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We at Gun Owners for Responsible Ownership are deeply disappointed in yesterday's U.S. Supreme Court decision *NY Rifle & Pistol Assoc. v. Bruen*. We support common-sense regulations for gun safety to reduce gun violence. This decision does the opposite. It makes it more difficult for local communities to enforce laws to protect the public from gun violence.

This decision makes it easier for people to carry firearms outside the home in public places. Firearms can be a useful tool for hunting, target shooting and very rarely for personal protection. But more guns in public places with fewer restrictions on who can carry and where can make us all less safe in our day-to-day lives. Common disagreements can quickly turn fatal when guns are involved, particularly in untrained hands. How can a parent know which stranger carrying a firearm in the park is dangerous and which is not?

It makes it more difficult and dangerous for law enforcement and other first responders. How can a police-officer rapidly distinguish which person carrying a firearm is a threat and which one is not? This only serves to create greater mistrust and suspicion between the public and law enforcement.

This decision makes it easier for extremists to use the public carry of firearms to intimidate ordinary citizens from exercising their free speech rights and elected officials from doing their jobs. This is already occurring too often and this decision has the potential to make it worse.

We anticipate continuing litigation and argument from extremist gun-rights groups around permitting standards and what constitute "sensitive places" where firearms can be restricted. We believe part of responsible gun ownership is supporting rules that help ensure that our fellow citizens are safe from gun violence. We will continue to work toward that goal.

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