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Subject: Re: Bill on Guns on UA Campus

Dear Dr. Misra,

thank you very much for your courageous statements. As a faculty member of UAF and a member of United Academics I fully agree with them.

I hope that the initiators of these bills withdraw them. These bills are based on illogical arguments which only serve to misinterpret the Second Amendment to our Constitution. On a long run, such bills may contribute to a change of the Second Amendment.

I hope that the Members of the Interior Delegation know that supporting votes for these bills will contribute to an exodus of the best faculty members at UAF. Even though I was well trained with all kind of weapons during my military service so that self-protection would be a minor problem to me, I would not like to teach students who bear arms in class rooms. I was educated at the University of Cologne, one of the oldest European university established in 1388 (re-established 1919). To bear arms at a university campus, would be in complete contradiction to the principles my own higher education.

Our universities are places of higher education and research which grant academic degrees, but not locations of armed faculty, staff, and students. A part of our education principles is to teach students how to argue in a respectful and peaceful manner even in case of controversial discussions. I wonder how students should learn it if professors and students are armed.

The officers of the UFA Police are responsible for a save campus. They should be the only persons who bear arms. If other people have a permission to be armed, the duty of our Police officers would become worse. In an incident like the Virginia Tech massacre our Police officers would have no time to distinguish between the good guys and the bad guys if both groups are armed.

Sincerely yours

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