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Subject: SB 176

Sir, I'm a US Army retired officer and wanted to thank you for your work on SB 176. It's not so obvious to a lot of Americans that being armed is not only our 2nd Amendment right but our duty to protect each other. We can't do that at UAA and other schools when criminals don't abide by the laws and enter schools and kill our children. Law abiding citizens should be armed and, if properly trained, then we can expect them to take action to protect us and our children should something bad happen. I compare it to 9-11 when the American passengers took control of the plan over PA, and took action to protect not only themselves, but ALL Americans who would have been killed or put in danger should the terrorists have succeeded. Just imagine if we have armed teachers, who were trained at those schools that have had shootings??? Do you think the Colorado movie theater shooter could actually have succeeded if he tried what he did in an Alaskan movie theater?? NO WAY.

Thank you again sir for your determination and dedication to all Alaskans...despite what the rest of the country fails to do, we can still protect ourselves here.

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