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Dear Senator Coghill,

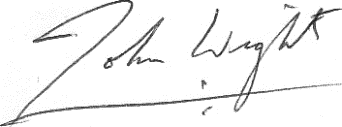
I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 176, the act relating to the regulation of knives and firearms by the University of Alaska.

As an associate professor of Aviation Technology at the University of Alaska Anchorage, I support the right of law-abiding adult Alaskans to bear arms to protect themselves. An effort to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons will only serve to disarm law-abiding citizens, while the criminal element is hardly likely to obey such laws or regulations. I was witness to this first hand in South Africa where the citizens were encouraged to turn in their firearms. Tens of thousands of law-abiding people voluntarily disarmed themselves while the criminal element ran rampant. The result was that many good people suffered bodily harm and were unable to defend themselves.

Schools are generally regarded as soft targets as it is not expected that attendees and personnel would be armed. This is a situation which should be rectified and which might well discourage attacks on schools, churches and other places at present considered unable to offer armed resistance to an attack.

You may count on my support for Senate Bill 176.

Sincerely,



John I. Wight.