

All hunters, shooters, and anyone who supports firearms rights owe round of thanks to Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna. Attorney General McKenna signed an amicus brief asking the United States Supreme Court to grant certiorari in the case of *NRA v. Chicago* and hold that the Second Amendment applies to state and local governments through the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Our Attorney General stuck his neck out to support something he believed in instead of taking the easy route and doing nothing. Nothing in his statutory or state constitutional duties requires him to do what he did. Mr. McKenna did this out of principle and I feel he should be commended.

Because the political courage of Attorney General McKenna and 35 other state attorneys general across the United States in signing the amicus brief, the United States Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal of the *NRA vs. Chicago*. The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in the *McDonald v. City of Chicago* case on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. With the legal precedence of the *Heller* case, this case will be the most important guns right in the country's history. If the Court rules as I think they will with Roberts, Alitto, Thomas, Scalia, and Kennedy ruling that the Second Amendment is an individual right and not a collective right as the anti-gun movement claims, it will be the knockout punch to the likes of the Brady campaign.

Not only did our attorney general support gun rights on the federal level, but he did so at the state and local level. When the City of Seattle was going to propose a gun ban in its city parks, they asked Attorney General McKenna to give a legal opinion. is legal opinion was that the proposed ban was illegal. The City of Seattle did it anyway, and in this state the legal brief is only an opinion and not binding to local municipalities. The main points of this is that here again we have an elected official that supports our way of thinking. The state's Founding Fathers thought gun rights to be so important that it was put in the preamble of our state constitution.

I think that we should all take the time to either write or email our Attorney General and thank him for having the guts to stand by his political convictions. Click here to email him [Rob.McKenna@atg.wa.gov](mailto:Rob.McKenna@atg.wa.gov) or write him at the address below:

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