



## SAF, CCRKBA Thank Groups For Amicus Brief To Overturn Maryland Gun Ban

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The Second Amendment Foundation and Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms are offering sincere thanks to several groups that submitted an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of their challenge of the Maryland ban on semi-auto rifles.

The case is known as *Bianchi, et al. v. Frosh, et al.*. The lead law firm is Cooper & Kirk, Washington, D.C.

The brief was submitted by Professors of Second Amendment Law, the Cato Institute, John Locke Foundation, Center to Keep and Bear Arms, and the Independence Institute.

It was prepared by attorney David B. Kopel with the Independence Institute. Participants in the brief are also represented by George A. Mocsary, University of Wyoming College of Law; Trevor Burrus and Ilya Shapiro, Cato Institute; Cody J. Wisniewski, Center to Keep and Bear Arms and Jon Guze, John Locke Foundation.

“No pun intended, but the caliber of participants in this amicus brief is second-to-none,” said SASF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “David Kopel and his colleagues have assembled a great brief that explains the problem with Maryland’s gun ban law in 28 pages. Add this to the brief recently submitted by 25 state attorneys general supporting our case, and I believe the justices will be favorably impressed.”

SAF and CCRKBA are joined by the Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC), Field Traders, LLC, and individual plaintiffs Micah Schaefer who resides in Ann Arundel County, and David Snope and Dominic Bianchi—for whom the case is named—from Baltimore County.

“When the possession of commonly-owned firearms by private citizens is criminalized, it is imperative for good, like-minded people to stand together and defend constitutional rights,” Gottlieb said. “The support we are receiving, in this case, is both humbling and reassuring. We are hopeful the Supreme Court grants our petition for review. Banning the possession and transport of a whole class of commonly-owned firearms is an affront to the Second Amendment that cannot be allowed to go unchallenged.”