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Dear Sen. Coghill:

I am insulted every time I enter the Kenai Peninsula campus and am greeted by a notice on the door that tells us we cannot protect ourselves with a firearm, despite the clear directive of Article 1, Section 19 of the state constitution.

It is the very madness depicted in the brief yet poignant "gun-free zone" satire, seen here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYL0yN110go>. I would strongly suggest showing this in your committee hearings.

If the Board of Regents want to keep firearms out of UA campuses, I would suggest that they amend the constitution.

It is curious when "progressives" tell us that abortion is protected in Article 1, Section 22 [privacy rights], yet it does not specifically mention the word "abortion"; still, we are scolded by them to "Obey the constitution!"

Amazingly, when we can cite chapter-and-verse in the state constitution of something that is specifically listed, as in our gun rights, our "progressive" friends on the Board cheerfully ignore it --- and the courts are mysteriously silent.

My compliments on addressing this issue courageously, and I am always,

At Your Service,

Bob Bird