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Subject: SB176 Firearms Freedom for Students

To the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I'll like to throw a few more points out that I didn't hit in my testimony.

The UA system has a very high average age compared to other universities, and a lot of military veterans. There are a lot of mature students out there, who are willing to defend themselves and others.

I wholeheartedly agree with Bob Bird that it is not the university's job to implement public safety, they should just do the job of educating.

There is a disturbing trend that I've noticed in my 30 years of attending UAF. The UAF administration has been slowly taking away all responsibility from the students and just making rules that they must conform to. One example of many that just happened to me a few years ago, was when I was forced to take a basic chemistry class and it had a simple math prerequisite. It was not only required to have the class, but it had to have been in a recent timeframe. I have a math degree, but even with that, I had to go through the silliness of getting a sign-off from the professor to take the class. Somehow I wasn't responsible enough to figure out what I needed to have under my belt to take a class. The same sad logic is there when we talk about their unconstitutional firearms restrictions, they are just insulting me by telling me I can't carry a firearm, and they are replacing responsibility with rules. Our university system needs to start EXPECTING students to be responsible, and make them grow up, instead of just trying to make rules to insulate them from reality.

Please help us make UA a safer and more responsible system, and move SB 176 forward.

Thanks,

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