

SB176

Chuck Green Representing the 2nd Amendment Task Force

I will not echo all the testimony from last Wednesday except to say we agree with almost all of it. I would like to address a few additional things.

History

The 2nd Amendment Task Force became involved in this issue in 2009 and we worked in conjunction with SCC. (Students for Concealed Carry) We considered several avenues and decided to proceed with a demonstration on campus in April or May of 2010 if I recall correctly. We wanted to create an incident so we could gain an audience with the Board of Regents or start a legal action. We had an administrative hearing with representatives of the University and decided to try to go through University channels after that meeting to see if we could remedy the situation. I sent Hans copies of 2 letters written regarding the attempts to sway the opinions of the Board of Regents. We have been unsuccessful in reasoning with the Board.

Our next move was to ask a legislator to sponsor legislation similar to SB176. However the YAL, College Republicans and The Political Science Assn. beat us to it and my hats off to these young adults. They have the full weight of our network behind them and we are not going away anytime soon.

UA has had ample opportunity to change their policy and have refused. I will add the University is not above the law.

There have been several comments questioning the responsibility of youth.

I'm a **non-current** NRA certified instructor. I've worked with kids as young as 8 years old teaching them to shoot. I was struck by the seriousness with which they approached the subject. Frankly I thought they were too young but most instinctively perceived the gravity of what we were doing and displayed a maturity I didn't expect.

In the bush kids often carry guns to school. A principal and administrator from the Kuskokwim district told me he had the kids unload and stack their guns when they got to school. We are talking about middle and high school kids.

I heard concerns about accidents. That's a perfectly valid concern. I suggest you consider motor vehicles which are more dangerous than firearms and we allow 16 year olds to drive.

About Armed Citizens

I have an old book called The Armed Citizen published by the NRA. From 1978 to 1989 it has 196 pages of incidents stopped by citizens and there are about 12 incidents per page. That's just the incidents that made the news papers. There are estimates of as many as 2 million crimes a year stopped by armed citizens.

Luby's Café, Sandy Hook, Columbine, Virginia Tech all could have been stopped by an Armed Citizen

Aurora Colorado

I've been told there was a young Vet in second row at the Aurora Theater could have stopped the shooting in seconds but he complied with law and left his gun in his car. He pushed his family to the floor and covered them himself. That's unverified but I have it from a fairly good source.

Did you know Evan Ramsey the Bethal shooter previously attempted a school shooting in a village 8 miles upriver from Aniak and was stopped by an armed school district employee?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evan_Ramsey

Bethal & Kuskokwim copycat. He broke into a school on the Kuskokwim and hid in the closet. The principle saw the lights on in the school and went to investigate. He took his revolver and suspected someone was hiding in broom closet. He told him to come out or he was going to shoot through the door. The kid came out with a loaded shotgun.

Drugs

Nearly all recent mass shooters were on some kind of prescription drugs.

Federal Law already prevents mental patients from owning weapons. The current administration is using every possible means to disarm as many as possible by declaring persons mentally disturbed. Our returning vets are being singled out and deprived of their rights.

I sincerely hope you will support this bill because an individual shouldn't have to request permission to exercise his rights.

Thank You for your time.....

31 School shootings related to prescribed drugs

<http://www.cchrnt.org/pdfs/31-school-related-acts-of-violence.pdf>
