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"Today's decision confirms what we already knew to be true, that 18-20 year-olds possess the same right to bear arms for self-defense as those over the age of 21," added SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. "We are pleased that the court has enjoined the state of Minnesota from infringing on the rights of young adults. SAF will continue to work in the courts to vindicate the rights of all Americans."

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[Yes it is true. The State moved for a temporary injunction to "update their paperwork" but almost certainly will appeal to the 8th circuit. It is a great decision but the matter is far from settled.]

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