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SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF THE D.C. AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE D.C. BAR IN
 SUPPORT OF THE *AMICUS CURIAE* BRIEF BY D.C. APPLESEED AND OTHER
 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ADRIAN M.
 FENTY, MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA V. DICK ANTHONY HELLER,
 BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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The D.C. Affairs Section is concerned with issues relating to the laws and government of the District of Columbia, has a longstanding interest in a strong, viable home rule protective of the citizens in the District, and has filed *amicus curiae* briefs on other issues relating to home rule. The Section has a strong interest in this case, which involves the validity of an important and longstanding measure undertaken by the locally-elected government in order to protect the safety of its citizens. In the event the Court recognizes a new Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms that is not linked to militia service, *amici* urge the Court to accord substantial deference to the policy decisions of elected officials in the District of Columbia who seek to protect public safety in a manner reflective of local conditions and local concerns. ² The brief sets out *amici's* views concerning how that deference should be accorded and why the District's policy decisions should be upheld in this case. The brief was prepared by pro bono lawyers Jonathan S. Franklin, Kimberly S. Walker and David Y. Chung of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.

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