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TO: Senate Judiciary Committee

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SUBJECT: Testimony against a bill that would allow unrestricted carry of firearms on University of Alaska campuses

Dear Senators:

My name is John Aspnes. I am a retired professor of engineering at UAF. I have taught at UAF since 1978.

I am speaking against a bill that would allow unrestricted carry of firearms on University of Alaska campuses for the following reasons:

- UAF has an armed police force.
- There is little crime on campus.
- Many high school age and younger students are on campus year-round taking courses or enrolling in summer programs and other youth-related activities.
- The university acts in a parental role. Many college-age students are still immature and live in a stressful environment.
- There will be unintended consequences such as accidents or crimes committed in the heat of passion.
- There is no compelling reason to allow unrestricted firearms on the UAF campus.

Again, I urge that unrestricted firearms not be allowed on UA campuses.

Thank you for considering my testimony.