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I am writing to call your attention to a [blog](#) I authored that appeared yesterday on the Huffington Post.

The title of the blog is "Will the U.S. Supreme Court Endorse a Right to Armed Revolt Against Government?" and it addresses the historical Second Amendment case that will be heard by the Court next month, *Heller v. District of Columbia*.

The Supreme Court will be reviewing a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit that declared the District of Columbia's handgun ban unconstitutional. That decision marked the first time in history that a federal appellate court has struck down a gun law on Second Amendment grounds. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit also became the first to declare that the Second Amendment has an "insurrectionist" purpose. Essentially, the court ruled that individuals have a right to take up private firearms to defend against the "depredations of a tyrannical government."

The recent tragic shootings in Missouri at a city council meeting are a grim reminder of what such anti-government violence looks like in practice. Many Americans will also forever remember Timothy McVeigh's bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City in 1995. When McVeigh committed this heinous act, he wore a t-shirt emblazoned with a quote from Thomas Jefferson: "THE TREE OF LIBERTY MUST BE REFRESHED FROM TIME TO TIME WITH THE BLOOD OF PATRIOTS AND TYRANTS."

I believe that pro-gun extremists have twisted the meaning of our Constitution and the Second Amendment by promoting vigilante "justice" over the rule of law and governance by democratic institutions. For the sake of our democracy and the safety of America's families, I believe it is imperative that the Supreme Court reject their insurrectionist

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premise.

I do hope you enjoy the blog and feel free to leave comments there with your own **thoughts** on this important issue.

Best regards,



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