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To: Sen. John Coghill

Cc: Bill Cox

Subject: Re: guns on campus

It was an error that anyone but Sen. Coghill and I were included in the preceeding email. The other e-address has no part in my statement.

John

On Fri, Mar 7, 2014 at 11:27 PM, johnny <johnnyq64@gmail.com> wrote:

Senator Coghill,

I respect your effort to allow the right to bear arms in a more global fashion but the right to carry on a UA campus, I believe, is misguided.

I am an alumni of UAF, I live three minutes drive from campus and I work for Facility Services at UAF currently. I own a bunch of guns for various purposes and I carry a concealed carry permit with the intention of protecting myself and my loved ones. I do not carry at work.

There is only one good reason to allow college students to carry firearms on campus. That is an "active shooter" situation.

Let us examine the results of having a firearm in your hand during that situation.

A man (likely) arrives on campus with the intention of inflicting bodily harm on others with a firearm. He finds a crowded area or a high vantage point and begins to fire upon mostly unarmed students. The UAF police are notified or see the action on the many cameras on campus and begin to deploy. Student X who is armed begins to fire back. Successful or not, he has a gun in his hand. UAF police arrive and shoot folks that are shooting. (that is a reasonable response quite frankly.)

The same scenario with 25 students armed...

I assume you have attended college. Think back. Would you have had better parties if the attendees were armed? 25 college kids responding to an active shooter scenario, various training and intentions, with police arriving on scene. Have we improved safety?

Being an elected official is about bettering the lives of your constituents not getting re-elected. What is the point of this bill? Will you attend the funeral of the first student (someones child - maybe yours)

who dies because of ignorance and the proliferation of guns at dorm room parties. Will you stand up and say this was made possible by my bill protecting the 2nd amendment?

You have to know it will happen.

I am all for the responsible use of guns and the ability to carry guns. Start with a bill that educates the masses about the responsible use of gun. Do that in grade school and build from there. We have a lot of ignorant folks out there due to a lack of educational funding and you want to arm them in an environment that boasts the highest death rate for alcohol poisoning and many other irresponsible actions. You have been there and seen it.

John