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Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court
One First Street NE
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Chief Justice Roberts:

I am writing concerning the US vs Rahimi hearing on November 7. It is my understanding that it will decide the constitutionality of a longstanding federal law prohibiting possession of firearms by people subject to domestic violence protection orders.

We are all aware that seventy women are shot and killed monthly by a domestic partner and that more than half of intimate partner homicides are committed with a gun. Access to a gun makes it five times more likely an abusive partner will kill his female victim. And, a firearm is a means of controlling and dominating domestic violence victims.

This federal law has been a longstanding tradition protecting women and their families from persons who have shown a clear and present inclination to do them harm. There is no reason that we, as a society that seeks common good, should pursue a reckless course of making our most vulnerable citizens victims of their abusers by ruling against this protection.

Every day there are an estimated 20,000 calls to national domestic hotlines. Not many of us know what it feels like to fear daily for our lives and those of the ones we love, but we can be their guardians by supporting laws to protect them from people who have exhibited the predisposition to do them harm.

I respectfully ask the Supreme Court to uphold the existing protections for domestic violence victims present in this law.

Respectfully submitted,

Name

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