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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Molly C. Dwyer, Clerk United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit 95 Seventh Street San Francisco, California 94103-1518

Re: *Nordyke, et al., v. King, et al.,* (Case No. 07-15763)

Dear Ms. Dwyer:

Pursuant to F.R.App.P. 28(j), this letter is intended to advise you of pertinent and significant authority that came to Appellees' attention after oral argument in the above -referenced matter.

On January 28, 2009, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued the decision in *Maloney v. Cuomo*, --- F.3d ----, 2009 WL 189887 (C.A.2 (N.Y.)). Plaintiff was arrested August 24, 2000 in his home and charged with possessing a "nunchaku" in violation of New York Penal Law § 265.10(1). *Id.* at *1. After the criminal case concluded, Plaintiff filed a complaint seeking a declaration that N.Y. Penal Law §§ 265.00 through 260.02 are unconstitutional insofar as they punish possession of nunchakus in one's home. Id. at *1. The district court dismissed the suit, and on appeal, Plaintiff argued that the statutory ban on possession of nunchakus violated his Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. *Id.* at *1.

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The Court held that "the Second Amendment applies only to limitations the federal government seeks to impose." *Id.*, at *2. In so doing, the Second Circuit noted that the Supreme Court's decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 128 S.Ct. 2783 (2008) did not invalidate this longstanding principle, which was articulated in *Presser v. Illinois*, 116 U.S. 252, 265 (1886). *Id.* at *2. The Second Circuit held that it was bound to follow the rule from *Presser v. Illinois* because the Supreme Court must be left the prerogative of overruling its own decisions. *Id.*, at *2.

Accordingly, Appellees ask the Clerk to inform the Panel of the above-referenced citation.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica S. Gunderson

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Appellees, pursuant to Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rule 28(j) and Ninth Circuit Rule 28-6, submit this Certificate of Compliance. The 350-word limitation of Rule 28(j) has not been exceeded inasmuch as the body of the letter, excluding the address, salutation, header, and closing, contains 259 words.

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On February 4, 2009, I served the within document: **LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2009 TO 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the Bar of this Court, at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on February 4, 2009 at Los Angeles, California.

Karen Forrand