Under *Heller* (as elaborated
 19 by *Bruen*), no further inquiry is required.

20 But even if this Court indulges the State’s treasure hunt for historical analogues
 21 to justify its modern restriction, it will quickly see that such a search is futile. There is
 22 simply *no* “enduring American tradition” of banning arms in common use for lawful
 23 purposes, like the magazines at issue here. *Id.* at 2135. California’s modern magazine
 24 ban is thus unconstitutional, and it should be permanently enjoined (again).

25 **I. CALIFORNIA BANS MAGAZINES IN COMMON USE FOR LAWFUL PURPOSES**

26 The textual right “to keep and bear Arms,” of course, implies the right to *use*
 27 them “for offensive or defensive action.” *Id.* at 2134; *see also id.* at 2127, 2134-35
 28 (Second Amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms “in common use,” “in

1 case of confrontation,” “for self-defense”). And the right to *use* arms implies the right
 2 to obtain and possess the ammunition and the components necessary to fire them.
 3 *Jackson v. City & Cnty. of San Francisco*, 746 F.3d 953, 967 (9th Cir. 2014). This
 4 includes, as this Court as already held, ammunition-feeding devices (like detachable
 5 magazines) necessary for the function of those firearms designed to use them. *Duncan*
 6 *v. Becerra* (“*Duncan III*), 366 F. Supp. 3d 1131, 1142 (S.D. Cal. 2019); Order Re:
 7 Prelim. Inj. at 16 (June 29, 2017), ECF No. 28 (“Without protection for the closely
 8 related right to keep and bear ammunition magazines ..., ‘the Second Amendment
 9 would be toothless.’”) (quoting *Luis v. United States*, 578 U.S. 5, 27 (2016)). It is thus
 10 no surprise that every appellate court to have considered the issue has understood that
 11 magazines are “arms” within the plain meaning of the Second Amendment.¹

12 What’s more, the record shows that the magazines that California bans “are used
 13 for self-defense by law-abiding citizens. And they are common.” *Duncan III*, 366 F.
 14 Supp. 3d at 1143; *see, e.g.*, Barvir MSJ Decl. Ex. 2 at 30-32; Ex. 12 at 295, Ex. 56, Ex.
 15 58 at 846-48; *see generally* Barvir MSJ Decl. Exs. 52-57, 62. Recall, magazines over
 16 ten rounds come standard with many of the most popular firearms on the market.
 17 Helsley Decl. Ex. 10 at 3-4; Barvir Suppl. Br. Decl., Ex. 31 (ECF No. 132-5); *id.* at Ex.
 18 34 at 240-42, Ex. 39 at 314-15 (ECF No. 132-6); *see also Duncan III*, 366 F. Supp. 3d
 19 at 1145 (discussing, among others, the popular “Glock 17, which is designed for, and
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 22 ¹ *See, e.g., Worman v. Healey*, 922 F.3d 26, 36 (1st Cir. 2019) (assuming without
 23 deciding that a magazine restriction implicates the Second Amendment); *see Ass’n of*
 24 *N.J. Rifle & Pistol Clubs, Inc. v. Att’y Gen. of N.J.* (“ANJRPC”), 910 F.3d 106, 116 (3d
 25 Cir. 2018) (“Because ammunition magazines feed ammunition into certain guns, and
 26 ammunition is necessary for such a gun to function as intended, magazines are ‘arms’
 27 within the meaning of the Second Amendment.”); *N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n v.*
 28 *Cuomo* (“NYSRPA”), 804 F.3d 242, 257 (2d Cir. 2015) (“[W]e proceed on the
 assumption that these laws [bans on “assault weapons” and “large capacity
 magazines”] ban weapons protected by the Second Amendment.”); *Fyock v. City of*
Sunnyvale, 25 F. Supp. 3d 1267, 1276 (N.D. Cal. 2014), *aff’d*, 779 F.3d 991 (9th Cir.
 2015) (“[T]he court finds that the prohibited magazines are ‘weapons of offence, or
 armour of defence,’ as they are integral components to vast categories of guns.”)

In fact, only the Fourth Circuit has ruled that magazines over ten rounds are not
 protected—though not because they are not arms, but because the court held they are
 most useful in military service. *Kolbe v. Hogan*, 849 F.3d 114, 137-38 (4th Cir. 2017).

1 typically sold with, a 17-round magazine” and the AR-15, of which more than 5
2 million have been sold since the 1980s and which “are typically sold with 30-round
3 magazines”). Tens of millions of these magazines are in the hands of Americans today.
4 Hanish Decl. ¶ 18; Helsley Decl. ¶ 11; Barvir Suppl. Br. Decl. Ex. 40 at 362 (ECF No.
5 132-6). And they account for “approximately half of all privately owned magazines in
6 the United States.” *Duncan v. Becerra* (“*Duncan IV*”), 970 F.3d 1133, 1142 (9th Cir.
7 2020); *Duncan v. Bonta* (“*Duncan V*”), 19 F.4th 1087, 1097 (9th Cir. 2021). Under any
8 reasonable measure, they are common. *NYSRA*, 804 F.3d at 255-57 (“large-capacity
9 magazines” are “in common use” based on even the most conservative estimates).

10 And not only are they “common,” magazines over ten rounds are typically
11 possessed for lawful purposes. Renowned firearms historian, Stephen Helsley, explains
12 that firearms and magazines over ten rounds were developed for self- and home-
13 defense. Helsley Decl. Ex. 10 at 7-9. Manufacturers market them for those purposes.
14 Hanish Decl. ¶¶ 18-20, 26-29. And civilians regularly choose them to increase their
15 chances of staying alive in violent confrontations. Helsley Decl. ¶ 11, Ex. 10 at 5;
16 Barvir Suppl. Br. Decl. Ex. 39 at 307-09 (ECF No. 132-6). Indeed, a recent survey of
17 gun owners found that 62.4% of those polled own magazines over ten rounds for home
18 defense. William English, Ph.D., *2021 National Firearms Survey: Updated Analysis*
19 *Including Types of Firearms Owned*, at 2 (May 13, 2022), <https://bit.ly/3HaqmKv>.
20 Other reasons cited include lawful activities like target shooting (64.3%), hunting
21 (47%), and defense outside the home (41.7%).

22 All this likely explains why nearly every appellate court that has analyzed the
23 issue has found, or was willing to assume, that bans on magazines over ten rounds
24 burden conduct protected by the Second Amendment. *See, e.g., Fyock v. Sunnyvale*,
25 779 F.3d 991, 998-99 (9th Cir. 2015); *ANRPC*, 910 F.3d at 116; *NYRPC*, 804 F.3d at
26 255; *Friedman v. City of Highland Park*, 784 F.3d 406, 415 (7th Cir. 2015); *Heller v.*
27 *District of Columbia*, 670 F.3d 1244, 1261 (D.C. Cir. 2011); *but see Kolbe*, 849 F.3d at
28 137-38 (standing alone in holding that “large capacity magazines” are unprotected

1 because they are best suited for “military purposes”).

2 And though it conveniently takes a different position here to argue the
3 magazines at issue are unprotected by the Second Amendment, Def.’s Suppl. Br. 16-17
4 (ECF No. 118), even the State has agreed that laws restricting magazines restrict
5 *firearms*. In a challenge to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.11 recently
6 before this Court, the State expressly argued that “there is nothing indefinite about
7 applying section 1021.11 to a suit challenging that law [section 32310]: The large-
8 capacity magazines ban appears in the Penal Code’s title on ‘Firearms,’ in the division
9 on ‘Special Rules Relating to Particular Types of Firearms or Firearm Equipment,’ and
10 a restriction on the ammunition that may be used in a firearm is a restriction on
11 firearms.” Intervenor-Defendants’ Supplemental Br. 14, *S. Bay Rod & Gun Club, Inc.*
12 *v. Bonta*, No. 22-cv-01461 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 12, 2022) (ECF No. 32).

13 In short, it is well documented and almost universally accepted that magazines
14 over ten rounds are commonly possessed in the United States for lawful purposes—
15 including the core lawful purpose of self-defense. They are thus protected by the
16 Second Amendment, and they cannot be banned.

17 **II. THE STATE’S CHARTS MERELY AFFIRM WHAT *HELLER* ALREADY HELD—**
18 **THERE IS NO ENDURING AMERICAN TRADITION OF BANNING ARMS IN**
19 **COMMON USE FOR LAWFUL PURPOSES**

20 At the very least, because California restricts the acquisition and possession of
21 arms in common use for lawful purposes—conduct that “the Constitution
22 presumptively protects”—the State must “justify its regulation by demonstrating that it
23 is consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.” *Bruen*, 142 S.
24 Ct. at 2126, 2130. “Only then may [this] court conclude that” the conduct Plaintiffs
25 wish to engage in “falls outside the Second Amendment’s ‘unqualified command.’” *Id.*
26 Try as it might, California has not—because it cannot—meet this heavy burden.

27 As explained in Plaintiffs’ Supplemental Brief, *Bruen* demands that the State
28 present “well established and representative” historical analogues. *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at

1 2133.² While the State need not identify a “historical twin,” it must present a genuine
 2 analogue that is “relevantly similar” to the modern restriction it seeks to defend. *Id.* at
 3 2122. The *Bruen* Court did not establish all the ways proposed analogues may be
 4 “relevantly similar,” but it explained that “*Heller* and *McDonald* point toward at least
 5 two metrics: *how* and *why* the regulations burden a law-abiding citizen’s right to armed
 6 self-defense.” *Id.* at 2133 (emphasis added). When looking at the “how,” courts should
 7 ask whether a proposed analogue imposes a “comparable burden.” *Id.* To prevent this
 8 analysis from devolving into just another way to balance burdens and benefits—a test
 9 *Bruen* explicitly rejected—courts should consider whether the challenged modern law
 10 and the proposed historical analogue impose a similar *type* of burden (not just a
 11 similarly *severe* burden) on the right of armed self-defense. And when looking at the
 12 “why,” courts should consider “whether th[e] burden is comparably justified,” always
 13 mindful that historical laws enacted for one purpose cannot be used as a pretext to
 14 justify a modern law that was enacted for entirely different reasons. *Id.*

15 In short, “a historical statute cannot earn the title ‘analogue’ if it is clearly more
 16 distinguishable than it is similar to the thing to which it is compared.” *Antonyuk v.*
 17 *Hochul*, No. 22-cv-0986, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 182965, at *20 (N.D.N.Y. Oct. 6,
 18 2022). But this is the sort of strained comparison-making that nearly all of the State’s
 19 proposed historical analogues rely on.

20 In response to this Court’s request for a compendium of purportedly relevant
 21 historical analogues, the State filed two charts, listing over 300 laws dating all the way
 22 back to 1300s England. Survey of Relevant Statutes (Pre-Founding-1888), ECF No.
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24 ² This, of course, assumes the State even has a right to engage in argument by
 25 analogy. For the reasons explained in Plaintiffs’ supplemental brief, it should not be
 26 here. Pls.’ Suppl. Br. 37-41 (ECF No. 132). In short, firearms able to fire many rounds
 27 before reloading are not a modern technological breakthrough; repeating arms pre-date
 28 the Founding by hundreds of years, and they became common during and just after the
 Civil War. Yet *not one law* the State cites restricted firearm capacity. “When a
 challenged regulation addresses a general societal problem that has persisted since the
 18th century, the lack of a *distinctly* similar historical regulation addressing that
 problem is relevant evidence that the challenged regulation is inconsistent with the
 Second Amendment.” *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2131.

1 139-1; Survey of Relevant Statutes (1889-1930), ECF No. 139-2. Consisting of a
 2 remarkably broad sampling of historical weapons regulations—from Colonial-era
 3 gunpowder laws to 20th-century machine-gun restrictions—the State’s charts appear
 4 designed to construct a narrative that the government has always been free to regulate
 5 any weapon it considers “dangerous or unusual” in any way it chooses.

6 But, at best, the State’s assemblage of historical laws simply affirms what
 7 Supreme Court precedent already tells us: While there may be a tradition of regulating
 8 “dangerous and unusual weapons,” *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 627, there is no historical
 9 justification for a flat ban on arms that are “typically possessed by law-abiding citizens
 10 for lawful purposes,” *id.* at 625. To the contrary, as both this Court and every member
 11 of the Ninth Circuit to engage with the historical record has concluded, history and
 12 tradition establish the complete *absence* of “a well-established and representative
 13 historical analogue.” *See Duncan III*, 366 F. Supp. 3d at 1149-53; *Duncan IV*, 970 F.3d
 14 at 1147-51 (after conducting a “long march through the history of firearms,” the panel
 15 found no evidence that magazine capacity restrictions have *any* historical pedigree);
 16 *Duncan V*, 19 F.4th at 1156-59 (Bumatay, J. dissenting).

17 As Judge Bumatay observed in his dissent en banc:

18 Not only is California’s ban not historically longstanding,
 19 but it also *differs in kind* from the regulatory measures
 20 mentioned in *Heller*. Regulations on possession by
 21 people dangerous to society, where a firearm may be
 22 carried, and how firearms may be exchanged, *see Heller*,
 23 554 U.S. at 626-27, **are about the manner or place of**
 24 **use and sale or the condition of the user**. California’s
 25 ban, on the other hand, is much more like a “prohibition
 26 on an entire class of ‘arms’ that is overwhelmingly
 27 chosen by American society” for home defense. *Id.* at
 28 628. Also, like the ban in *Heller*, California’s ban extends
 “to the home, where the need for defense of self, family,
 and property is most acute.” *Id.*

25 *Duncan V*, 19 F.4th at 1158-59 (Bumatay, J. dissenting) (double emphasis added). The
 26 same can be said of nearly every law the State includes in its charts of allegedly
 27 relevant historical laws.

28 Plaintiffs’ objections to the inclusion of each of the State’s proposed analogues

1 are laid out in Plaintiffs’ Disagreements Re: Defendant’s Survey of Relevant Statutes,
2 ECF No. 139-3.³ Plaintiffs explain those objections further here.

3 **A. Medieval England to Colonial America (1383 – 1689)**

4 In describing the Second Amendment’s history-and-tradition-based analysis, the
5 *Bruen* Court cautioned that not all history is created equal: “The Second Amendment
6 was adopted in 1791; the Fourteenth in 1868. Historical evidence that long predates
7 either date may not illuminate the scope of the right if linguistic or legal conventions
8 changed in the intervening years.” 142 S. Ct at 2136. Because “[c]onstitutional rights
9 are enshrined with the scope they were understood to have when the people adopted
10 them,” the *Bruen* Court gave very little weight to evidence of medieval English and
11 Colonial American restrictions that did not take hold in post-Revolution America. *Id.*
12 (citing *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 634). As the Court explained, “[s]ometimes, in interpreting
13 our own Constitution, ‘it [is] better not to go too far back into antiquity for the best
14 securities of our liberties,’ [citation omitted] *unless evidence shows that medieval law*
15 *survived to become our Founders’ law.*” *Id.* (citing *Funk v. United States*, 290 U.S.
16 371, 382 (1933)) (emphasis added).

17 Even still, just as it began its supplemental brief, the State begins its chart with a
18 handful of English laws pre-dating the Founding by hundreds of years. ECF No. 139-1,
19 at 1 (citing 7 Rich. 2, ch. 13 (1383) (banning possession of launcegays); 20 Rich. 2, ch.
20 1 (1396) (same); 33 Hen. 8, ch. 6 §§ 1, 18 (1541) (banning possession of crossbows,
21 handguns, hagbutts, and demy hakes); 4 Jac. I, ch. 1 (1606) (same)). And just as it did
22 in its supplemental brief, the State includes a 1541 English law restricting the keeping
23 of handguns that *Bruen* itself already considered. The *Bruen* Court looked at this very
24 law and rejected it, explaining that the justification for the 1541 restriction was not
25 comparable to concerns about public safety often used to justify modern regulations
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28 ³ Plaintiffs do not concede that the State has accurately described the laws it
listed in each chart because the State has not provided Plaintiffs with either the full text
of most of these laws or a source from where the State obtained them.

1 today. The Court observed that:

2 Henry VIII’s displeasure with handguns arose not
3 primarily from concerns about their safety but rather their
4 inefficacy. Henry VIII worried that handguns threatened
5 Englishmen’s proficiency with the longbow—a weapon
6 many believed was crucial to English military victories in
7 the 1300s and 1400s, including the legendary English
8 victories at Crécy and Agincourt.

9 142 S. Ct. at 2140. The Court also highlighted a more fundamental issue with the
10 English law banning handguns—it is “inconsistent with *Heller*’s historical analysis”:

11 In any event, lest one be tempted to put much evidentiary
12 weight on the 1541 statute, it impeded not only public
13 carry, but further made it unlawful for those without
14 sufficient means to “kepe in his or their houses” any
15 “handgun.” 33 Hen. 8 c. 6, §1. *Of course, this kind of
16 limitation is inconsistent with Heller’s historical
17 analysis* regarding the Second Amendment’s meaning at
18 the founding and thereafter. *So, even if a severe
19 restriction on keeping firearms in the home may have
20 seemed appropriate in the mid-1500s, it was not
21 incorporated into the Second Amendment’s scope.*

22 *Id.* at n.10 (double emphasis added).

23 In short, the Supreme Court has already rejected the very history the State now
24 submits to this Court. That precedent is binding.

25 **B. The Founding Era (1750 – 1790)**

26 Moving to the Founding—the only period that *Bruen* makes unmistakably clear
27 is relevant to the analysis—the State’s charts fall woefully short of making a case for a
28 an “enduring American tradition” of “relevantly similar” laws. 142 S. Ct. at 2132.

Citing just *ten* American laws adopted between 1750 and 1790 (and only five more
laws adopted by the start of the 19th century), the State yet again “fails to point to a
single Founding-era statute that is even remotely analogous to its magazine ban.”

Duncan V, F.4th at 1159 (Bumatay, J. dissenting). Indeed, the State remains unable to
identify even one law that flatly bans possession of an entire class of arms—let alone a
law that targets arms for prohibition based on their firing capacity.

And even though Judge Bumatay pointed to these laws when this case was heard
en banc, the State did *not* include the arguably “closest Founding-era analogues to

1 ammunition [or firing capacity] regulations”—those “laws *requiring* that citizens arm
 2 themselves with particular arms and a specific *minimum* amount of ammunition.” *Id.*
 3 (citing 1784 Mass. Acts 142; 1786 N. Y. Laws 228; 1785 Va. Statutes at Large 12 (12
 4 Hening c. 1); 1 Stat. 271 (1792) (Militia Act); Herbert L. Osgood, *The American*
 5 *Colonies in the Seventeenth Century* 499-500 (1904) (explaining that states often
 6 required citizens to equip themselves with adequate firearms and ammunition,
 7 including between 20 and 24 cartridges *at minimum*). This is likely because the
 8 existence of such laws weighs *against* the State’s claim that its modern magazine ban
 9 is constitutional, *not in favor of it*.

10 That said, Plaintiffs will address the State’s proposed Founding-era analogues in
 11 turn. The State’s charts include four types of 18th-century laws: (1) restrictions on
 12 carry, possession, or use by enslaved people and racial minorities; (2) restrictions on
 13 “trap guns”; (3) gunpowder-storage regulations; and (4) restrictions on the carry or use
 14 of certain weapons while engaged in unlawful behavior. None of the proposed laws is
 15 remotely similar to the State’s flat ban on an entire class of arms typically possessed
 16 for lawful purposes.

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 18 **1. Restrictions on Carry, Possession, or Use by Enslaved People
 and Racial Minorities**

19 The State’s charts do not include a single founding-era law that bans the
 20 possession of any class of arms, let alone a class of arms in common use. Instead, the
 21 State relies on several laws banning the carry, possession, or use of arms by enslaved
 22 people, Indians, and other racial minorities. ECF No. 139-1, at 1, 3-7, 13, 17-18 (citing
 23 laws of New York (1664), Virginia (1792), Delaware (1797), Kentucky (1798), and
 24 Georgia (1860), as well as the territories of Mississippi (1799, 1804), Indiana (1804),
 25 Missouri (1818), Arkansas (1835), North Carolina (1846), and the city of Harrodsburg,
 26 KY (1859)). The State’s “reliance on these laws is concerning, but in any event, they
 27 do not support the constitutionality of” California’s modern magazine ban. *United*
 28 *States v. Harrison*, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18397, at *41 (W.D. Okla. 2023) (declaring

1 federal ban on possession of firearms by marijuana users unconstitutional).

2 Indeed, it should go without saying that slave codes and explicitly racist laws
3 enacted to disarm classes of marginalized people provide no legitimate analogue for
4 modern arms bans. Otherwise, the *Bruen* Court would have mentioned them even once,
5 but the Court rightly ignored them. Aside from being repugnant to American (and
6 Californian) values of liberty, equality, and human dignity,

7 historical restrictions on slaves and Indians provide *no*
8 insight into the constitutionality of [a modern gun
9 restriction]. That is because neither slaves nor Indians
10 were understood to be a part of the “political community”
11 of persons protected by the Second Amendment. Slaves,
12 of course, were not made a part of the political
13 community until the post-Civil War amendments and
14 thus did not hold any Second Amendment rights—a point
15 infamously, yet explicitly, made by *Dred Scott v.*
16 *Sanford* itself. Indians, likewise, were also generally not
17 considered to be a part of the political community
18 protected by the Second Amendment.

14 *Id.* (citing *Scott v. Sanford*, 60 U.S. (19 How.) 393, 404 (1856)) (emphasis added).

15 “[H]istorical restrictions on these groups [thus] provide little insight into the meaning
16 of the Second Amendment because the ratifying public would not have understood
17 those groups to be protected by” it. *Id.* at *41-42.

18 2. Restrictions on Setting “Trap Guns” and “Spring Guns”

19 “Trap guns” and “spring guns” were devices rigged to fire without the presence
20 of a person. Spitzer Decl. ¶ 50. The State has claimed that laws restricting the use of
21 the devices in early America provide relevant historical support for its modern
22 magazine ban because they “originated during the colonial period” and “were enacted
23 due to the threat posed to innocent life.” Def.’s Suppl. Br. 38-39 (citing Spitzer Decl.
24 ¶¶ 50-53, Ex. F). But the State’s charts cite only *one* Founding-era restriction on the
25 setting of “trap guns.” ECF No. 139-1, at 2 (citing 1763-1775 N.J. Laws 346, An Act
26 for the Preservation of Deer and Other Game, and to Prevent Trespassing with Guns,
27 ch. 539, § 10). It was not until the late 19th century that such restrictions appeared
28 elsewhere. ECF No. 139-1, at 21, 31, 35, 49 (laws from the territory of Utah (1865), as

1 well as Minnesota (1873), Michigan (1875), and Vermont (1884)); ECF No. 139-2, at
 2 6, 9 (laws from North Dakota (1891, 1895)). They were thus enacted far too long after
 3 the Founding to be given much weight. *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 634-35; *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at
 4 2136 (cautioning against “giving postenactment history more weight than it can bear”).

5 More importantly, these laws did not ban any class of arms. Rather, they
 6 regulated the *manner* of using them. That is, they banned setting loaded, unattended
 7 guns to prevent unintended discharges. Indeed, the only Founding-era “trap gun”
 8 restriction the State lists, ECF No. 139-1, at 2, barred only the *setting* of “any loaded
 9 Gun in such Manner as that the same shall be intended to go off or discharge itself, or
 10 be discharged by any String, Rope, or other Contrivance,” 1763-1775 N.J. Laws 346,
 11 An Act for the Preservation of Deer and Other Game, and to Prevent Trespassing with
 12 Guns, ch. 539, § 10. What’s more, according to the State, these laws were enacted “due
 13 to the threat posed to innocent life,” Def.’s Suppl. Br. 39 (citing Spitzer Decl. ¶ 50),
 14 both human and animal. But just about any gun restriction can be vaguely described as
 15 necessary to promote public safety or protect life. “Trap gun” restrictions were
 16 necessary because setting loaded, unattended guns to discharge automatically imposes
 17 an incredibly specific threat to life that is entirely unrelated to violent crime.

18 Because early American “trap gun” laws are not comparable to California’s
 19 magazine ban—either in terms of the type of burden they imposed or the government’s
 20 justification for that burden—they are not constitutionally relevant analogues.

21 3. Gunpowder Restrictions

22 Next, the State’s charts cite two Founding-era city laws regulating gunpowder
 23 storage and possession. ECF No. 139-1, at 3 (citing 1783 Mass. Acts 37, § 2
 24 (prohibiting the possession of firearms loaded with gunpowder in the city of Boston);
 25 1784 Laws of N.Y. 627, ch. 28 (prohibiting the keeping of more than 28 pounds of
 26 gunpowder in New York City)).⁴ But these laws were enacted, as the State has

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 28 ⁴ A handful of other jurisdictions adopted similar laws in the mid-1800s. ECF
 No. 139-1, at 7, 13, 17 (laws from Maine (1821), Chicago, IL (1851), and St. Paul, MN

1 admitted, Def.’s Suppl. Br. 38 (citing Cornell Decl. ¶¶ 41, 45), to prevent catastrophic
 2 explosions and fires in town limits and near powder houses.⁵ They were necessary
 3 because of the highly combustible and unstable nature of loose gunpowder, which is
 4 not a modern concern. They were not enacted to combat crime, in general, or mass
 5 killings, more specifically. And, more importantly, most such laws regulated only the
 6 *manner* of keeping of gunpowder; they did not completely ban the possession of any
 7 common arm. These distinctions are key because, as explained above, the State’s
 8 proposed historical analogues must be similar in both type and justification. *Bruen*, 142
 9 S. Ct. at 2133.

10 As the *Heller* Court explained in the context of analyzing D.C.’s handgun ban,
 11 Founding-era gunpowder restrictions “did not clearly prohibit loaded weapons, but
 12 required only that excess gunpowder be kept in a special container or on the top floor
 13 of the home. [Citation] Nothing about those fire-safety laws undermines our analysis;
 14 *they do not remotely burden the right of self-defense as much as an absolute ban on*
 15 *handguns.*” 554 U.S. at 632 (discussing the dissent’s reliance on early American
 16 gunpowder restrictions) (emphasis added). They likewise “do not remotely burden the
 17 right of self-defense as much as an absolute ban on” common ammunition magazines.

18 4. Restrictions on Carry or Use While Engaged in Unlawful 19 Activities

20 Finally, that State’s charts include two founding-era laws from Massachusetts
 21 and the territory of Ohio that prohibited the carry of certain weapons while engaged in
 22 or intending to engage in unlawful activities. ECF No. 139-1, at 3 (citing An Act to
 23

24 (1858)); *see also id.* at 7, 44 (laws from Connecticut (1836) and the territory of
 Washington (1881) authorizing local cities to regulate gunpowder storage).

25 ⁵ *See, e.g.*, ECF No. 139-1, at 3 (citing 1783 Mass. Acts 37 (The preamble reads:
 26 “Whereas the depositing of loaded arms in the houses of the town of Boston, is
dangerous to the lives of those who are disposed to exert themselves when a fire
 27 *happens to break out in said town.*”) (Thomas Wetmore, Commissioner, The Charter
 and Ordinances of the City of Boston: Together with the Acts of the Legislature
 28 Relating to the City 142-43 (1834), *available at The Making of Modern Law: Primary*
Sources)); *id.* at 7 (citing 1821 Me. Laws 98, An Act *for the Prevention of Damage by*
Fire, and the Safe Keeping of Gun Powder, ch. 25, § 1).

1 Prevent Routs, Riots, and Tumultuous assemblies, and the Evil Consequences Thereof,
 2 reprinted in Cumberland Gazette (Portland, MA), Nov. 17, 1786, at 1; 1788-1801 Ohio
 3 Laws 20, A Law Respecting Crimes and Punishments, ch. 6). Throughout the
 4 nineteenth century, these laws spread to New Jersey (1799, 1877), Maryland (1811),
 5 Georgia (1816), Illinois (1845), California (1853), Indiana (1855), Florida (1868),
 6 Massachusetts (1873), Arkansas (1875), and Colorado (1876), as well as the territories
 7 of Nebraska (1858), Idaho (1875), and Wyoming (1876). ECF No. 139-1, at 4-6, 12,
 8 14, 16, 24, 30, 33, 35-37.

9 Once again, these laws are not “relevantly similar” to California’s modern
 10 magazine ban because they did not ban any class of arms. Rather, they regulated the
 11 *manner* of using them; specifically, they restricted only the carry or use of weapons *in*
 12 *the commission of crimes*, like assault, burglary, and rioting, or when being arrested
 13 under a warrant. To the extent that such laws burden the right to keep and bear arms at
 14 all, any burden is fundamentally different from a flat ban on standard magazines
 15 typically possessed for lawful purposes.

16 **C. Antebellum America and the Reconstruction Era (1812 – 1877)**

17 **1. Restrictions on Blunt Weapons, Bowie Knives, and Similar** 18 **Arms**

19 By far, the most oft-cited type of law the State relies on are those laws adopted
 20 throughout the 1800s regulating certain sharp instruments (including “Bowie knives,”
 21 “Arkansas toothpicks,” “sword canes,” “dirks,” and “daggers”), “blunt weapons”
 22 (including “bludgeons,” “billies,” “clubs,” “slungshots,” and “sandbags”) and
 23 concealed weapons, generally. But as the State has admitted, “[m]ost of these
 24 restrictions targeted the carrying of such” items, not the mere acquisition or possession
 25 of them for lawful purposes. Def.’s Suppl. Br. 41 (citing Spitzer Decl. Ex. E at 24).

26 By Plaintiffs’ count, the State lists only *two* laws that restricted the possession of
 27 such arms before the end of the Reconstruction era. *See* ECF No. 139-1 (laws from
 28 Georgia (1837) and New York (1866)). The oldest of the two was an 1837 law from

1 Georgia that banned the sale and possession of “Bowie or other kinds of knives,” as
 2 well as “pistols, dirks, sword-canes, [and] spears.” *Id.* at 8-9 (citing Acts of the General
 3 Assembly of the State of Georgia Passed in Milledgeville at an Annual Session in
 4 November and December 1837, at 90-91 (1838)). Shortly after its adoption, however,
 5 the Georgia Supreme Court held that the entire law (except for one section barring
 6 concealed carry) violated the Second Amendment. *Nunn v. State*, 1 Ga. 243 (1846).

7 What’s more, David Kopel, a prolific legal scholar whose work was cited
 8 favorably in *Bruen*, recently published a detailed evaluation of Reconstruction-era
 9 Bowie knife laws. He concluded:

10 *At the end of the 19th century, no state prohibited*
 11 *possession of Bowie knives.* Two states, Tennessee and
 12 Arkansas, prohibited sales. The most extreme tax
 statutes, such as Alabama’s \$100 transfer tax from 1837,
 had been repealed.

13 Only a very few statutes had ever attempted to regulate
 14 the peaceable possession or carrying of Bowie knives
 more stringently than handguns or other fighting knives,
 such as dirks and daggers. Of those, only the 1838
 15 Tennessee sales ban was still on the books by the end of
 the century.... As with handguns, *the states were nearly*
 16 *unanimous in rejecting bans on adult possession or*
 17 *acquisition of Bowie knives....* The much more common
 approach was to legislate against concealed carry,
 criminal misuse, or sales to minors.

18 Barvir Suppl. Br. Decl. Ex. 38 at 304 (ECF No. 132-5) (double emphasis added).

19 So, once again, the State relies on historical laws restricting just the *manner* of
 20 carrying arms in public, not their possession or even use. At best, the State has shown
 21 that concealed carry was disfavored in Reconstruction-era America. But such evidence
 22 was not enough to justify modern-day bans on concealed carry in *Bruen*, so it is hard to
 23 see how such enactments could bear the weight of California’s flat ban on the
 24 possession of commonly possessed magazines here.

25 2. Restrictions on Carry of Pistols and Other Arms

26 According to the State’s charts, Antebellum America also saw a rise in the
 27 number of regulations on the manner of carrying arms, including pistols, in public
 28 (e.g., while concealed carry was restricted, open carry was generally allowed). *See*,

1 e.g., ECF No. 139-1, at 5, 7-30, 35-37 (laws from Louisiana (1813, 1842, 1855, 1870),
 2 Massachusetts (1836), Arkansas (1837), Tennessee (1837, 1869, 1871), Virginia
 3 (1838), Alabama (1839, 1841, 1868, 1873, 1876, 1877), Maine (1841, 1847), Ohio
 4 (1859), California (1864), Georgia (1870, 1873), D.C. (1871), Texas (1871), as well
 5 as the territories of Florida (1839), New Mexico (1853), Colorado (1862, 1867),
 6 Montana (1864), and South Dakota (1877)).

7 Like restrictions on gunpowder storage and setting “trap guns,” these early
 8 restrictions on public carry are not remotely analogous to California’s magazine ban.
 9 Nineteenth-century carry laws regulated only the *manner* of carrying certain arms in
 10 public. And several such laws even included express exceptions for self-defense or
 11 while traveling. ECF No. 139-1, at 11-12, 35-39 (laws from Alabama (1841, 1876,
 12 1877), Maine, (1841), and Mississippi (1878), as well as the city of Boise, ID (1979)).
 13 California’s modern magazine ban, on the other hand, restricts the mere *possession* of
 14 magazines even *in the home* for *self-defense* purposes. The burdens imposed are thus
 15 wildly different—even if it might be said that they impose an equally severe a burden
 16 on the ability to engage in self-defense at any given moment.

17 Perhaps the closest the State comes to identifying a relevant historical analogue
 18 is an 1867 Memphis law that restricted not just the concealed carry of “pocket pistols,”
 19 but also prohibited the sale of such arms. ECF No.139-1, at 24 (citing William H.
 20 Bridges, Digest of the Charters and Ordinances of the City of Memphis, from 1826 to
 21 1867, Inclusive, Together with the Acts of the Legislature Relating to the City, with an
 22 Appendix, at 44 (1867), Police Regulations of the State, Offences Against Public
 23 Peace, § 4747). But this late law is far from persuasive. On the contrary, Supreme
 24 Court precedent is clear that courts should “not stake [their] interpretation of the
 25 Second Amendment upon a single law, in effect in a single city, that contradicts the
 26 overwhelming weight of other evidence regarding the right to keep and bear arms for
 27 defense.” *Heller*, 554 U.S. at 632; *see also Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2153 (quoting *Heller*
 28 with approval).

1 What’s more, *Bruen* warned that courts should refrain from “giving
2 postenactment history more weight than it can rightly bear.” 142 S. Ct. at 2136. “[T]o
3 the extent later history contradicts what the text says,” as the State’s Reconstruction-
4 era concealed carry bans do, “the text controls.” *Id.* at 2137 (citing *Gamble v. United*
5 *States*, -- U.S. --, 139 S. Ct. 1960, 1987 (2019) (Thomas, J., concurring)).

6 **3. Restrictions on Transfers to and Possession by Minors**

7 In the mid-19th century (and well into the 20th century), several states and cities
8 began adopting laws regulating transfers of weapons to and concealed carry by minors.
9 ECF No. 139-1, at 16-17, 24, 32, 35-36, 41-43, 45-46, 55 (Tennessee (1856, 1873),
10 Georgia (1876), Alabama (1877), Delaware (1881), Nevada (1881), Illinois (1881),
11 West Virginia (1882, 1891), Kansas (1883), Minnesota (1888), as well as the cities of
12 Herrodsburg, KY (1859) and Memphis, TN (1867)); ECF No. 139-2, at 10, 12, 15, 18-
13 19, 23-25 (laws from Texas (1897), New York (1900, 1911), and South Carolina
14 (1923), as well as the cities of Fresno, CA (1896) and Joplin, MO (1917)). Yet again,
15 the State’s proposed analogues miss the mark.

16 By and large, these laws regulated the transfer of arms to, *but not the possession*
17 *of arms by*, children.⁶ Some included exemptions for common arms possessed for
18 lawful purposes, like hunting guns, self-defense guns, and ordinary pocket knives.⁷
19 While others allowed for transfers to minors with the consent of parents, guardians, or
20 the magistrate.⁸ And others still restricted only concealed carry in public. *See, e.g.,*

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22 ⁶ *See, e.g.,* 1911 N.Y. Laws 442, An Act to Amend the Penal Law, in Relation to
23 the Sale and Carrying of Dangerous Weapons, ch. 195, § 1; Joplin Code of 1917, Art.
24 67, § 1201; 1882 W. Va. Acts 421-22; W. Va. Code, ch. 148, § 7; 1891 W. Va. Code
25 915, Of Offences Against the Peace, ch. 148, § 7.

26 ⁷ *See, e.g.,* 1855-56 Tenn. L. 92, ch. 81 (hunting guns); William H. Bridges,
27 Digest of the Charters and Ordinances of the City of Memphis, from 1826 to 1867,
28 Inclusive, Together with the Acts of the Legislature Relating to the City, with an
Appendix, at 50 (1867), Police Regulations of the State, Selling Liquors or Weapons to
Minors, § 4864 (guns for self-defense); 1881 Del. Laws 987, An Act Providing for the
Punishment of Persons Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons, ch. 548, § 1 (pocket
knives).

⁸ *See, e.g.,* George Brooks Young, General Statutes of the State of Minnesota in
Force January 1, 1889, at 1006 (Vol. 2, 1888), Making, Selling, etc., Dangerous
Weapons, §§ 333-34 (magistrate consent); 1897 Tex. Gen. Laws 221, An Act to

1 David E. Baily, *The General Statutes of the State of Nevada. In Force. From 1861 to*
 2 *1885, Inclusive. With Citations of the Decisions of the Supreme Court Relating*
 3 *Thereto, at 1077 (1885), An Act to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons by*
 4 *minors, § 1).*

5 But even if these historical laws did not give way to the minor's rights to possess
 6 common arms for lawful purposes, like hunting and self-defense, California is not
 7 simply regulating the transfer of magazines over ten rounds to minors without their
 8 parents' consent. *It is banning the right of law-abiding adults to acquire and possess*
 9 *these common magazines for all purposes.* Like all the other laws the State cites, the
 10 vast majority of the historical minor restrictions impose no where near the sort of
 11 burden California's modern magazine ban imposes. They are not relevantly similar,
 12 and they should be given no weight.

13 **4. Property Taxes and Occupational Taxes**

14 As the State's charts show, in the most of the years just before the Civil War and
 15 during Reconstruction, a handful of states also levied personal property taxes on
 16 certain classes of arms, ECF No. 139-1, at 12, 14-16, 22, 27, 33-34 (laws from
 17 Mississippi (1841, 1850, 1854, 1856, 1871), Alabama (1851, 1867, 1875), North
 18 Carolina (1866), and Virginia (1874)), and two states imposed occupational taxes on
 19 the sellers of such arms, ECF No. 139-1, at 8, 32, 33, 45, 48, 50 (laws from Alabama
 20 (1837, 1874, 1875)), and Georgia (1882, 1884, 1886)). Like dozens of other laws the
 21 State relies on, these tax laws are not analogous to California's modern magazine ban.

22 While taxes do burden the right to keep and bear arms by making the right more
 23 expensive to exercise, such a burden is in no way comparable (in either kind or
 24 severity) to a flat ban on the possession of an entire class of arms. What's more, these
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26 Prevent the Barter, Sale And Gift of Any Pistol, Dirk, Dagger, Slung Shot, Sword
 27 Cane, Spear, or Knuckles Made of Any Metal Or Hard Substance to Any Minor
 28 Without the Written Consent of the Parent or Guardian of Such Minor. . . , ch. 155
 (parental consent); L. W. Moultrie, City Attorney, Charter and Ordinances of the City
 of Fresno, 1896, at 37, § 53 (1896) (same); 1923 S.C. Acts 221 (parental consent for
 children over 13 years old).

1 laws—adopted in just five states—appear from the State’s charts to be merely outliers,
2 not evidence of a “well-established” tradition of firearm regulation in America.

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4 **5. Miscellaneous Restrictions on Brandishing, Shooting at
Vehicles, and Using Certain Arms in Duels**

5 Finally, in the mid-to-late 1800s, California, Mississippi, and Indiana, as well as
6 the territory of Washington, took steps to curb the brandishing or exhibition of
7 weapons in a threatening, rude, or angry manner. ECF No. 139-1, at 9, 15, 18-19, 25,
8 34. Indiana banned shooting at vehicles. *Id.* at 42. And California, Nevada, and the
9 territory of Montana, adopted laws enhancing the penalties for using certain weapons
10 in fights or duels. *Id.* at 15, 19, 39. None of these laws are constitutionally relevant,
11 because not one of them bans the possession of any arm, let alone an entire class of
12 arms in common use for lawful purposes. And *Bruen* instructs that the 19th-century
13 laws of the Western territories are of little value because they are “most unlikely to
14 reflect ‘the origins and continuing significance of the Second Amendment.’” 142 S. Ct.
15 at 2154.

16 **D. The Late-nineteenth and Early-twentieth Centuries (1878 – 1934)**

17 As discussed above, the Supreme Court gave very little weight to laws that long
18 pre-dated the Founding, finding them only relevant where evidence shows that they
19 survived to become the laws of the Founders. 142 S. Ct at 2136 (citing *Funk*, 290 U.S.
20 at 382). The Court considered 20th century history even *less* important, relegating its
21 discussion of the laws of the period a mere footnote. *Id.* at 2154, n.28. Declining to
22 even consider such evidence, the Court explained that like laws of the late-19th-
23 century, the “20th-century evidence presented by respondents and their amici does not
24 provide insight into the meaning of the Second Amendment *when it contradicts earlier*
25 *evidence.*” *Id.* (emphasis added). Indeed, based on *Bruen*’s clear guidance, the first
26 wave of post-*Bruen* Second Amendment decisions have rebuked calls to rely on
27 evidence of 20th century regulations entirely. *See, e.g., Antonyuk v. Hochul*, No. 22-cv-
28 0986, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 201944, at *127 (N.D.N.Y. Nov. 7, 2022); *United States*

1 *v. Nutter*, No. 21-cr-00142, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 155038, at *9 (S.D. W. Va. Aug.
 2 29, 2022) (holding that laws originating in the 20th century cannot justify a law unless
 3 similar laws existed at the Founding); *Firearms Pol’y Coal., Inc. v. McCraw*, No. 21-
 4 cv-1245, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 152834, at *29 (N.D. Tex. Aug. 25, 2022) (holding
 5 that 22 state laws adopted in the 20th century was insufficient historical justification
 6 for a ban on firearms purchases for those under the age of 21).

7 Even still, the State pads its compendium with 183 late-19th-century and early-
 8 20th-century laws. To be sure, *most* of these laws do resemble laws adopted throughout
 9 the 1800s, including taxes on dealers⁹ and restrictions on the manner of carry,¹⁰
 10 possession by and transfer to minors,¹¹ and the setting of “trap guns.”¹² But these laws
 11 are not relevantly similar to California’s modern magazine ban for all the reasons
 12 discussed above. *See supra*, Sections I.C.2, I.C.4 & I.C.5.

13 Also during this period, five states (and one city) adopted laws that—for the first
 14 time since Georgia’s 1837 ban on pistols was found unconstitutional—banned
 15 possession of not just Bowie knives, blackjacks, and the like, but also pistols,
 16 revolvers, and “other firearms.” ECF No. 139-1, at 41 (law from Illinois (1881)); ECF
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18 ⁹ ECF No. 139-1 (laws from Georgia (1882, 1884, 1886, 1888) and Alabama
 19 (1887); ECF No. 139-2 (laws from Georgia (1890, 1892) and Alabama (1892, 1897)).

20 ¹⁰ ECF No. 139-1 (laws from Mississippi (1878), North Carolina (1879), Ohio
 21 (1880), South Carolina (1880), Alabama (1881), Arkansas (1881), Colorado (1881),
 22 Nevada (1881), Georgia (1882), West Virginia (1882), Missouri (1883), Maine (1884),
 23 Tennessee (1884), Oregon (1885), Michigan (1887), Virginia (1887), Florida (1888),
 24 Minnesota (1888), as well as the territories of Washington (1881) and Montana (1887);
 25 ECF No. 139-2 (laws from Michigan (1891), West Virginia (1891, 1925), Delaware
 26 (1893), Rhode Island (1893, 1896, 1908, 1927), North Dakota (1895), Mississippi
 27 (1896), Washington (1897), Georgia (1898), Alaska (1899), South Dakota (1903), New
 28 Jersey (1905), Idaho (1909), New York (1911, 1931), Iowa (1913), North Dakota
 (1915), California (1917, 1923), Oregon (1917), Missouri (1923), Massachusetts
 (1927), Illinois (1931), and D.C. (1932), as well as the territories of Arizona (1889,
 1893, 1901), Idaho (1889), Oklahoma (1890, 1903), and Hawaii (1913)).

¹¹ ECF No. 139-1 (laws from Delaware (1881), Illinois (1881), Nevada (1881),
 West Virginia (1882), Kansas (1883), Minnesota (1888)); ECF No. 139-2 (laws from
 Louisiana (1890), West Virginia (1891), North Carolina (1893), Texas (1897), New
 York (1900, 1911), and South Carolina (1923)).

¹² ECF No. 139-1 (laws from Vermont (1884); ECF No. 139-2 (laws from North
 Dakota (1891, 1895), Utah (1901), South Dakota (1909), Washington (1909), Vermont
 (1912), New Hampshire (1915), Oregon (1925), Michigan (1931), and South Carolina
 (1931)).

1 No. 139-2, at 9, 19-23 (laws from New York (1911, 1913), California (1917), Oregon
 2 (1917), as well as the territory of Montana (1885) and the city of Rawlins, WI (1893)).
 3 This Court should not even consider these late laws banning the possession of certain
 4 arms because they contradict the Nation’s long history of *not* banning the mere
 5 possession of entire classes of arms—especially arms in common use for lawful
 6 purposes. They are thus irrelevant outliers, and they provide no insight into the original
 7 meaning of the Second Amendment. As the Western District of New York recently
 8 observed:

9 *Bruen* itself invalidated a century-old New York proper-
 10 cause requirement ... in effect in five other states as well
 11 as the District of Columbia. That seven jurisdictions
 12 enacted similar restrictions was *insufficient* in the face of
 13 a much broader and much older public-carry tradition. *If*
such was a failure of analogs or tradition in Bruen, the
State’s argument must also fail here.

14 *Hardaway v. Nigrelli*, No. 22-cv-771, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 200813, at *37, n.16
 15 (W.D.N.Y. Nov. 3, 2022) (emphasis added).

16 Finally, the State submits a collection of about 30 machine-gun bans adopted in
 17 24 states between 1925 and 1934—several of which the State already submitted to this
 18 Court in support of its opposition to summary judgment. ECF No. 139-2, at 28-39. But
 19 again, the “machine gun statutes cited by the Attorney General do not stand as proof of
 20 long-standing prohibitions on the firing-capacity of Second Amendment-protected
 21 commonly possessed firearms.” *Duncan*, 366 F. Supp. 3d at 1152. That is because, this
 22 Court has held, “machine guns, like grenades and shoulder-fired rocket launchers, are
 23 not commonly possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes, they are specific
 24 arms that fall outside the safe harbor of the Second Amendment.” *Id.* These laws are
 25 neither longstanding nor relevantly similar to California’s ban on protected magazines.

26 To reiterate, 20th century laws alone cannot establish a historical tradition; they
 27 can only confirm what came before. As already discussed, there is no relevant
 28 Founding-era or Reconstruction-era tradition of banning arms commonly chosen for

1 lawful purposes. *See supra*, Section I.B & I.C. The 20th century laws the State cites
2 thus contradict the relevant historical tradition rather than reaffirm it. Under *Bruen*,
3 that makes them irrelevant to the analysis.

4 **CONCLUSION**

5 For these reasons, the Court should (again) declare California Penal Code
6 section 32310 unconstitutional and permanently enjoin its enforcement.

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