

*DANIEL WELLES, ATTORNEY GENERAL, PETITIONER v. JOHN DOE*

John Doe, an undocumented immigrant residing in Ames City with strong community ties, including family and civic involvement, seeks legal protection to possess a firearm for self-defense due to neighborhood safety concerns. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5)(A) prohibits firearm possession by individuals unlawfully present in the United States. Doe challenged this restriction, arguing that it violates his Second Amendment rights.

The District Court upheld the federal restriction, referencing prior circuit precedent that excluded undocumented immigrants from Second Amendment protections. The Court of Appeals reversed, reevaluating the issue under the Supreme Court's ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n v. Bruen*. The Court of Appeals concluded that Doe has sufficient ties to be part of "the people" under the Second Amendment and found insufficient historical evidence to justify disarming him solely based on his immigration status.

The Supreme Court has now granted certiorari to address two key questions:

1. Whether an undocumented immigrant with significant ties to the United States can be considered part of "the people" under the Second Amendment.
2. Whether the government may constitutionally prohibit such an individual from possessing firearms consistent with the Second Amendment's historical context.