SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
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Referred: Labor and Commerce, Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the United States Congress to end the abuse of tort laws against the firearms industry.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS citizens have a right, protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS lawsuits that seek money damages and other relief for the harm caused by the misuse of firearms by third parties, including criminals, have been commenced against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and importers of firearms that operate as designed and intended; and

WHEREAS the manufacture, importation, possession, sale, and use of firearms and ammunition in the United States are heavily regulated by federal, state, and local laws, including the Gun Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act, and the Arms Export Control Act; and

WHEREAS businesses in the United States that are engaged in interstate and foreign commerce through the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, distribution, importation, or sale of firearms or ammunition to the public that has been shipped or transported in interstate

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of foreign commerce are not, and should not, be liable for the harm caused by those who criminally or unlawfully misuse firearm products or ammunition products that function as designed and intended; and

WHEREAS thirty-three states have passed legislation protecting firearms and ammunition manufacturers, and legislation in the United States Congress supporting this measure has broad bipartisan support;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States Congress to pass legislation to end the abuse of tort laws against the firearms industry.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Tom DeLay, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, Governor of Alaska.