

Dear Senator Coghill,

As a University of Alaska Anchorage student I am writing to you in support of SB 176 which will allow UA students to carry concealed firearms and knives on campus. Article 1, Section 19 of our state constitution protects our individual right to keep and bear arms and that this right shall not be infringed upon by the state or any political subdivision of it. Given the fact that the University of Alaska board of regents is constitutionally created, appointed by the governor, and subject to a vote by the legislature, and bound to follow state law, it is apparent that the board of regents has over stepped its authority. The current policy that is in place regarding concealed carry on campus violates the state constitution and is in a sense an illegal policy. I thank you for taking steps to bring back the rule of law to University policy. By putting forward this legislation you are sending a message that government bureaucrats cannot just violate the rights of citizens without there being a response from the legislature. For these reasons I support SB 176 and thank you for defending the liberties of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

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