

Docket No. 11-1149

**The United States
Court of Appeals
For
The Tenth Circuit**

Gray Peterson, Appellant

v.

Alex Martinez^{*}, *et.al.*, Appellees

**Appeal from the United States District Court
For
The District of Colorado
The Hon. Walker D. Miller, Senior District Judge**

**Appellant's Petition for Rehearing and Rehearing
*En Banc***

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Statement on Rehearing *En Banc*

Pursuant to Fed.R.App.Proc. 35(b)(1)(B), Appellant Gray Peterson asserts that this case involves one or more questions of exceptional importance and involves an issue on which the panel decision conflicts with the authoritative decisions of other United States Courts of Appeals that have addressed the issue.

Issues for Rehearing

1. The Panel's decision conflicts with a decision of the 2d Circuit, and of the 7th Circuit, and did not consider the central issue raised by Peterson, to wit: Appellee Martinez has completely denied Peterson his constitutionally guaranteed right to bear arms in the City of Denver.
2. The Panel disregarded the well-plead fact in the Complaint that Appellee Davis is responsible for administering Colorado's handgun license reciprocity with other states and disregarded Appellee Martinez' position that neither Martinez nor the other sheriffs in Colorado administer it.

Introduction

Appellant Gray Peterson (“Peterson”), a Washington resident, commenced this action against the Colorado Director of Public Safety and the Denver Sheriff after the Sheriff denied Peterson’s application for a Colorado concealed handgun license (“CHL”) and because Colorado refuses to recognize Peterson’s Florida (and later Utah) CHLs, even though Colorado recognizes Florida and Utah CHLs issued to residents of those respective states. Peterson alleged in his Complaint that the Director administers the reciprocity program for Colorado. The District Court dismissed the Director, notwithstanding Peterson’s allegation, on the grounds that the District Court construed Colorado law to require the several Colorado sheriffs to administer the reciprocity program.

The District Court denied Peterson’s and the Sheriff’s motions for summary judgment, but granted a motion by the Colorado Attorney General to intervene. The Attorney General thereafter filed a motion for summary judgment, which the District Court granted, dismissing the case against the Sheriff. Peterson timely appealed both the dismissal of the Director and the grant of summary judgment to the Attorney General.

In the appeal, the Sheriff filed a notice that he did not concur with the Attorney General, who argued that Colorado's several sheriffs administer reciprocity. The Sheriff said Colorado law is silent on who administers reciprocity and that he would have no way of knowing if Colorado has a reciprocity agreement with a given state.

The Panel affirmed, agreeing that Colorado law requires the several sheriffs to administer reciprocity, and ruling that Peterson has no constitutional right to carry a concealed weapon.

Argument

I. The Right to Carry Concealed Is Not At Issue In This Case

The Panel decision misconstrues the difference between directly attacking a city ordinance and attacking the denial of a license that is required by the city ordinance in order to comply with a city ordinance. Peterson made clear throughout this case that his goal was to carry a firearm in conformance with the Second Amendment when he visits Denver. He stated that his preference is to carry a firearm openly, but that he would abide by Denver law and carry one concealed if he were allowed to do so. Appellt. Append., p. 64, ¶5. ("My primary method of carrying a handgun is openly, however I would comply with the requirement under Denver's laws

prohibiting any form of carry besides concealed with a CHL.”) It is Denver that requires people to conceal firearms and it therefore is Denver that requires people to obtain CHLs in order to carry.

Peterson noted that Denver prohibits carrying a handgun openly and requires a license to carry one concealed. He does not object to this regulatory *structure*, because he continues to believe that a city may constitutionally implement such a structure. He does not, therefore, attack the constitutionality of Denver’s ban on all open carry. Peterson’s complaint is that Denver does not allow Peterson to bear arms *at all*. This is the issue he brought up throughout the case, beginning with his Complaint (“By prohibiting any meaningful opportunity for Plaintiff to bear arms in the City and County of Denver....”) [Applt.Append., p. 9, ¶ 61], through his Motion for Summary Judgment (“Plaintiff ... is prohibited from carrying a handgun at all in Denver.”) [*Id.*,p. 57], and his opening Brief in this Court (“Peterson is completely disarmed when he visits Denver unless he obtains a Colorado CHL”) [Brief of Appellant, p. 24].

The Panel focuses solely on the question of whether there is a constitutional right to carry a *concealed* arm, and not whether there is a constitutional right to bear arms generally, while ignoring that it is Denver

that imposes the obligation to conceal the firearm in the first place. The Panel relies on *Robertson v. Baldwin*, 165 U.S. 275 (1897), in which the Supreme Court said in *dicta*, “[T]he right of the people to keep and bear arms is not infringed by laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons.” As will be shown, the Supreme Court was referring to the well understood proposition that States could ban the concealing of firearms where the open carry of firearms was allowed.

The Panel notes that at the time *Robertson* was decided, it was quite common for states to ban (and only ban) the carrying of concealed weapons. Panel Decision at 23. In other words, at the time of *Robertson*, banning of carrying arms openly was practically non-existent. Moreover, the law of the land at that time was that the Second Amendment did not apply to the states. *United States v. Cruikshank*, 92 U.S. 542 (1876) (The Second Amendment “has no other effect than to restrict the powers of the national government.”); *Presser v. Illinois*, 116 U.S. 252 (1886) (“[T]he amendment is a limitation only upon the power of congress and the national government, and not upon that of the state.”). *Cruikshank* and *Presser* were overruled by *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, 130 S.Ct. 3020 (2010), in which the Supreme Court ruled

that “the Second Amendment right is fully applicable to the States.” *Id.* at 3026.

At the time of *Robertson*, therefore, many states banned concealed carry, no states banned open carry, and the Second Amendment did not apply to the states. Today, every state allows concealed carry (either with or without a license)¹, some states ***totally ban open carry***, and the Second Amendment does apply to the states. In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the Supreme Court approvingly cited the state court decisions regarding the Second Amendment that *Robertson* surely relied upon. *Nunn v. State*, 1 Kelly 243 (Ga. 1846) and *In re Brickey*, 8 Id. 597 (Id. 1902) stand for the proposition that some handgun carry must be allowed as an outlet while concealed carrying could be prohibited. Numerous state constitutional right to arms provisions have likewise been interpreted as securing the right to carry a gun in public, albeit often, to be sure, subject to

¹ Only Illinois statutorily bans all carrying of loaded, concealed handguns, and the 7th Circuit recently declared that ban to be unconstitutional. *Moore v. Madigan*, Nos. 12-1269 and 12-1788 (7th Cir., Decided December 11, 2012), *rehearing en banc denied*, February 22, 2013. A copy of the *Moore* opinion was filed with this Court in a Fed.R.App.Proc. 28(j) letter on December 17, 2012. All other states either do not require a license to carry a concealed handgun or have a process for issuing such licenses.

some regulation. *See, e.g. Kellogg v. City of Gary*, 562 N.E.2d 685 (Ind. 1990); *State ex rel. City of Princeton v. Buckner*, 180 W. Va. 457, 377 S.E.2d 139 (1988); *City of Las Vegas v. Moberg*, 82 N.M. 626, 485 P.2d 737 (N.M. Ct. App. 1971); *State v. Rosenthal*, 75 Vt. 295, 55 A. 610 (1903) (striking down ban on concealed carry); *Andrews v. State*, 50 Tenn. 165 (1871); *see also State v. Delgado*, 298 Or. 395, 692 P.2d 610 (Or. 1984) (right to carry a switchblade knife).

Because the Panel improperly focuses on concealed carry, the Panel decision never directly considers the question of whether there is a constitutional right to carry generally (i.e., either openly or concealed) outside the home. The Panel implies, without deciding, that there is such a right, but that it only applies to open carry. The import of the Panel's decision is that, because there is no constitutional right to carry concealed, Peterson's only potential avenue for redress would have been to attack Denver's ban on open carrying.

The Supreme Court has suggested that such bans are only "presumptively" constitutional. *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2817 n.26. In footnote 1 of its Decision, the Panel somewhat ironically cites with approval that, "[a] plaintiff may rebut the presumption of validity by

showing that the regulation at issue has “more than a *de minimis* effect upon his right.” Implicit in the Panel’s decision is that a complete ban on carry in the city of Denver for a law abiding citizen must be have a “*de minimis* effect upon” Peterson’s right to self defense by carrying a gun in any manner on the streets of Denver. Peterson certainly does not agree this is a *de minimis* effect. Like the plaintiffs in *Moore*, Peterson “is a good deal more likely to be attacked on a sidewalk in a rough neighborhood” than in Denver than in his friends’ homes where he stays while in Denver. *Moore*, slip op. at 8.

It is more logical to conclude that carrying arms is constitutionally protected, but the constitution does not guarantee a particular method of carry. The 19th Century bans on concealed carry were upheld, no doubt, because open carry was largely available. It was unheard of to ban open carry. Courts considering the concealed carry ban thus were never confronted with the question of the Constitution guaranteeing *some* form of carry, because open carry was ubiquitous.

In modern times, however, states are much more varied in their experimentation with regulation of bearing arms. As noted earlier, several states ban open carry and license concealed carry. Under the Panel’s view,

either the bans on open carry are unconstitutional, or there is no right to carry outside the home at all. The first option would wreak havoc on the regulatory schemes of Texas, Arkansas, Florida, South Carolina, and New York, which all ban open carry and license concealed carry,² and would be in conflict with *Kachalsky v. County of Westchester*, 701 F.3d 81 (2nd Cir. 2012). The second option would be in direct conflict with the central holding of *Moore*. Either way, there is a conflict with a sister Circuit.

In *Kachalsky*, the issue was New York's requirement for proper cause before issuing a license to carry a concealed firearm. Like the City of Denver, the State of New York bans open carry and prohibits concealed carry without a license. The plaintiffs in that case challenged their inability to get a license because they could not show proper cause, thus disarming them in the state.

The Second Circuit did not reject the case out of hand on the grounds that there is no constitutional right to carry a concealed weapon. Indeed, the Second Circuit only mention as part of its historical analysis of gun

² Texas Penal Code § 46.035(a); Florida Statutes § 790.053; S.C. Stats. § 23-31-210(f)(6); Ark. Code § 5-73-120(c); NY Consol. Laws §§ 265.01,400.00(2).

regulations that many states ban carrying concealed weapons and that such bans historically were upheld. The Second Circuit focused on whether there is a constitutional right to carry arms at all outside the home, and concluded that there is not. The Panel's view would either have to find New York's open carry ban unconstitutional (thus conflicting with *Kachalsky*), or that there is no right to carry outside the home at all (thus conflicting with *Moore*). Either way, there is a conflict with a sister circuit.

The Panel decision's conflict with *Moore* could not be more striking when comparing Peterson's situation in the City and County of Denver to residents and non-residents alike of the City of Chicago.

A blanket prohibition on carrying gun in public prevents a person from defending himself anywhere except inside his home; and so substantial a curtailment of the right of armed self-defense requires a greater showing of justification than merely that the public might benefit on balance from such a curtailment, though there is no proof it would.

Moore, Slip Op. at 14. Surprisingly, the Panel did not mention *Moore* or make any attempt to distinguish it.

Through the simple interaction of Denver's carry licensure requirement and Colorado State Law, Peterson faces a "blanket prohibition of carrying a gun in public." Neither Colorado nor Denver made, "a greater

showing of justification that the public might benefit on balance from such a curtailment” as to Peterson right to bear arms.

Certainly Denver and the State of Colorado can, “limit the right to carry a gun to responsible persons,” [*Moore* Slip Op. at 16] but there is no evidence that Peterson is not a responsible person and in fact there is strong evidence based upon his other carry licenses that he clearly meets that test in other states to which the State of Colorado gives license reciprocity to residents but not non-residents like Peterson.

Peterson urges a more contemporary view that is consistent with the current practice in nearly every state and decisions of state courts [*State v. Rosenthal*, 55 A. 610 (Vt. 1903), *Matthews v State*, 237 Ind. 677 (1958); *Schubert, v. Debard*, 398 N.E.2d 1339 (Ind. App. 1980); *Mosbey v. Devine*, 851 A.2d 1031 (R.I. 2004)], as well as decisions of the federal district courts in North Carolina [*Bateman v. Perdue*, No. 5:10-CV0265-H (E.D. of NC, Decided March 31, 2011)] holding a complete ban on carry during states of emergency subject to strict scrutiny and unconstitutional; and Maryland [*Woollard v. Sheridan*, No. L-10-2068 (D.Md., Decided March 2, 2012), appeal pending in the 4th Circuit, (holding that a requirement for “a good an

substantial reason” to obtain a license to carry a firearm concealed where the state bans open carry does not pass rational basis)] .

A state may ban concealed carry. A state may ban open carry. A state may license concealed carry. A state may license open carry. What a state may not do is either ban both open and concealed carry or require a license for whatever options are not banned and make the conditions for obtaining a license onerous or arbitrary, effectively banning all carry. While the 7th Circuit did not describe the options with this level of detail, by requiring Illinois to allow carrying outside the home, it implicitly gave Illinois those options. Peterson does not have those options in the City of Denver. If this Court considers itself bound by the *dicta* of *Robertson*, then it must require the City of Denver to allow licensed or unlicensed open carry for non-residents, but the panel’s interpretation of *Robertson* is in strong conflict with the modern federal district and appellate courts and state courts of last resort.

II. The Director of Public Safety Should Not Have Been Dismissed

The Panel affirmed the dismissal of the Colorado Director of Public Safety based on its reading of state law and without regard to the record in this case. The Panel reasoned that, because it appears state law vests the

several sheriffs with authority to enforce the reciprocity of CHLs with other states, Peterson's allegation that the Director administers reciprocity cannot be true. The record, however, calls into question the accuracy of the Panel's analysis of Colorado law, or at least indicates that the practice in Colorado is not to follow the letter of the law.

Peterson alleged in his Complaint that the Director administers the reciprocity program. The Director never directly contradicted that allegation, even though he had ample opportunity to do so. Instead, he merely pointed out that such an arrangement would be in conflict with state law. His position, which was adopted by the District Court and affirmed by the Panel, is that Colorado law vests the several sheriffs with that task. Aside from the obvious practical difficulties of having each county develop its own analysis of reciprocity with other states, there is strong evidence that the sheriffs do not actually administer reciprocity.

One of the Defendant-Appellants, Martinez, certainly is in a position to know if *he* administers reciprocity. His predecessor insists that he does not. On July 20, 2011, Garcia (Martinez' predecessor in office) filed a notice in this Court that he would not file a brief because he disagreed with the State's positions. In particular, he said:

[The State argues that Colorado law] somehow places upon Garcia, and the other county sheriffs, the duty to administer and implement reciprocity agreements between the state of Colorado and other states.... This statute however, is completely silent as to the administration and implementation and the county sheriffs would have no way of knowing whether any reciprocity agreement exists between the state of Colorado and any other state.

Notice, p. 2. If a county sheriff (and party to the case) says neither he nor the other sheriffs have the ability to administer reciprocity, there is at least some ambiguity about whether they really do administer it.

The Panel agreed with the District Court that Peterson, after dismissal of the Director, could have (or should have) named a different party, presumably Martinez, as a reciprocity defendant. Peterson did not do so, however, because he knows full well that Martinez does not administer reciprocity and the Director does. Peterson has evidence to support that claim, but he was never allowed to introduce such evidence or prove his claim because the District Court (and the Panel) disregarded his well-pleaded allegation in favor of its interpretation of Colorado law.

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1. Panel Decision

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
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February 22, 2013

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GRAY PETERSON,

Plaintiff–Appellant,

v.

ALEX MARTINEZ, in his official capacity as Manager of Safety for the City and County of Denver; JAMES DAVIS, in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety,*

Defendants–Appellees.

No. 11-1149

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Intervenor,

NRA CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE FUND;
SECOND AMENDMENT
FOUNDATION, INC.; BUCKEYE
FIREARMS FOUNDATION; CITIZENS
RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE;

* The court substitutes the individuals who currently hold these offices pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 43(c).

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AMENDMENT; CONNECTICUT
CITIZENS DEFENSE LEAGUE;
CALGUNS FOUNDATION, INC.; GUN
OWNERS CIVIL RIGHTS ALLIANCE;
HAWAII DEFENSE FOUNDATION;
ILLINOIS CARRY; ILLINOIS STATE
RIFLE ASSOCIATION; MAINE OPEN
CARRY ASSOCIATION; MARYLAND
SHALL ISSUE; OREGON FIREARMS
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION;
WISCONSIN CARRY INC.; SCOPE
INC.; STILLWATER FIREARMS
ASSOCIATION; VIRGINIA CITIZENS
DEFENSE LEAGUE, INC.; WEST
VIRGINIA CITIZENS DEFENSE
LEAGUE INC.; BRADY CENTER TO
PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE,

Amici Curiae.

**Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Colorado
(D.C. No. 1:10-CV-00059-WDM-MEH)**

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Before **LUCERO**, **BALDOCK**, and **HARTZ**, Circuit Judges.

LUCERO, Circuit Judge.

Gray Peterson, a resident of Washington, applied for a concealed handgun license (“CHL”) from the ex officio sheriff of Denver, Colorado. Pursuant to state law, Colorado sheriffs may issue CHLs only to state residents. Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-203(1)(a). Peterson’s application was accordingly denied, prompting Peterson to file suit against the Denver sheriff and Colorado’s executive director of the Department of Public Safety. Peterson claims that Colorado’s policy with respect to non-resident CHL applicants violates the Second Amendment, the Privileges and Immunities Clause of Article IV, and several other constitutional provisions.

The district court concluded that the executive director of the Department of Public Safety is entitled to Eleventh Amendment immunity because he has no connection to the enforcement of the challenged statute. We agree with that conclusion. Colorado law requires “each sheriff to implement and administer” the CHL licensing scheme. Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-201(3). Because sheriffs are responsible for administering the state’s CHL regime—not the executive director of the Department of Public Safety—

Peterson's claims against the latter do not fall within the Ex parte Young, 209 U.S. 123 (1908), exception to Eleventh Amendment immunity.

With respect to Peterson's claims against the Denver sheriff, we conclude that the carrying of concealed firearms is not protected by the Second Amendment or the Privileges and Immunities Clause. In Robertson v. Baldwin, 165 U.S. 275 (1897), the Supreme Court stated in dicta that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms is not infringed by laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons." Id. at 281-82. More recently, in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the Court noted that "the majority of the 19th-century courts to consider the question held that prohibitions on carrying concealed weapons were lawful under the Second Amendment or state analogues," and explained that "nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions." Id. at 626. In light of our nation's extensive practice of restricting citizens' freedom to carry firearms in a concealed manner, we hold that this activity does not fall within the scope of the Second Amendment's protections.

We reach the same conclusion with respect to Peterson's claim under the Privileges and Immunities Clause, U.S. Const. art IV, § 2, cl. 1, which is coterminous with his right to travel claim. As the Supreme Court explained in Supreme Court of Virginia v. Friedman, 487 U.S. 59 (1988), "it is only with respect to those 'privileges' and 'immunities' bearing on the vitality of the Nation as a single entity that a State must accord residents and nonresidents equal treatment." Id. at 64-65 (quotations and citations omitted). Because the concealed carrying of firearms has been prohibited for much of

our history, we conclude that this activity fails the Friedman test.

Exercising jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, we affirm.

I

In February 2010, Peterson filed suit in federal district court against the ex officio sheriff of the City and County of Denver and the executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety, alleging that Colorado's licensing regime for concealed handguns violates the Privileges and Immunities Clause, the Second Amendment, and the Fourteenth Amendment.¹ According to his complaint, Peterson is a resident of the State of Washington. At the time he filed his complaint, Peterson held a CHL issued by the State of Washington and a second CHL issued by the State of Florida.² Peterson is a frequent visitor to Denver, and seeks to carry a firearm when he visits the city. Towards that end, Peterson applied for a CHL with the Denver sheriff, a post now held by Martinez. Peterson's application was denied because he does not meet the criteria set forth in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-203. Peterson alleges that the only statutory criterion he does not satisfy is Colorado residency.

Colorado provides for reciprocity and recognition of CHLs issued by other states,

¹ At the time the complaint was filed, these offices were held by Alvin LaCabe and Peter Weir, respectively. Alex Martinez and James Davis have been substituted pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25 and Fed. R. App. P. 43(c). For ease of reference, we will use the names of the current appellees even if a different individual held the post at the relevant time.

² Peterson states in his opening brief that he no longer holds a Florida CHL, but has since been issued a CHL by the State of Utah.

but only for states that provide reciprocity to Colorado CHLs. See Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-213(1). Washington State does not provide reciprocity to Colorado CHLs, and thus Peterson’s Washington-issued CHL is not recognized by Colorado. Nor does Colorado recognize Peterson’s Florida or Utah CHLs because reciprocity is offered only with respect to CHLs issued by an individual’s state of residence. See Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-213(1)(b)(I). Peterson alleges that Davis is “primarily responsible for administering the recognition and reciprocity of CHLs issued by other states.”

As a result of this statutory scheme, Peterson claims he is barred from carrying a concealed firearm outside of his home, place of business, or private automobile in Colorado. See Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-105. Peterson further notes that the Denver Revised Municipal Code prohibits individuals from carrying firearms—concealed or not—unless the individual holds a valid CHL or “is carrying the weapon concealed within a private automobile or other private means of conveyance, for hunting or for lawful protection of such person’s or another person’s person or property, while travelling.” Denver Rev. Mun. Code § 38-117(a), (b), & (f). Because Peterson does not own or otherwise control property in Denver, and generally uses public transit while visiting, he claims that he is “completely disarmed” when in Denver.

In his complaint, Peterson asserted six claims: (1) Martinez violated the Privileges and Immunities Clause by denying Peterson a CHL on the basis of non-residency; (2) Davis violated the Privileges and Immunities Clause by refusing reciprocity to Peterson’s Florida CHL while granting reciprocity to Florida CHLs held by Florida residents; (3)

Martinez violated the Equal Protection Clause by denying Peterson a CHL on the basis of non-residency; (4) Davis violated the Equal Protection Clause by refusing reciprocity to Peterson's Florida CHL; (5) Both defendants violated the Second Amendment by "prohibiting any meaningful opportunity for [Peterson] to bear arms in the City and County of Denver through a licensing scheme that precludes [Peterson] from obtaining a necessary license"; and (6) Both defendants violated the Due Process Clause and the Privileges and Immunities Clause by prohibiting Peterson from bearing arms through the licensing scheme. Peterson requested a declaration that Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 18-12-203(1)(a) and 213(1)(b)(I) are unconstitutional, and an injunction barring enforcement of those statutes.

Colorado Attorney General John Suthers filed a motion to dismiss on behalf of Davis, along with a "request to be heard." Suthers argued that Davis had no role in enforcing Colorado's CHL reciprocity system, and thus was shielded from suit by the Eleventh Amendment. He also cited a Colorado statute and a District of Colorado local rule requiring notice to the state attorney general of any suit challenging the constitutionality of a state statute. See Colo. Rev. Stat. § 13-51-115; D. Colo. L. Civ. R. 24.1. On that basis, Suthers requested an opportunity to be heard as to the constitutionality of the two challenged statutes.

Peterson argued in response that the court was required to accept as true his allegation that Davis is "primarily responsible for administering the recognition and reciprocity of CHLs issued by other states." With respect to Suthers' request to be heard,

Peterson indicated he had no objection to Suthers' intervention, but did object to Suthers' participation as an amicus curiae. Peterson also filed a motion for summary judgment against Martinez, and Martinez cross-moved for summary judgment.

The district court granted the motion to dismiss Davis. It concluded that Colorado law requires sheriffs to administer the reciprocity scheme, and it need not credit allegations that are contradicted by statute. Because Davis was not involved in the administration of CHL reciprocity, the court dismissed the claims against Davis "without prejudice to substituting or naming an alternative defendant to represent the State of Colorado." With respect to Suthers' request to be heard, the court held that 28 U.S.C. § 2403(b) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.1(c) provide Suthers a right to intervene on behalf of the State of Colorado. The court thus allowed Suthers to intervene and delayed ruling on Peterson's motion for summary judgment to allow Suthers an opportunity to respond.

In response to Peterson's motion for summary judgment, Suthers presented evidence that permitting authorities have access to far more information regarding Colorado residents than residents of other states. Suthers submitted an affidavit from Michael Ostrander, a Detective with the Adams County Sheriff's Office who conducts CHL investigations. Ostrander stated that access to "locally-maintained databases is absolutely critical to assessing a [CHL] applicant's qualifications." He noted, for example, that misdemeanor convictions involving drugs, alcohol, or violence would disqualify an individual for a CHL in Colorado. However, such crimes are often prosecuted in municipal court and "municipal court convictions are virtually never

reported to statewide or national databases.” Ostrander also described a number of relevant issues that a search of local databases would reveal about Colorado residents, including: mental health contacts or 911 calls that do not result in arrest; a history of aggressive driving tendencies; juvenile arrest records; and plea agreements that result in deferred sentences or diversion programs. Ostrander explained that he is able to screen for these issues for Colorado residents but that his “lack of access to this type of information held by other states would make it more or less impossible to effectively conduct this type of screening for non-resident [CHL] applicants.” Given the ninety-day statutory deadline for completing CHL investigations, see Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-206(1), and the fees charged by some states for accessing background information, Ostrander opined: “If I were required to process [CHL] applications from non-residents, I do not believe that I could consistently ensure their eligibility to carry a concealed weapon under Colorado law.”

Suthers also submitted an affidavit from James Spoden, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation’s InstaCheck Data Supervisor. Spoden largely corroborated Ostrander’s affidavit. He indicated that although national databases provided some background information on non-residents, “many records kept solely at the state level—and available only to state or local authorities—are highly relevant to a [CHL] applicant’s eligibility.” Spoden noted that in Colorado, information associated with an arrest, summons, or criminal charge would appear in a database accessible only to Colorado authorities. Similarly, protection or restraining orders in civil cases, reports that an individual has

been determined to be a danger to himself, and juvenile felony adjudications are reported only in the same database. Spoden averred that other states have similar limitations and thus even if an applicant had a disqualification of this type, “state law enforcement authorities would have no way of acquiring information about” a non-resident CHL applicant. Further, Spoden noted that Colorado CHL holders are flagged on a state database if they are arrested in Colorado. This flagging system allows law enforcement to “ensure the ongoing eligibility of” CHL holders, but does not provide “the ability to monitor [non-residents’] law enforcement contacts in their actual state of residence.” Spoden concluded that “it is virtually impossible to evaluate a non-resident [CHL] applicant’s background thoroughly enough to determine that the applicant, if granted a [CHL], will not be a danger to himself or the community.”

Suthers filed a separate cross-motion for summary judgment on largely the same grounds discussed above. In that motion, Suthers characterized Peterson as challenging both the Colorado permitting scheme and the Denver ordinance barring the open carrying of firearms without a CHL. In his response, Peterson flatly rejected this characterization, arguing that “Suthers is trying, in effect, to engage in a back door attack of Denver’s ban on open carry of firearms.” Peterson stated that although Suthers “is free to commence his own action against Denver if he chooses to do so, this case is not the proper vehicle for his attack.” Instead, Peterson explained that the Denver ordinance “is not per se unconstitutional,” but “[i]t is Defendant’s (and Colorado’s) refusal to allow Plaintiff to obtain a CHL that is unconstitutional.”

In ruling on the cross-motions for summary judgment, the district court accepted Peterson's framing of his claims, stating that Peterson "alleges that Colorado's state statutes regarding permits to carry concealed handguns, [Colo. Rev. Stat. §§] 18-12-201 et seq., are unconstitutional as applied to him." Noting that Peterson elected not to name an alternative defendant with respect to the claims challenging Colorado's reciprocity system, the court held that those claims had been abandoned. With respect to the remaining claims, the court concluded that Martinez was entitled to summary judgment. It determined that Peterson's privileges and immunities/right to travel claim failed because the need for background information and monitoring was a substantial reason for treating residents and non-residents differently, and that the residency requirement was substantially related to that end. The court concluded that Peterson's equal protection claim failed because residents and non-residents are not similarly situated given the differing quanta of information available for the two classes. As to the Second Amendment claim, the court applied intermediate scrutiny and concluded that the residency requirement was adequately justified by Colorado's need to evaluate and monitor CHL holders and the difficulty in doing so for non-residents.

Following entry of judgment, Peterson timely appealed.

II

We first consider Peterson's appeal of the district court's order dismissing his claims against Davis. Our review of a dismissal based on sovereign immunity is de novo. See Governor of Kan. v. Kempthorne, 516 F.3d 833, 841 (10th Cir. 2008). "The

Eleventh Amendment is a jurisdictional bar that precludes unconsented suits in federal court against a state and arms of the state.” Wagoner Cnty. Rural Water Dist. No. 2. v. Grand River Dam Auth., 577 F.3d 1255, 1258 (10th Cir. 2009). And because “an official-capacity suit is, in all respects other than name, to be treated as a suit against the entity,” the Eleventh Amendment provides immunity “when [s]tate officials are sued for damages in their official capacity.” Kentucky v. Graham, 473 U.S. 159, 166, 169 (1985).

It is undisputed that Peterson’s claims against Davis are, in effect, claims against an arm of the State of Colorado. However, Peterson argues that the claims fall within the Ex parte Young, 209 U.S. 123 (1908), exception to Eleventh Amendment immunity. That exception permits “suits against state officials seeking to enjoin alleged ongoing violations of federal law.” Crowe & Dunlevy, P.C. v. Stidham, 640 F.3d 1140, 1154 (10th Cir. 2011). However, “[i]n making an officer of the state a party defendant in a suit to enjoin the enforcement of an act alleged to be unconstitutional, it is plain that such officer must have some connection with the enforcement of the act, or else it is merely making him a party as a representative of the state, and thereby attempting to make the state a party.” Ex parte Young, 209 U.S. at 157. We have explained that “Defendants are not required to have a ‘special connection’ to the unconstitutional act or conduct. Rather, state officials must have a particular duty to ‘enforce’ the statute in question and a demonstrated willingness to exercise that duty.” Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation v. Wagnon, 476 F.3d 818, 828 (10th Cir. 2007).

Peterson does not cite to any provision of Colorado law establishing a connection

between the executive director of the Department of Public Safety and enforcement of Colorado's CHL reciprocity regime. Rather, he contends that the district court was required to accept as true the complaint's allegation that Davis is "primarily responsible for administering the recognition and reciprocity of CHLs issued by other states." A motion to dismiss based on sovereign immunity may come in one of two forms. "First, a party may make a facial challenge to the plaintiff's allegations concerning subject matter jurisdiction, thereby questioning the sufficiency of the complaint. In addressing a facial attack, the district court must accept the allegations in the complaint as true. Second, a party may go beyond allegations contained in the complaint and challenge the facts upon which subject matter jurisdiction depends." E.F.W. v. St. Stephen's Indian High Sch., 264 F.3d 1297, 1303 (10th Cir. 2001) (quotation and citations omitted). We consider the first type of challenge in this case, and thus accept the complaint's well-pled factual allegations as true.

However, "we are not bound to accept as true a legal conclusion couched as a factual allegation." Papasan v. Allain, 478 U.S. 265, 286 (1986) (citation omitted). Peterson's allegation that Davis is "responsible for administering" CHL reciprocity is a bare legal assertion. The complaint merely states, without any supporting factual allegations, that Davis has a legal duty to enforce Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-213. Nowhere does the complaint point to a legislative or administrative enactment so empowering Davis. Nor does the complaint allege any instances of Davis enforcing or administering the CHL reciprocity system, or being otherwise involved in Peterson's attempt to obtain

recognition of his out-of-state CHLs.

Further, the district court was correct to reject Peterson's claim regarding Davis' responsibility to administer the reciprocity system because even "factual allegations that contradict . . . a properly considered document are not well-pleaded facts that the court must accept as true." GFF Corp. v. Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc., 130 F.3d 1381, 1385 (10th Cir. 1997). The district court properly took judicial notice of the Colorado Revised Statutes, see United States v. Coffman, 638 F.2d 192, 194 (10th Cir. 1980), in which the Colorado General Assembly "instructs each sheriff to implement and administer the provisions of this part 2," Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-201(3). The referenced "part 2" runs from Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 18-12-201 to 18-12-216, including the CHL reciprocity provisions found in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-213. Colorado law is clear that sheriffs are responsible for administering the reciprocity system. Accordingly, the district court was not required to accept Peterson's allegation to the contrary.

Although Peterson does not cite to any provision of Colorado law imposing a duty to enforce Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-213, he does note that Davis stated in his motion to dismiss that he "maintain[s] a database of states with which Colorado maintains reciprocity." Based on this statement, Peterson argues that Davis fits within the Ex parte Young exception because he has "some connection" with enforcement of the reciprocity provision. 209 U.S. at 157. We disagree. Davis' maintenance of a database may provide a convenient source for sheriffs seeking information relevant to CHL reciprocity, but Ex parte Young requires a nexus between the defendant and "enforcement" of the challenged

statute. Id. (emphasis added). As we held in Wagnon, the defendant must have “a particular duty to ‘enforce’ the statute in question and a demonstrated willingness to exercise that duty.” 476 F.3d at 828 (citation omitted). Davis has no such particular duty; rather, sheriffs are tasked with enforcing the CHL reciprocity system. See Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-201(3).

Our decision in Chamber of Commerce of the United States v. Edmondson, 594 F.3d 742 (10th Cir. 2010), is illustrative. There, we concluded that the Oklahoma Attorney General could be sued under the Ex parte Young exception with respect to a provision of Oklahoma law requiring public contractors to verify work eligibility for all new employees. Id. at 753, 760. Our holding was based on the existence of a state statute that directed the Attorney General to draft contracts on behalf of the state, and to prosecute and defend civil actions on behalf of the state. Id. at 760 (citing Okla. Stat. tit. 74, § 18b(A)(3), (7)). We further noted that the Attorney General had “a demonstrated willingness to exercise that duty.” Id. However, we reached the opposite conclusion with respect to a different portion of the same statute which made it a “discriminatory practice” to fire a citizen or permanent resident while employing an individual who was not authorized to work. Id. at 754, 760. With respect to that provision, we rejected the argument that the Attorney General’s non-specific duty to represent the state made him a proper defendant. Id. at 760. And because the plaintiff failed to “cite to any Oklahoma law authorizing the Attorney General to enforce that provision,” we held that plaintiff’s “claim under that provision falls outside the scope of the Ex parte Young exception.” Id.

A defendant need not be identified in the challenged statute itself to fit within the Ex parte Young exception. See Finstuen v. Crutcher, 496 F.3d 1139, 1151 (10th Cir. 2007). Connection to the enforcement of an act may come by way of another state law, an administrative delegation, or a demonstrated practice of enforcing a provision. But when a state law explicitly empowers one set of officials to enforce its terms, a plaintiff cannot sue a different official absent some evidence that the defendant is connected to the enforcement of the challenged law. Colorado law requires sheriffs to enforce CHL reciprocity, not the executive director of the Department of Public Safety. See Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-201(3). We thus affirm the district court's conclusion that Davis is entitled to Eleventh Amendment immunity.

III

After correctly concluding that the claims against Davis did not fall within the Ex parte Young exception, the district court allowed Peterson an opportunity to amend his complaint to assert those claims against Martinez or another official. Peterson declined to do so. Peterson also declined to address the dismissal of the equal protection claim he asserted against Martinez. Accordingly, we proceed to consider whether summary judgment in favor of Martinez was appropriate with respect to Peterson's Second Amendment claim and his right to travel/Privileges and Immunities Clause claim (which he contends presents two separate claims).

We review the district court's grant of summary judgment de novo. See Simmons v. Sykes Enters., Inc., 647 F.3d 943, 947 (10th Cir. 2011). Summary judgment is proper

if, viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the non-moving party, there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. See Gwinn v. Awmiller, 354 F.3d 1211, 1215 (10th Cir. 2004).

A

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In District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the Supreme Court held “that the Second Amendment conferred an individual right to keep and bear arms.” Id. at 595. And in McDonald v. City of Chicago, 130 S. Ct. 3020 (2010), the Court concluded that “the Second Amendment right is fully applicable to the States.” Id. at 3026. Nevertheless, the Court has provided precious little guidance with respect to the standard by which restrictions on the possession of firearms should be assessed.

In Heller, the Court determined that the challenged statute, which completely barred possession of handguns in the home and required that any lawful firearm be kept in an inoperable condition, failed “[u]nder any of the standards of scrutiny that we have applied to enumerated constitutional rights.” 554 U.S. at 628. The Court rejected application of rational-basis scrutiny, but declined to select another standard. Id. at 628-29 & n.27. However, the Court stressed that its opinion should not be read to “cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms,” which the Court identified as “presumptively lawful regulatory measures.”

Id. at 626-27 & n.26.

In United States v. Reese, 627 F.3d 792 (10th Cir. 2010), this court adopted a “two-pronged approach” to Second Amendment claims. First, we “ask whether the challenged law imposes a burden on conduct falling within the scope of the Second Amendment’s guarantee.” Id. at 800. If the law does not impose a burden, it is constitutional. If it does, then the court “must evaluate the law under some form of means-end scrutiny.” Id. at 801.

We proceed to analyze Peterson’s Second Amendment claim under this two-step approach. Our task is complicated, however, by the somewhat unusual posture of Peterson’s claim. Peterson argues that strict scrutiny is appropriate because he is “completely disarmed” while in Denver. That alleged complete disarmament results from the confluence of two enactments: the state statute that requires CHL applicants to be legal residents of Colorado, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-203, and the Denver ordinance that requires a CHL for most forms of open carry, Denver Rev. Mun. Code § 38-117(a), (b), & (f).

Peterson has repeatedly expressed, however, that he is not challenging the Denver ordinance. After Suthers advocated for the constitutionality of the Denver ordinance in his motion for summary judgment, Peterson clarified that he was not arguing that the ordinance is unconstitutional, but that it is Colorado’s “refusal to allow Plaintiff to obtain a CHL that is unconstitutional.” Claiming that Suthers was attempting a “back door attack of Denver’s ban on open carry of firearms,” Peterson stated that “this case is not

the proper vehicle for his attack.”

In light of Peterson’s explicit statement that “this case is not the proper vehicle” for an attack on the validity of the Denver ordinance, Peterson has clearly waived any such challenge. See United States v. Zubia-Torres, 550 F.3d 1202, 1206 (10th Cir. 2008) (an issue is waived, rather than forfeited, when a party “deliberately considered the unraised issue and made an intentional decision to forego it”). Because the district court accepted Peterson’s formulation of the case in ruling on the parties’ cross-motions for summary judgment, Peterson cannot be heard to complain of any alleged error he himself invited. See United States v. DeBerry, 430 F.3d 1294, 1302 (10th Cir. 2005) (“[T]he invited-error doctrine precludes a party from arguing that the district court erred in adopting a proposition that the party had urged the district court to adopt.”). We see no reason that a plaintiff could not challenge both the statute and the ordinance in the same suit, but Peterson has made a conscious decision not to challenge the constitutionality of the Denver ordinance.

Accordingly, we must conduct our two-step Second Amendment analysis based on the effects of the state statute rather than the combined effects of the statute and the ordinance. As we held in Reese, “a reviewing court first asks whether the challenged law imposes a burden on conduct falling within the scope of the Second Amendment’s guarantee.” 627 F.3d at 800 (quotation and alteration omitted, emphasis added). This case demonstrates the need for such an analytical framework. Peterson seeks a ruling that Colorado may not restrict CHLs to residents of the state. If he succeeds in this

challenge, he would be free to obtain a CHL and carry a concealed weapon throughout the state. By contrast, had Peterson challenged the Denver ordinance, he may have obtained a ruling that allows him to carry a firearm openly while maintaining the state's restrictions on concealed carry. The specific constitutional challenge thus delineates the proper form of relief and clarifies the particular Second Amendment restriction that is before us. Because only the Colorado statute has been challenged, and thus only the statute is at issue in the case at bar, we must look to the effect of that statute in conducting our Second Amendment assessment.

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Colorado requires that “a sheriff shall issue a permit to carry a concealed handgun to an applicant who,” inter alia, “[i]s a legal resident of the state of Colorado.” Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-203(1)(a). This residency requirement bars non-Coloradoans from carrying concealed firearms in most places. But see Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-105(2)(a) & (b) (exempting from the CHL licensure requirement possession in an individual's “own dwelling or place of business or on property owned or under his or her control” or “in a private automobile or other private means of conveyance”). It does not affect the ability of non-residents to openly carry firearms in the state (however, as discussed above, an unchallenged ordinance, Denver Rev. Mun. Code § 38-117(a), (b), & (f), imposes such

restrictions in Denver).³

Accordingly, to determine “whether the challenged law imposes a burden on conduct falling within the scope of the Second Amendment’s guarantee,” Reese, 627 F.3d at 800, we first ask whether the Second Amendment provides the right to carry a concealed firearm. We conclude that it does not.⁴

In Robertson v. Baldwin, 165 U.S. 275 (1897), the Supreme Court considered a Thirteenth Amendment challenge to a pair of statutes authorizing the detention of deserting seamen. Id. at 277, 280. In rejecting the challenge, the Court noted that many of the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights are subject to “certain well-recognized exceptions.” Id. at 281.

³ We reject Suthers’ argument on appeal that Peterson lacks standing because he challenged the statute rather than the ordinance. Suthers contends that because the Second Amendment does not protect concealed carrying of firearms, Peterson’s only injury stems from the unchallenged Denver ordinance. This argument confuses the standing and merits inquiry. “For purposes of standing, the question cannot be whether the Constitution, properly interpreted, extends protection to the plaintiff’s asserted right or interest. If that were the test, every losing claim would be dismissed for want of standing.” Initiative & Referendum Inst. v. Walker, 450 F.3d 1082, 1092 (10th Cir. 2006). Because “we must assume the Plaintiffs’ claim has legal validity,” id. at 1093, we conclude that Peterson has standing. He has alleged an injury in fact—prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon—that is traceable to Martinez’s actions and would be redressed by a decision in his favor. Cf. Hydro Res., Inc. v. EPA, 608 F.3d 1131, 1144 (10th Cir. 2010) (en banc) (setting forth the three elements of standing).

⁴ Although the district court did not rely upon this ground in granting summary judgment to Martinez, “we are free to affirm a grant of summary judgment on grounds different than those used by the district court if the record is sufficient to support such grounds.” Stat-Tech Int’l Corp. v. Delutes (In re Stat-Tech Int’l Corp.), 47 F.3d 1054, 1057 (10th Cir. 1995).

Thus, the freedom of speech and of the press does not permit the publication of libels, blasphemous or indecent articles, or other publications injurious to public morals or private reputation; the right of the people to keep and bear arms is not infringed by laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons; the provision that no person shall be twice put in jeopardy does not prevent a second trial, if upon the first trial the jury failed to agree, or if the verdict was set aside upon the defendant's motion; nor does the provision of the same article that no one shall be a witness against himself impair his obligation to testify, if a prosecution against him be barred by the lapse of time, a pardon, or by statutory enactment. Nor does the provision that an accused person shall be confronted with the witnesses against him prevent the admission of dying declarations, or the depositions of witnesses who have died since the former trial.

Id. at 281-82 (citations omitted, emphasis added).

The foregoing passage is plainly obiter dicta. See Rohrbaugh v. Celotex Corp., 53 F.3d 1181, 1184 (10th Cir. 1995) (“Dicta are statements and comments in an opinion concerning some rule of law or legal proposition not necessarily involved nor essential to determination of the case in hand.” (quotation omitted)). Nevertheless, we have observed that “we are bound by Supreme Court dicta almost as firmly as by the Court’s outright holdings, particularly when the dicta is recent and not enfeebled by later statements.” United States v. Serawop, 505 F.3d 1112, 1122 (10th Cir. 2007) (quotation omitted).

Although the Robertson Court’s statement does not qualify as recent, the Supreme Court’s contemporary Second Amendment jurisprudence does nothing to enfeeble—but rather strengthens—the statement that concealed carry restrictions do not infringe the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. As did Robertson, the Heller opinion notes that, “[l]ike most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited. From Blackstone through the 19th-century cases, commentators and courts

routinely explained that the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose.” 554 U.S. at 626. As an example of the limited nature of the Second Amendment right to keep and carry arms, the Court observed that “the majority of the 19th-century courts to consider the question held that prohibitions on carrying concealed weapons were lawful under the Second Amendment or state analogues.” Id. And the Court stressed that “nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions.” Id.

There can be little doubt that bans on the concealed carrying of firearms are longstanding. In Heller, the Supreme Court cited several early cases in support of the statement that most nineteenth century courts approved of such prohibitions. See Nunn v. State, 1 Ga. 243, 251 (1846) (“[S]o far as the act of 1837 seeks to suppress the practice of carrying certain weapons secretly, that it is valid, inasmuch as it does not deprive the citizen of his natural right of self-defence, or of his constitutional right to keep and bear arms.” (emphasis omitted)); State v. Chandler, 5 La. Ann. 489, 490 (1850) (“This is the right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and which is calculated to incite men to a manly and noble defence of themselves, if necessary, and of their country, without any tendency to secret advantages and unmanly assassinations.”); see also Robertson, 165 U.S. at 281-82 (“[T]he right of the people to keep and bear arms . . . is not infringed by laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons.”). Dissenting in McDonald, Justice Breyer further discussed the history of concealed carry regulations. See 130 S. Ct. at 3132 (Breyer, J., dissenting) (citing to an 1847 Virginia statute that

barred the carrying of pistols “hidden from common observation”); id. at 3134 (noting that “[f]ifteen States banned the concealed carry of pistols and other deadly weapons” during the post-Civil War era). We note, however, that this view was not unanimous. See Bliss v. Commonwealth, 12 Ky. 90, 91-92 (1822) (striking a ban on concealed carry as inconsistent with a state constitutional provision). Nevertheless, “[m]ost states enacted laws banning the carrying of concealed weapons” in the nineteenth century. Kachalsky v. Cnty. of Westchester, 701 F.3d 81, 95 (2d Cir. 2012); see also id. at 95 n.21 (collecting statutes).

Scholars have also noted the long history of concealed carry restrictions in this country. See David T. Hardy, The Rise & Demise of the “Collective Right” Interpretation of the Second Amendment, 59 Clev. St. L. Rev. 315, 333 (2011) (“Beginning in the 1820s, State courts faced issues arising from the interaction of early weapons laws, chiefly bans on concealed carry. Most rulings upheld the bans” (footnote omitted)); Eugene Volokh, Implementing the Right to Keep and Bear Arms for Self-Defense: An Analytical Framework and a Research Agenda, 56 U.C.L.A. L. Rev. 1443, 1516 (2009) (“This tradition [of prohibiting the concealed carry of firearms] does indeed go back to 1813 and the following decades, at least in some Southern and border states, as well as in Indiana, and by the end of the 19th century the constitutionality of such bans had become pretty broadly accepted.” (footnote omitted)); Adam Winkler, Heller’s Catch-22, 56 U.C.L.A. L. Rev. 1551, 1569 (2009) (“The Court was correct to recognize the long historical pedigree of bans on concealed carry, which date back much

further than the other exceptions recognized by the Court.”). Given this lengthy history of regulation, restrictions on concealed carry qualify as “longstanding” and thus “presumptively lawful regulatory measures.” Heller, 554 U.S. at 626 & n.26; see also National Rifle Association of America, Inc., v. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, 700 F.3d 185, 196 (5th Cir. 2012) (“Heller demonstrates that a regulation can be deemed ‘longstanding’ even if it cannot boast a precise founding-era analogue. . . . Heller considered firearm possession bans on felons and the mentally ill to be longstanding, yet the current versions of these bans are of mid-20th century vintage.” (citations omitted)).

We agree with the Fifth Circuit that in applying the two-step approach to Second Amendment claims, we consider at the first step “whether the law harmonizes with the historical traditions associated with the Second Amendment guarantee.” Nat’l Rifle Ass’n, 700 F.3d at 194 (citations omitted). As the foregoing demonstrates, concealed carry bans have a lengthy history. See Kachalsky, 701 F.3d at 95 & n.21 (noting that most states banned concealed carry in the nineteenth century). Given the dicta in Robertson, 165 U.S. at 281-82, and the Supreme Court’s admonition in Heller that “nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions,” 554 U.S. at 626, we conclude that Peterson’s Second Amendment claim fails at step one of our two-step analysis: the Second Amendment does not confer a right to carry concealed weapons.

Peterson does not convincingly argue otherwise. In his reply brief, Peterson

contends that he “does not assert a Second Amendment right to carry a concealed weapon,” but rather challenges the prohibition because it deprives him of “any meaningful opportunity” to bear arms in the City of Denver. (Emphasis omitted.) However, for the reasons set forth in Section III.A.1, supra, we reject that characterization of Peterson’s Second Amendment claim. Peterson has affirmatively waived any challenge to the Denver ordinance’s restriction on the open carrying of firearms. And because we conclude that the concealed carrying of firearms falls outside the scope of the Second Amendment’s guarantee, Peterson’s Second Amendment claim was properly subject to summary judgment.⁵

B

In addition to his Second Amendment claim, Peterson argues that the residency requirement violates his right to travel and the Privileges and Immunities Clause, U.S. Const. art. IV, § 2, cl. 1. The district court treated these claims as one in the same. Peterson argues that this was error. He contends that his right to travel claim is grounded not just in the Privileges and Immunities Clause, but also in the Privileges or Immunities

⁵ As the Court noted in Heller, the Constitution prohibits irrational laws separate and apart from the restrictions imposed by the Second Amendment. See 554 U.S. at 628 n.27 (“If all that was required to overcome the right to keep and bear arms was a rational basis, the Second Amendment would be redundant with the separate constitutional prohibitions on irrational laws, and would have no effect.”). Accordingly, a statute regulating concealed carry may be unconstitutional if it fails the rational basis test regardless of the scope of the Second Amendment. We do not construe Peterson’s filings as asserting such a challenge, however.

Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause. Peterson argues that his separate right to travel claim is subject to strict scrutiny.

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In support of his assertion that an independent right to travel claim is subject to strict scrutiny, Peterson relies heavily on Selevan v. New York Thruway Authority, 584 F.3d 82 (2d Cir. 2009). In that case, plaintiffs challenged a regulation allowing residents of Grand Island, N.Y., to pay a lesser toll to cross the Grand Island Bridge than that charged to other drivers. Id. at 87. The court read the complaint as asserting a claim that the state violated plaintiffs’ “right to free movement” or “right of free interstate migration,” which is protected by the Privileges or Immunities Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause. Id. at 99 (quotations omitted). Concluding that this right extended to the “right to intrastate as well as interstate travel,” id. at 100, the court remanded the claim to allow the district court to determine whether the challenged policy imposed only a “minor restriction on travel,” id. at 102. If the toll differential was found to be a non-minor restriction, the Second Circuit instructed the district court to apply strict scrutiny to the residency classification. Id.

We reject Peterson’s reliance on Selevan. Although plaintiffs in that case asserted a right to travel claim, the claim at issue there bears little resemblance to that asserted by Peterson. In Saenz v. Roe, 526 U.S. 489 (1999), the Supreme Court noted that the “right to travel” includes “at least three different components.” Id. at 500.

It protects the right of a citizen of one State to enter and to leave another

State, the right to be treated as a welcome visitor rather than an unfriendly alien when temporarily present in the second State, and, for those travelers who elect to become permanent residents, the right to be treated like other citizens of that State.

Id.

The claim at issue in Selevan plainly fell into the first category; it was based on “the right to go from one place to another.” Id. As the Court noted in Saenz, this right includes the “right to travel freely to and from [a state] and to use highway facilities and other instrumentalities of interstate commerce within the” state. Id. at 500-01 (quoting United States v. Guest, 383 U.S. 745, 757 (1966)). This is precisely the type of activity restricted in Selevan. And under Second Circuit precedent, this right extends to purely intrastate travel. See Selevan, 584 F.3d at 100 (citing Williams v. Town of Greenburgh, 535 F.3d 71, 75 (2d Cir. 2008)).

The right to travel claim asserted by Peterson is unrelated to his freedom to “go from one place to another.” Saenz, 526 U.S. at 500. As he concedes in his briefing, the only right to travel claim at issue in this case concerns Peterson’s “right to be treated as a welcome visitor rather than an unfriendly alien when temporarily present in” another state. Id. Although the textual basis of the right to enter and leave a state was not identified, see id. at 501, the Saenz Court made clear that the latter type of right to travel is “expressly protected by the text of the Constitution” by way of the “first sentence of Article IV, § 2,” which is the Privileges and Immunities Clause. 526 U.S. at 501. Accordingly, Saenz specifies that a right to travel claim based on the “welcome visitor”

doctrine is a Privileges and Immunities Clause claim. Id.; see also Bach v. Pataki, 408 F.3d 75, 87 (2d Cir. 2005) (pointing out that the right to travel “is simply a shorthand for the protections of the Privileges and Immunities Clause of Article IV” and relying on Saenz to hold that the “welcome visitor” component of the right to travel “is merely a restatement of rights arising under Article IV”), overruled on other grounds, McDonald, 130 S. Ct. at 3026; Doe v. Miller, 405 F.3d 700, 711 (8th Cir. 2005) (citing Saenz for the proposition that the “welcome visitor” component of the right to travel arises from the Privileges and Immunities Clause of Article IV); Chavez v. Ill. State Police, 251 F.3d 612, 649 (7th Cir. 2001) (stating that the “welcome visitor” prong of the right to travel is “expressly protected by Article IV, Section 2, Clause 1 of the Constitution”). We thus hold that Peterson’s right to travel claim is coterminous with his privileges and immunities argument.

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The “Citizens of each State shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the several States.” U.S. Const. art. IV, § 2, cl. 1. Although this clause “establishes a norm of comity” among the states, it does not “specify[] the particular subjects as to which citizens of one State coming within the jurisdiction of another are guaranteed equality of treatment.” Austin v. New Hampshire, 420 U.S. 656, 660 (1975). In Supreme Court of Virginia v. Friedman, 487 U.S. 59 (1988), the Supreme Court set forth a two-prong test to determine whether a statute violates the Privileges and Immunities Clause. First, a court asks whether the restricted activity is

sufficiently basic to the livelihood of the Nation . . . as to fall within the purview of the Privileges and Immunities Clause. For it is only with respect to those “privileges” and “immunities” bearing on the vitality of the Nation as a single entity that a State must accord residents and nonresidents equal treatment.

Id. at 64-65 (quotations and citations omitted). “Second, if the challenged restriction deprives nonresidents of a protected privilege, we will invalidate it only if we conclude that the restriction is not closely related to the advancement of a substantial state interest.” Id. at 65 (citation omitted).

Many of the activities identified by the Court as privileges and immunities are economic in nature. The Court has repeatedly held that “the pursuit of a common calling is one of the most fundamental of those privileges protected by the Clause.” United Building & Constr. Trades Council v. Mayor and Council of Camden, 465 U.S. 208, 219 (1984); see Saenz, 526 U.S. at 502 (listing an out of state traveler who seeks to “obtain employment, to procure medical services, or even to engage in commercial shrimp fishing” as seeking to take part in protected privileges) (citations omitted); Hicklin v. Orbeck, 437 U.S. 518, 524 (1978) (pointing out that the Privileges and Immunities Clause forbids “discrimination against nonresidents seeking to ply their trade, practice their occupation, or pursue a common calling”). Several other privileges and immunities cases have concerned differential tax treatment of non-residents. See Lunding v. N.Y. Tax Appeals Tribunal, 522 U.S. 287, 302 (1998) (“[T]he Privileges and Immunities Clause prohibits a State from denying nonresidents a general tax exemption provided to residents”); Austin, 420 U.S. at 661 (“[T]he fundamental privileges and immunities

protected by the Clause” include “an exemption from higher taxes or impositions than are paid by the other citizens of the state.” (quotation omitted); Shaffer v. Carter, 252 U.S. 37, 56 (1920) (“One of the rights intended to be secured by the [Privileges and Immunities Clause] is that a citizen of one State may remove to and carry on business in another without being subjected in property or person to taxes more onerous than the citizens of the latter State are subjected to.”).

However, in the infamous Dred Scott case, the Court worried that recognizing African Americans as citizens would entitle them to all the privileges and immunities of citizenship, including “the full liberty . . . to keep and carry arms wherever they went.” Scott v. Stanford, 60 U.S. 393, 417 (1856).⁶ And the Court “has never held that the Privileges and Immunities Clause protects only economic interests.” Supreme Court of N.H. v. Piper, 470 U.S. 274, 281 n.11 (1985); see also Doe v. Bolton, 410 U.S. 179, 200 (1973) (striking residency requirement in abortion statute on privileges and immunities grounds). A separate line of privileges and immunities cases prohibits the states from denying non-residents access to the court system. See Miles v. Illinois C. R. Co., 315 U.S. 698, 704 (1942) (“To deny citizens from other states . . . access to its courts would, if it permitted access to its own citizens, violate the Privileges and Immunities Clause.”);

⁶ In McDonald, the Court discussed whether the right to bear arms was protected by the Privileges or Immunities Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, but declined to consider the issue because “the question of the rights protected by the Fourteenth Amendment against state infringement has been analyzed under the Due Process Clause of that Amendment and not under the Privileges or Immunities Clause.” 130 S. Ct. at 3030-31. The Court did not address the Privileges and Immunities Clause of Article IV.

McKnett v. St. Louis & San Francisco R. Co., 292 U.S. 230, 233 (1934) (“The privileges and immunities clause requires a state to accord to citizens of other states substantially the same right of access to its courts as it accords to its own citizens.”).

Thus, although many of the activities protected by the Privileges and Immunities Clause concern economic activities, the relevant inquiry at step one of the Friedman test is simply whether the regulated activity is “sufficiently basic to the livelihood of the Nation.” 487 U.S. at 64 (quotation omitted). The “primary purpose” of the clause “was to help fuse into one Nation a collection of independent, sovereign States.” Toomer v. Witsell, 334 U.S. 385, 395 (1948). Accordingly, only those distinctions that “hinder the formation, the purpose, or the development of a single Union of those States” are barred. Baldwin v. Fish & Game Comm’n, 436 U.S. 371, 383 (1978).

We applied this test in a non-economic context in Nelson v. Geringer, 295 F.3d 1082, 1090 (10th Cir. 2002), concluding that service in the National Guard is protected by the Clause. Such service, we noted, “provides the only opportunity United States citizens have to volunteer to participate in defending their country without having to commit their career and lifestyle exclusively to” the military. Id. Given the importance of the National Guard “to overall national military power,” we held that service is “basic to the livelihood of the Nation.” Id. (quotation omitted). Further, because we could “imagine few activities comparable to participating in national military service that tend to constitute United States citizens as ‘one people’ and to promote a sense and a mission of national unity,” we determined that National Guard service “bears on the vitality of the

Nation as a single entity.” Id. (citation omitted).

As the plain language of the Friedman test suggests, however, many activities fall outside the scope of the Clause’s protection. “Some distinctions between residents and nonresidents merely reflect the fact that this is a Nation composed of individual States, and are permitted.” Baldwin, 436 U.S. at 383. In Baldwin, for example, the Court easily concluded that that the state of Montana could distinguish between residents and non-residents in pricing elk-hunting licenses: “Does the distinction made by Montana between residents and nonresidents in establishing access to elk hunting threaten a basic right in a way that offends the Privileges and Immunities Clause? Merely to ask the question seems to provide the answer.” Id. at 388. Because elk hunting “is a recreation and a sport” rather than “a means to the nonresident’s livelihood,” the Court held, the activity “is not basic to the maintenance or well-being of the Union.” Id.

Peterson’s claim does not implicate any of the privileges recognized previously by the Supreme Court. The concealed carrying of a firearm does not impact his ability to pursue a common calling or other employment,⁷ Saenz, 526 U.S. at 502, result in unfavorable tax consequences, Austin, 420 U.S. at 661, or limit his access to the courts, McKnett, 292 U.S. at 233. Nor does Peterson contend that he seeks to carry a concealed firearm as part of National Guard or other military service. See Nelson, 295 F.3d at

⁷ Peterson does not argue that he seeks to carry a concealed weapon as part of his employment or that his inability to carry a concealed weapon affects his ability to pursue employment opportunities.

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For largely the same reasons that we reject Peterson’s Second Amendment claim, we conclude that carrying a concealed weapon is not a privilege or immunity protected under Article IV. As discussed in Section III.A.2, supra, our nation has a lengthy history of restricting the concealed carry of firearms. See Heller, 554 U.S. at 626 (“[T]he majority of the 19th-century courts to consider the question held that prohibitions on carrying concealed weapons were lawful under the Second Amendment or state analogues.”); Kachalsky, 701 F.3d at 95 & n.21 (noting that “[m]ost states enacted laws banning the carrying of concealed weapons” in the nineteenth century and collecting statutes). And in Robertson, the Court included in a list of “well-recognized exceptions” to enumerated rights “laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons.” 165 U.S. at 281-82.

Given that the concealed carrying of firearms has not been recognized as a right, and the fact that concealed carry was prohibited for resident and non-resident alike for much of our history, we cannot declare this activity “sufficiently basic to the livelihood of the Nation.” Friedman, 487 U.S. at 64 (quotation omitted). Further, Peterson has not explained the manner in which prohibitions on the carrying of a concealed weapon might “hinder the formation, the purpose, or the development of a single Union.” Baldwin, 436 U.S. at 383. Instead, like the elk hunting at issue in Baldwin, the carrying of a concealed firearm “is not basic to the maintenance or well-being of the Union.” Id. at 388.

Accordingly, Peterson’s privileges and immunities claim fails at step one of the Friedman

analysis.⁸

IV

For the foregoing reasons, the judgment of the district court is **AFFIRMED**.

⁸ Justice Thomas, concurring in McDonald, concluded that the Privileges or Immunities Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment “establishes a minimum baseline of federal rights, and the constitutional right to keep and bear arms plainly was among them.” 130 S. Ct. at 3083 (Thomas, J., concurring). Justice Thomas also expressed the view that “the privileges and immunities of state and federal citizenship,” protected by Article IV and the Fourteenth Amendment, respectively, “overlap.” Id. at 3085. Under this reading, the right to keep and bear arms may qualify as a privilege protected under Article IV. Given our conclusion in Section III.A.3 that the Second Amendment does not protect the concealed carrying of firearms, our holding that concealed carry is not a privilege of state citizenship does not conflict with this line of analysis. We do not suggest that the Privileges and Immunities Clause excludes Second Amendment rights; we address only concealed carry restrictions in the case at bar.

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LUCERO, J., concurring separately.

Even were concealed carry protected under the Second Amendment or the Privileges and Immunities Clause, I would yet affirm. I separately add this coda to advance an alternative basis for affirmance. Assuming that concealed carry were to be protected under the stated clauses, I nonetheless would remain in substantial agreement, on an alternative basis, with the analytical framework adopted by the district court.

I would apply intermediate scrutiny to both claims to the extent concealed carry is protected, and would hold that the state has carried its burden under that standard. As part of its general public safety interest, Colorado has shown that ensuring CHL holders are qualified under state law is an important governmental objective. The state also proffered unrefuted evidence demonstrating that much of the information necessary to determine whether an individual is qualified for a CHL is kept in locally maintained databases, and that Colorado sheriffs do not have access to such information with respect to non-resident applicants. In light of law enforcement officials' averments that they would be effectively unable to determine whether a non-resident applicant is qualified to obtain a CHL, I conclude that the residency requirement is substantially related to the stated governmental objective.

I

A

In describing the two-step analysis applicable to Second Amendment claims in Reese, we cited favorably to United States v. Marzzarella, 614 F.3d 85 (3d Cir. 2010), in which the Third Circuit concluded that “‘the Second Amendment can trigger more than one particular standard of scrutiny,’ depending, at least in part, upon ‘the type of law challenged and the type of Second Amendment restriction at issue.’” Reese, 627 F.3d at 801 (quoting Marzzarella, 614 F.3d at 96-97) (alterations omitted). The Marzzarella court applied intermediate scrutiny in weighing the constitutionality of 18 U.S.C. § 922(k), a statute that prohibits the possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, because “‘the burden imposed by the law did not severely limit the possession of firearms,’ as did ‘the District of Columbia’s handgun ban’ that was at issue in Heller.” Reese, 627 F.3d at 801 (quoting Marzzarella, 614 F.3d at 97) (alterations omitted). We also cited United States v. Skoien, 614 F.3d 638 (7th Cir. 2010) (en banc), with approval. In that case, the Seventh Circuit, “citing cases involving analogous constitutional rights, concluded that [18 U.S.C.] § 922(g)(9) [which prohibits any person who has been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing firearms] was subject to intermediate scrutiny.” Reese, 627 F.3d at 802 (citing Skoien, 614 F.3d at 641).

Consistent with Marzzarella and Skoien, the Reese court held that 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8), which prohibits an individual who is subject to a domestic protection order

from possessing firearms, was subject to intermediate scrutiny. 627 F.3d at 802. We explained:

To be sure, § 922(g)(8) is arguably more restrictive than § 922(k), the statute at issue in Marzzarella, in that it prohibits the possession of all types of firearms. On the other hand, however, § 922(g)(8) is less restrictive than § 922(k) in that it applies only to a narrow class of persons, rather than to the public at large. And, in that regard, § 922(g)(8) is substantially similar to § 922(g)(9), the statute at issue in Skoien. Specifically, both statutes prohibit the possession of firearms by narrow classes of persons who, based on their past behavior, are more likely to engage in domestic violence.

Reese, 627 F.3d at 802. “Based upon these characteristics,” we held that § 922(g)(8) survived if the government could demonstrate “that its objective is an important one and that its objective is advanced by means substantially related to that objective.” Reese, 627 F.3d at 802 (quotation omitted).

We followed a similar path in United States v. Huitron-Guizar, 678 F.3d 1164 (10th Cir. 2012), noting that “[t]he right to bear arms, however venerable, is qualified by what one might call the ‘who,’ ‘what,’ ‘where,’ ‘when,’ and ‘why.’” Id. at 1166. We provided numerous examples of valid restrictions on the right to bear arms: “For instance, it is unlawful to knowingly receive guns with obliterated serial numbers. A juvenile, with some exceptions, cannot possess a handgun. An airline passenger may not carry aboard a concealed firearm. Nor may a drug dealer use or carry a weapon to protect his stash.” Id. (citations omitted). With respect to the statute challenged in Huitron-Guizar, we assumed that the Second Amendment applies to illegal aliens, and “observ[ing] that the law here not only burdens but eliminates the right by placing, on a

class of perhaps millions, a total prohibition upon possessing any type of gun for any reason,” concluded that “intermediate scrutiny would seem to apply.” Id. at 1169 (citing Reese, 627 F.3d at 800).

Several other circuits have adopted this two-step, sliding-scale approach with respect to Second Amendment scrutiny since Heller was decided. In Ezell v. City of Chicago, 651 F.3d 684 (7th Cir. 2011), the Seventh Circuit adopted an inquiry similar to that enunciated in Reese, 627 F.3d at 800-01. “First, the threshold inquiry in some Second Amendment cases will be a ‘scope’ question: Is the restricted activity protected by the Second Amendment in the first place?” Ezell, 651 F.3d at 701. If the Second Amendment is implicated, “the rigor of this judicial review will depend on how close the law comes to the core of the Second Amendment right and the severity of the law’s burden on the right.” Id. at 703. Similarly, in United States v. Chester, 628 F.3d 673 (4th Cir. 2010), the Fourth Circuit applied a two-step inquiry, asking first “whether the conduct at issue was understood to be within the scope of the right at the time of ratification.” Id. at 680. If the conduct is protected, the court must select the proper level of scrutiny depending upon the type of law being challenged. Id. In National Rifle Association of America, Inc., the Fifth Circuit analogized to First Amendment cases, holding that

the first step is to determine whether the challenged law . . . regulates conduct that falls within the scope of the Second Amendment’s guarantee; the second step is to determine whether to apply intermediate or strict scrutiny to the law, and then to determine whether the law survives the proper level of scrutiny.

700 F.3d at 194. And following remand in the Heller case, the D.C. Circuit has taken the same approach: “We ask first whether a particular provision impinges upon a right protected by the Second Amendment; if it does, then we go on to determine whether the provision passes muster under the appropriate level of constitutional scrutiny.” Heller v. District of Columbia, 670 F.3d 1244, 1252 (D.C. Cir. 2011).¹

B

At the second stage of this two-part analysis, several courts have considered whether the regulation at issue impacts the “core” of the Second Amendment right which is often described as that of “law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms in defense of hearth and home.” Reese, 627 F.3d at 800 (quotation omitted); see also Nat’l Rifle Ass’n, 700 F.3d at 195 (noting that the “right at the core of the Second Amendment” is “the right of a law-abiding, responsible adult to possess and use a handgun to defend his or her home and family”); GeorgiaCarry.Org, Inc. v. Georgia, 687 F.3d 1244, 1259 (11th Cir. 2012) (pointing out that Heller focused on “the core lawful purpose of self-defense”

¹ At the first step of this analysis, the D.C. Circuit held that “‘longstanding’ regulations are ‘presumptively lawful,’ that is, they are presumed not to burden conduct within the scope of the Second Amendment.” Heller, 670 F.3d at 1253 (quoting Heller, 554 U.S. at 626-27 & n.26). A plaintiff may rebut the presumption of validity by showing that the regulation at issue has “more than a de minimis effect upon his right.” Id. This de minimis burden exception has also been adopted by the Second Circuit. See United States v. Decastro, 682 F.3d 160, 164 (2d Cir. 2012) (“We hold that heightened scrutiny is appropriate only as to those regulations that substantially burden the Second Amendment. Because § 922(a)(3) only minimally affects the ability to acquire a firearm, it is not subject to any form of heightened scrutiny.”).

and “went to great lengths to emphasize the special place that the home—an individual’s private property—occupies in our society” (quotations omitted)); United States v. Greeno, 679 F.3d 510, 517 (6th Cir. 2012) (“The core right recognized in Heller is the right of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms in defense of hearth and home.” (quotation omitted)); Heller, 670 F.3d at 1255 (holding that “the core lawful purpose protected by the Second Amendment” is that of “a person lawfully to acquire and keep a firearm, including a handgun, for the purpose of self-defense in the home” (quotation omitted)); Ezell, 651 F.3d at 689 (“[T]he [Second] Amendment secures an individual right to keep and bear arms, the core component of which is the right to possess operable firearms—handguns included—for self-defense, most notably in the home.” (citation omitted)); United States v. Barton, 633 F.3d 168, 170 (3d Cir. 2011) (“At the core of the Second Amendment is the right of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms in defense of hearth and home.” (quotation omitted)); Chester, 628 F.3d at 676 (holding “the core of the Second Amendment” is “the right of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms in defense of hearth and home” (quotation omitted)).

Colorado state law does not prohibit the possession of firearms, concealed or otherwise, in an individual’s “own dwelling or place of business or on property owned or under his or her control.” Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-105(2)(a). Peterson submitted affidavits stating that he does not own any home or other private property in Colorado. Nevertheless, the state law he claims is unconstitutional, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-203(1)(a), does not affect his ability “to use arms in defense of hearth and home,” the

core of the right guaranteed by the Second Amendment. Reese, 627 F.3d at 800 (quotation omitted). It restricts only his ability to carry a concealed weapon outside of the home.

In selecting the proper level of scrutiny in Reese, we also considered whether the challenged statute “applies only to a narrow class of persons, rather than to the public at large.” 627 F.3d at 802. Although the residency requirement at issue governs the vast majority of individuals in the United States (all those who do not live in Colorado), it burdens a relatively small proportion of individuals present in the state at any time. As Peterson notes, however, individuals covered by the challenged statute have not demonstrated that they are more likely to engage in violence or are otherwise irresponsible. In contrast, several of the cases holding strict scrutiny inappropriate to a Second Amendment challenge have considered restrictions on non-law abiding individuals. See Chester, 628 F.3d at 683 (applying intermediate scrutiny in challenge to 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(9), which prohibits domestic violence misdemeanants from possessing firearms); Skoien, 614 F.3d at 640-41 (same); see also Heller, 554 U.S. at 626-27 (noting that the Court’s decision should not cast doubt on prohibition of “possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill”).

Nonetheless, I would reject Peterson’s argument that every Second Amendment case involving “law-abiding citizens” requires strict scrutiny. To the extent that strict scrutiny may be an appropriate standard of review in the Second Amendment context, Peterson’s position is inconsistent with our statement in Huitron-Guizar, that “[t]he right

to bear arms, however venerable, is qualified by what one might call the ‘who,’ ‘what,’ ‘where,’ ‘when,’ and ‘why.’” 678 F.3d at 1166. And in Reese we applied intermediate scrutiny to a challenge of § 922(g)(8), which applies to individuals subject to a domestic protection order but does not require a showing that the subject of the order has committed a crime. See Reese, 627 F.3d at 802; see also Marzzarella, 614 F.3d at 97 (reviewing § 922(k), which prohibits the possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, under intermediate scrutiny). Nor does Peterson’s contention square with Heller’s presumptive approval of “laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings.” 554 U.S. at 626. Although the class of individual burdened is one consideration at step two of the Second Amendment analysis, it is not the only one.

Cognizant of these relevant factors and the statement in Heller that “the majority of the 19th-century courts to consider the question held that prohibitions on carrying concealed weapons were lawful under the Second Amendment or state analogues,” 554 U.S. at 626, Peterson’s challenge triggers, at most, intermediate scrutiny. See Reese, 627 F.3d at 801 (noting that the level of scrutiny depends “at least in part, upon the type of law challenged and the type of Second Amendment restriction at issue” (quotation and alterations omitted)).

This conclusion is consistent with the few courts that have considered Second Amendment challenges to concealed carry restrictions. Rejecting a challenge to New York’s handgun licensing scheme, the Second Circuit held that “applying less than strict

scrutiny when the regulation does not burden the ‘core’ protection of self-defense in the home makes eminent sense in this context and is in line with the approach taken by our sister circuits.” Kachalsky, 701 F.3d at 93. And in Hightower v. City of Boston, 693 F.3d 61 (1st Cir. 2012), the First Circuit held that “laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons are an example of longstanding restrictions that are presumptively lawful under the Second Amendment.” Id. at 73 (quotations and alterations omitted). This holding is plainly incompatible with strict or near-strict scrutiny. Other courts have similarly applied intermediate scrutiny to firearm restrictions that do not implicate the core Second Amendment right. See Heller, 670 F.3d at 1257-58 (concluding that several “novel” registration requirements were subject to intermediate scrutiny because they did not prohibit “an individual from possessing a firearm in his home or elsewhere, whether for self-defense or hunting, or any other lawful purpose”); Chester, 628 F.3d at 683 (applying intermediate scrutiny to a challenge to § 922(g)(9)’s prohibition of gun possession by domestic violence misdemeanants because the regulated conduct “is not within the core right identified in Heller—the right of a law-abiding, responsible citizen to possess and carry a weapon for self-defense” (emphasis omitted)).

C

To survive intermediate scrutiny, the government bears the burden of showing “that its objective is an important one and that its objective is advanced by means substantially related to that objective.” Reese, 627 F.3d at 802 (quotation omitted). I agree with the district court that Colorado, as part of its interest in ensuring public safety,

has an important government interest in assessing whether an individual is qualified to possess a CHL, and in monitoring whether CHL holders maintain their qualifications. I also agree with the district court that the residency requirement is substantially related to that objective in light of the record evidence indicating that less information is available with respect to non-resident CHL applicants and that Colorado officials cannot adequately monitor non-residents.

Colorado law permits a sheriff to refuse a CHL if “the sheriff has a reasonable belief that documented previous behavior by the applicant makes it likely the applicant will present a danger to self or others if the applicant receives a permit to carry a concealed handgun.” Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-203(2). This limitation, which Peterson does not expressly attack, closely parallels the objective we approved in Reese, which was to

keep firearms out of the hands of people who have been judicially determined to pose a credible threat to the physical safety of a family member, or who have been ordered not to use, attempt to use, or threaten to use physical force against an intimate partner or child that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury, because such persons undeniably pose a heightened danger of misusing firearms.

627 F.3d at 802 (quotations and alteration omitted). At one level, then, the objective at issue in this case has already been declared an “important one” by this court. Id.

However, the statute Peterson challenges is not Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-203(2), but Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-203(1)(a), which requires that a CHL applicant be a resident of Colorado. The objectives behind the challenged law are to ensure that an applicant is

qualified to obtain a CHL, and to monitor continued qualification after a CHL is issued. Although these objectives are one step removed from the direct public safety interest underlying § 18-12-203(2), I would hold that Colorado has a substantial interest in ensuring that CHL holders are qualified under state law. Given that the statutory scheme rests on an important governmental objective, I have no trouble concluding the state has a substantial interest in ensuring compliance with the statute.

I further conclude that the residency requirement is “substantially related” to the stated objectives. Reese, 627 F.3d at 802 (quotation omitted). Two law enforcement officials submitted affidavits explaining that “information in locally-maintained databases is absolutely critical to assessing a [CHL] applicant’s qualifications” and stating that “lack of access to” information kept in locally maintained databases “would make it more or less impossible to effectively conduct this type of screening for non-resident [CHL] applicants.” The affiants explained that several categories of information are not available with respect to non-resident applicants, including records of municipal crime convictions, mental health and other emergency contacts, juvenile arrest records, some plea agreements, restraining orders entered in civil cases, and determinations that an individual is a danger to himself. One of the affiants, Spoden, also averred that a state database provides a system to “ensure the ongoing eligibility of” resident CHL holders by “flagg[ing]” events of concern that occur in state, but does not provide “the ability to monitor [non-residents’] law enforcement contacts in their actual state of residence.” Both officials opined that they would not be able to ensure statutory eligibility of non-

resident CHL applicants.

Thus the unrefuted record evidence demonstrates that Colorado law enforcement officials have access to a greater level of information with respect to resident CHL applicants than non-residents. The record further establishes that the data limitations for non-resident applicants would make it “more or less impossible” to ensure statutory qualification. And Spoden’s affidavit shows that this data differential continues even after a CHL is issued. A state flagging system alerts sheriffs when a Coloradoan comes into contact with law enforcement in her state of residence; this is not so for residents of other states. I would hold that this evidence establishes the requisite substantial relationship between the challenged statute and the objective of ensuring CHLs are held only by qualified individuals.

Peterson complains that the affidavits do not provide any reason to deny him a CHL in particular. But this complaint misunderstands the intermediate scrutiny tailoring requirement. The challenged statute must be substantially related to advancement of an important governmental objective, but it need not provide a perfect fit. See Michael M. v. Superior Court, 450 U.S. 464, 473 (1981) (plurality opinion) (in conducting intermediate scrutiny analysis, “[t]he relevant inquiry . . . is not whether the statute is drawn as precisely as it might have been, but whether the line chosen by the . . . Legislature is within constitutional limitations”). For example, in reviewing a minority preference program for certain broadcasting licenses under the intermediate scrutiny standard applicable at the time, the Court explained:

Congressional policy does not assume that in every case minority ownership and management will lead to more minority-oriented programming or to the expression of a discrete “minority viewpoint” on the airwaves. Neither does it pretend that all programming that appeals to minority audiences can be labeled “minority programming” or that programming that might be described as “minority” does not appeal to nonminorities. Rather, both Congress and the FCC maintain simply that expanded minority ownership of broadcast outlets will, in the aggregate, result in greater broadcast diversity.

Metro Broad. Inc. v. FCC, 497 U.S. 547, 579, 582-583, (1990), overruled on other grounds, Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena, 515 U.S. 200, 227 (1995). Similarly, in Rostker v. Goldberg, 453 U.S. 57 (1981), the Court approved of the male-only selective service registration requirement notwithstanding the fact that “a small number of women could be drafted for noncombat roles.” Id. at 81. On the record before us, it is clear that non-residency is substantially related to the objective of ensuring CHL holders are qualified under state law because insufficient information is available as to non-residents in the aggregate. This is so even if we accept Peterson’s unsupported assertion that this information gap may not be present in every case.

Equally unavailing is Peterson’s contention that the residency requirement is insufficiently related to the stated interest because it fails to distinguish between newly arrived Colorado residents and non-residents. Although information on past activities may be unavailable with respect to new residents in the state, the ongoing-monitoring rationale applies equally to any Colorado resident regardless of how long he has lived in the state.

In considering a similar challenge to a residency requirement, the Second Circuit reached the same conclusion in a pre-Heller case. In Bach v. Pataki, the court rejected a Privileges and Immunities Clause challenge to New York's residency requirement for handgun licensure. The court required New York to demonstrate: "(a) a substantial reason for the discrimination, and (b) a reasonable relationship between the degree of discrimination exacted and the danger sought to be averted," 408 F.3d at 88, a standard quite similar to intermediate scrutiny. As in this case, the court agreed that "the State has a substantial and legitimate interest in insuring the safety of the general public from individuals who, by their conduct, have shown themselves to be lacking the essential temperament or character which should be present in one entrusted with a dangerous instrument." Id. at 91 (quotation and ellipses omitted). The court further concluded that New York's interest "extends to the State's ability to monitor licensees' good character, competency and integrity, including their mental fitness, composure, maturity of judgment, and safe or unsafe habits." Id. at 91 n.31 (quotations and citations omitted).

As to the fit between the residency requirement and the state's interest, the court accepted New York's explanation that "[t]he ongoing flow of information to a licensing officer as a result of the licensee's tie to a particular residence or community is an important element of the State's regulatory scheme." Id. at 92. For in-state residents, the court noted, there is a substantially higher "likelihood that a licensing officer will be alerted to facts that cast doubt on a licensee's fitness to possess a firearm." Id. I agree that this rationale supplies the requisite fit between a residency requirement and the

state's important interest of ensuring that CHL holders are qualified.

In Peruta v. Cnty. of San Diego, 758 F. Supp. 2d 1106 (S.D. Cal. 2010), the court adopted Bach's analysis in a post-Heller challenge. Id. at 1120. Assuming that restrictions that prevented “non-residents from applying for a permit to carry a concealed weapon” implicated the Privileges and Immunities Clause, the court agreed with the Bach court's conclusion that the state had a “substantial interest in monitoring gun licensees and that limiting licenses to residents and those working primarily within the state was sufficiently related to that interest.” Id.

Although the specific restrictions at issue in this case differ in some ways from those at issue in Bach and Peruta, I agree with those courts that a residency requirement for a CHL is substantially related to an important governmental objective, and thus that Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-12-203(1)(a) survives intermediate scrutiny.

II

I would also affirm the district court even on the assumption that the Privileges and Immunities Clause is implicated in this suit. In discussing the privileges and immunities protected by Article IV, the Saenz Court stated that “[t]hose protections are not absolute, but the Clause does bar discrimination against citizens of other States where there is no substantial reason for the discrimination beyond the mere fact that they are citizens of other States.” 526 U.S. at 502 (citations and quotation omitted). Rather than strict scrutiny, a welcome visitor claim is subject to the following test: “if the challenged restriction deprives nonresidents of a protected privilege, [the court] will invalidate it

only if [it] conclude[s] that the restriction is not closely related to the advancement of a substantial state interest.” Friedman, 487 U.S. at 65; see also Kleinsmith v. Shurtleff, 571 F.3d 1033, 1044 (10th Cir. 2009) (“[D]enial of a privilege or immunity to nonresidents is invalid unless (i) there is a substantial reason for the difference in treatment; and (ii) the discrimination practiced against nonresidents bears a substantial relationship to the State’s objective.” (quotation omitted)).

This standard is essentially identical to intermediate scrutiny. Intermediate scrutiny is satisfied if the government can show “that its objective is an important one and that its objective is advanced by means substantially related to that objective.” Reese, 627 F.3d at 802. The privileges and immunities tailoring requirement also demands a “substantial relationship to the State’s objective.” Kleinsmith, 571 F.3d at 1044. And although the formulation we adopted in Reese referred to an “important” government objective, 627 F.3d at 802, the terms “important” and “substantial” have been used interchangeably in referring to the intermediate scrutiny ends prong. See, e.g., Golan v. Holder, 609 F.3d 1076, 1084 (10th Cir. 2010) (“In order for a statute to survive intermediate scrutiny, the statute must be directed at an important or substantial governmental interest . . .”).

As discussed above, I would hold in the alternative that the residency requirement for obtaining a CHL survives intermediate scrutiny. And because Peterson’s Privileges and Immunities Clause claim is subject to the same form of review, I would also hold that this claim fails even assuming that the carrying of a concealed firearm is a protected

privilege. Colorado has shown that ensuring CHL holders are qualified is an important governmental objective, and the residency requirement is substantially related to that objective. The two other courts that have considered right to travel challenges of CHL residency requirements have reached the same conclusion, on largely the same basis. See Bach, 408 F.3d at 87 (“Because we hold that New York’s interest in monitoring gun licensees is substantial and that New York’s restriction of licenses to residents and persons working primarily within the State is sufficiently related to this interest, we reject Bach’s Article IV Privileges and Immunities Clause challenge.”); Peruta, 758 F. Supp. 2d at 1120 (“The Court is unable to discern a meaningful distinction between the issues facing the Second Circuit in Bach and those at issue here. Adopting the rationale set forth in that decision, the Court concludes there is no genuine issue of material fact as to whether Defendant’s policy violates the right to travel.”).