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To: Alaska Legislature

Senate Judiciary Committee

Testimony regarding SB 176: ("An Act relating to the regulation of firearms and knives by the University of Alaska.")

I am a veteran who has been awarded the Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon. I would temper your zeal to arm untrained students with firearms. Only those proficient with firearms are, with any degree of certainty, going to serve any good purpose in an armed confrontation. A Military Police officer once told me his greatest fear was a newly minted 19 year old MP with a .45.

You cannot simply purchase a car and hit the road – you must demonstrate proficiency and be licensed. I would only support this concept if those allowed firearms can demonstrate proficiency and mature judgment. I assume a college dorm would not meet the definition in this bill of an “unrestricted access area”. If they still allow booze into college dorms then you might imagine the consequences of your decision. Also, ask any prosecutor what conditions would have to exist to absolve any student from criminal prosecution for a shooting under the stand your ground law.

Thank you.

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