

I writing you to explain the real life fall out from the State of Alaska Legislature's passage of SB91.

On 6/25/2017, I became a victim of SB91 when our 25' Bay Weld boat and trailer, \$80,000 replacement value, were stolen out of Alaska Mining and Diving's commercial secured storage yard. I called the APD dispatch and was informed that I was caller number 12 at 12:00 PM on a Sunday who had reported stolen vehicles and boats. I was told no police officer would come to the scene of the crime to investigate nor take a statement. I was told I would need to do the detective work on the crime working with the yard owner to gather any useful information and I can then pass it on to the police via their online police report tool. The final piece of information I was given was to post our stolen boat on "Stolen In Alaska" Facebook page to spread the word quickly to the public to be on the lookout for our boat. This is the site used by police to see pictures of stolen items. I was given a case number and the call ended.

So I went home and posted pictures and the information on our stolen boat in the Stolen In Alaska Facebook page. By 11:00 PM Sunday night, people had spotted our boat, which is not your standard aluminum ocean boat, at Glennallen, Palmer, Anchorage, Seward, and Anchor Point. I read through each siting and narrowed it down to 7:00 am Sunday morning at the Village Inn restaurant on Northern Lights. A fellow boat owner who had hunting rifles and other gear stolen out of his boat that was also stored at Alaska Mining and Diving's storage yard went over to Village Inn and looked through security camera footage looking for our boat. He was hoping his stolen gear would be found in our boat. He found video footage of our boat being towed by a green late 90's Ford F150 Supercab.

Around 12:00 PM Monday, we received a call from friends of ours who spotted our boat parked in the State of Alaska campground in Bird Creek. They met a park ranger at the boat and told her that the boat was stolen. The park ranger had talked to the thieves earlier in the morning when she checked on the boat that was parked in a camp spot and no one was around. The thieves drove up and assured the park ranger that the boat was not abandoned, they were going to pay for another day of parking and return later to pick up the boat.

After receiving the call from our friends, we called 911 and let APD know that our boat was found and to send an officer to Bird Creek so they could release the boat to us. I gathered the towing gear and had my oldest son join me to retrieve the boat. Since we knew the thieves had stolen guns from another boat, my son suggested we bring our Mossberg SS 12 gauge shotgun, which we use for bear protection and shooting large halibut on our boating trips, with us in case we encountered the thieves. I thought about for a minute as his idea had merit, but decided against it for two reasons. Number one, I wanted to minimize the chance of putting him in harms way. Number two, I do not use the weapon enough were I felt comfortable with it in a potentially high stress/life and death situation.

We left town and headed for Bird Creek. As we rounded a corner south of McHugh Creek, we spotted the thieves truck we saw in the Village Inn video footage in a pullout on the north side of the highway. There were two white males, 5' 10" - 6', 200+ pounds, late 50's to early 60's, putting a tarp over the bed of the truck which was filled to the brim with items. I had my son call 911 again and report that we had spotted the thieves at milepost 106 of the Seward Highway. I made a decision to go on to Bird Creek and hopefully an officer was already there and I could send them back after the thieves. We got to the boat and met the park ranger but the police had not arrived yet. I made another decision to go back to milepost 106 and see if I could get some cell phone photos of the thieves and the license plate of the truck. As we were driving back to milepost 106, I talked to my son about how we could get

the photos and minimize the risk in case the thieves are armed. I honestly did not have a good solution. We spotted a police car headed south to Bird Creek as we were headed back north. I flashed my head lights on and off repeatedly at the police car to get him to stop, but he kept heading to Bird Creek. We got to milepost 106 but the thieves were gone. We turned around and met the police at the Bird Creek campground. I asked the police to stay with us while a had to make some emergency repairs to our boat so I could tow it home in case the thieves tried to come back to the boat.

I talked to police and asked them how they handle the sky rocketing theft rates currently occurring. Their response was they use a triage approach with domestic violence getting top priority. Due to SB91 lack of punishment, citations to appear in court instead of arrests, they do not have the man power and resources to deal with all the stolen cars, boats and property. The criminals do not show up in court so a warrant is issued for their arrest. Now the warrants for arrest are skyrocketing. This is the obvious negative consequence of SB91.

What I want to point out are other less obvious consequences of the Legislatures passing of SB91. You are putting the law abiding citizens lives at risk. As a parent, I never expected to have to make decisions about how far I should go in putting my children in harms way of criminals. I told my son I was not willing to kill someone for a boat, thus we left the shotgun at home. The thieves gutted our boat of all its items including fishing licenses and boat registration which has our names and home address. For the first time ever, I am thinking of keeping shells in the magazine of our 12 gauge shotgun inside the gun safe where it is kept now that the thieves have our home address. What am I supposed to do if these thieves decide to come back for our boat now parked in our driveway or try to burglarize our house? Now I am being put in to the potential situation of having to protect life and limb for my family.

Next, SB91 is creating a vigilante segment of society in regards to stolen property. There is a "shoot first and ask questions later" mentality. If the police won't show up, people will take matters into their own hands to get justice since the legal system is failing us. The vigilante themed postings are getting more frequent on the Stolen In Alaska Facebook page. The fellow boat owner who found the video footage at Village in showed up at Bird Creek with his wife and young daughter in tow hoping to find his stolen items in our boat. Counter to me, he must have felt safe putting his family into this situation since he was carrying a concealed hand gun. He is a decent person and I am not second guessing his decision. But I can say this, when someone is wronged and the safeguards in place don't help, people will feel pushed to take matters into their own hands.

Last, SB91 has created a crime economy for drug addicts. There is no real consequence for theft right now. So steal any and everything you can get your hands on; sell the item - pawn shop, Craigslist, etc.; do drugs and sleep in the RV, car or van parked for weeks on end in Home Depot, Fred Meyer, Community Park parking lots; wake up and repeat the process. As if insult to injury, I found out last Friday from the APD, on the stolen items out of our boat that I found at Alaska Fast Cash pawn shop in Anchorage which I reported to APD as stolen, Alaska Fast Cash is refusing to give back stolen items to the original owner when APD issues the release paperwork. Alaska Fast Cash wants the original owner to buy back their stolen items. Alaska Fast Cash has sued the Municipality of Anchorage in court on how the rules have been setup for stolen property. There is an additional step that I will have to go through if and when APD issues the release paperwork for me to get back my stolen items without having to buy them back. Alaska Fast Cash is trying to protect their business model of buying stolen items and making money of it regardless if they get caught or not buying and selling stolen items.

Here is a real life example of the consequences of SB91. An individual was caught with my fellow boat owner's hunting rifles. He was apprehended by the police after he pointed a gun at a fellow driver and the driver called in the incident into the police. The individual with the stolen guns was pulled over by the police, the tasers used in the individual had no affect due to the drugs the individual was on, and he broke a police officers hand during the arrest. The suspect had a history of criminal activity. He was found guilty of his charges and sentenced to 18 months in jail with 18 months suspended. This wonderful citizen is now back out on the streets of Anchorage to point more weapons at people. This is a real, not theoretical, results of SB91.

Shame on the Legislature for passing SB91 with no funding or rehabilitation programs in place. Without the money for the rehabilitation programs in place right now, SB91 was doomed to fail in trying to reduce the number of repeat offenders. The only way rehabilitation will work is if the convicted person is given two choices, jail or a rehabilitation program. Significant penalties for crimes are a deterrent.

For the first time in 44 years as a resident of this great state, I am not sure how long I want to live here if this is how I have to live my daily life, constantly wondering what property of mine has been stolen next when I wake up in the morning or scanning the area every time I get out of my car in parking lot to see if someone is casing me to steal my car.

Shame on the Legislature for trying to reduce the state budget by endangering the lives of law-abiding citizens of this state. I am demanding that the Legislature deal with the crime epidemic, the risk to life and limb of law-abiding citizens going about their day to day lives, the uprising of vigilantism that is occurring in regards to theft and burglary, and the low moral of police officers and the district attorneys office that SB91 has created.

Regards,

Doug Huvar

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RE: Letter in Support of Senate Bill 54

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

I have been a Homer resident for more than 20 years and an Alaskan for more than 30 years. I have been involved with the criminal justice system in Oregon and Alaska for more than 24 years as a police officer, detective and supervisor of investigations for a national bank and hold a Masters' Degree in Administration of Criminal Justice. I support Senate Bill 54.

SB 91 was a worthy effort to curb crime but without adequate funding it can only fail and SB-54 is one step towards that solution. The other needed step is to add fiscal certainty by getting our fiscal house in order, namely a State Income Tax to finance enhanced public safety resources including law enforcement, prosecutors, pretrial and probation services and rehabilitation programs.

It is said that Alaska has no state wide tax but in reality every Alaskan pays a tax in terms of loss of quality of life whenever crime occurs. Just ask the families of murder victims or victims of sexual or physical assaults, home invasion robberies, car-jackings where the victim is pulled from their vehicle and pistol whipped, purse snatches where the victim may be a senior citizen who suffers permanent injury from being knocked to the ground and burglary victims whose homes no longer feel safe.

Thinking outside the normal criminal justice box is needed as demonstrated by Acting U.S. Attorney Bryan Schroder who announced on October 23, 2017 that the two perpetrators who robbed two separate coffee stands in Anchorage will face federal prosecution for interfering with state commerce "because the coffee beans were not grown in Alaska". Car-jacking used to qualify for federal prosecution and should be again, the same as bank robbery.

Just as there needs to be a zero tolerance policy for crimes of violence and drug trafficking there also is a need for effective rehabilitation programs where offenders can learn the life and work skills necessary to live a crime free life once they are released.

I strongly support SB54.

Respectfully,
Michael McCarthy

Kelley Hislop

I want NON- violent crimes but involve drugs or alcohol to be in a live in treatment/ coinciding facility. Counciling is so necessary. Usually there are underlying issues is what gets them started down the wrong road. .we need to get our families talking. To many shut doors, when we are needed the most. I want our communities back. I have had personal loss from addiction, I don't think leaving them in the neighborhoods to steal or whatever they feel the need to do to get the next fix is appropriate, but neither is a prison facility. We need to heal them treat them. Train them for jobs. Give businesses incentives to hire and everybody wins.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Dear Representative Tuck,

I am unable to attend either of your upcoming meetings but would like to comment on my concerns:

I moved into my neighborhood (Moss Creek) in 2009 and have seen an increase in vehicle break-ins, attempted home break-ins and overall criminal activities. Many of my neighbors have had security lights, home monitoring, and security cameras installed over the past 2 years just to aid in decreasing the potential threats we are now seeing and experiencing.

I am on the NextDoor Neighborhood email list that reports suspicious activities in the Abbott Loop area. There has also been an increase in reports from local neighborhood residents on this site. At least once a day someone is reporting gun shots, break-ins, attempted break-ins, mail theft, or some other activity that is unwanted. There was a recent report on this site regarding someone attempting a break-in but the owner was at home, went to the window with a gun and asked the suspects if he could help them. they fled the area. I for one do not now or have ever owned a gun nor do I want to, I am opposed to vigilantes but people are truly "fed up" with being victims with no recourse. When people are victimized they become angry and often take matters into their own hands resulting in senseless harm to others and/or themselves.

I am concerned about the new Senate Bill that is currently under review and possible revision, if we allow persons to "get away" with crime they will continue to do the same activities and have the potential to go to the next level, from misdemeanors to felonies to include crimes with a weapon.

Please look at the Senate Bill with your constituents in mind, many who have already been victimized and revise the Bill in such a way as to assist the victims and potential victims not the criminals!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Carlyon

From: Margaret Hansen
Subject: SB54
Date: October 29, 2017 at 9:29:19 AM AKDT
To: House.Finance@akleg.com

I have attempted to get information on SB91 and the fact that SB91 does not mandate jail time for sexual abuse of a minor if it is a first offense. Therefore, if this is a fact , it puts sexual abuse in the same category as car theft. I do not know who is happy with that law.

It has come to my attention that with Bree's Law teachers across the state are required to teach Sexual Abuse and Date Rape to their students. For me this is a travesty for teachers. I worked with some of the best teachers in this State for 17 years. Teachers have enough to do with their curriculums and testing, they should not have the burden of teaching Date Rape and Sexual Abuse.

If this indeed is mandated to be taught and I agree it should be, then come up with the funds and hire people independent of the regular classroom to do the teaching. On one hand you lower the crime of sexual abuse to no jail time first offense and then you require this curricula. Not fair in my book.

I would also like to comment on the articles I have read where Tim Grussendorf spoke to legislators on behalf of his son and changing the sexual abuse laws to assist his son. This is abuse of the power entrusted to him by the people he serves.

Think about this one: Can you imagine being a teacher who as a young person has been sexually abused and the perpetrator getting off and then you have to teach students about sexual abuse?

The sexual abuser gets off from jail time here and the victim lives with the assault the rest of her life. have you thought about this?

Margaret Hansen
Retired Bartlett Nurse

I am a born and raised Alaskan from Anchorage since 1958. What has happened to our city is a complete travesty under this legislation. Two nights ago the job sight next door was burglarized and every tool the workers were using on the site were stolen. That means I had some creeper along my property line probably casing my place too. I am sick of the criminals getting off with a pat on the wrist while law abiding citizens are locked into their homes at night with alarm systems and multiple locks still not feeling safe. Ridiculous what has happened in this town. When did the criminals win? When this short sighted piece of garbage was signed in. And you should scrap 54 too, because its just SB91 light. For those of us that have to live in the crumbling parts of town that have filled up with heroin and meth addicts the next step is buying a shotgun and protecting our property and lives. Time for our leaders to quit worrying about taxes and per diems and take care of the citizens.

We put our trust in you,
Liz Bowen
Anchorage Alaska

Dear Representatives,

As members of the House Finance Committee, I know that you currently have SB 54 before you. Please know that I'm actively praying for you as you work on this effort for our great state!

I wanted to let you know my thoughts on this important bill, specifically the sex trafficking language in Sections 3 and 4.

I am an Alaskan resident who began working directly with survivors of sex trafficking over the past year. It is imperative that we protect these victims from future abuse at the hands of their traffickers, and that we give law enforcement all of the tools necessary to go after traffickers here in Alaska. SB 54 closes some of the significant and dangerous loopholes that were created by SB 91.

I encourage you to support SB 54 with the sex trafficking language in tact.

May God bless you all with wisdom and clarity!

Sincerely,
Kerri Howell

I am emailing today because I oppose SB54 and I support a full repeal SB91. We need to be tougher on crime not softer. What does that show our youth? That they can get away with stealing a car? That they won't have to do any jail time? What happened to community work service? Why did they shut down. McKenzie Work farm? That would've been a great place to have rehabilitation facility for recovery and back to work workshops. You say jail is no place for these criminals, and that they need help and rehab. Well then why isn't that happening? Why are you not providing any solutions instead of putting the criminals back into our neighborhoods to keep stealing and Terrorizing hard-working families. Why is it that a hard-working woman with children can get robbed right in front of her face and the police don't show up until the next day to take a statement. That is unacceptable. Why did it take so long? I will tell you why, because she was number 62 on the call out dispatch! There's something very disturbing about that. SB54 and SB91 will not make that type of situation any better. Let's lock these criminals up. The punishment should fit the crime. Not to mention SB 54 is consuming our legislators time and Alaskans money by having a fourth special session. Let me repeat 4 special sessions. Let's repeal SB91, address the well needed changes during a regular session ASAP. There are statutes in place that penalize Alaskans who have not committed an actual crime and should be removed ASAP. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Thank you
Tracie Rector

Dear House Finance Committee,

I have been listening to the testimony of all the victims and the citizens opinions. I think the overall majority is we need to repeal Sb 91. Its not working. You need to get serious about this crime epidemic. Your not helping when you argue with the public who are giving testimony. Your bill sb 91 is very complicated for everyday folks to understand.

This crime has been has been epidemic for over 30 years and has gotten worse. We have never fixed the issue with alcoholism and opioid addiction. You charge a tax for alcohol and cigs yet only a small percentage of revenue raised is used for rehab of alcohol and cigs. We use that money for other projects. You all need to get serious with these criminals. Take away their tvs and recreation time. Have them out there cleaning the streets. Fighting fires or cleaning up your parks that we need maintained.

Boot camp for 18-25 year olds. Teach them discipline, honor and respect.

I watch it everyday these young kids have no hope for the future. They steal and act like thugs cause they have no other option.

Sincerely,
Joe Schlanger

As a retired corrections facility superintendent, I'm asking this body to give SB 91 a chance to work. We have discovered that longer sentences are less of a deterrent than an increased likelihood of a consequence. The conservative Rand corporation has found that treatment is seven times more effective than incarceration. We know that treatment works and that access to treatment is hampered in most systems. Increasing treatment and post-release support isn't a way to coddle criminals; it's a sensible process to reduce repeated criminal activity.

Sent from my iPhone
Ed Sasser

Greetings,

Thank you for your service. The following is my testimony:

This is Edie Grunwald, Palmer, AK. I represent myself and my family.

When SB91 went forward, we were working, commuting, taking care of family. We vote in our representatives trusting that they will make the best decisions in the best interest of the people. That did not happen. After my son, David Grunwald was murdered, the media asked me about SB91. I said I would have to do some research to best answer the question.

1st, SB91 must be repealed. Smaller bills should be passed to address the variety of issues in SB91 to be manageable. The span of control is too great.

- Give Judges back their discretion.
- Restore the bail schedule. Return the felony crime levels.

Pre SB91 was already liberal. Now it's an invitation.

Not opposing reform, rehab, and re-entry. Actually, support it.

- Address it in their own bills/laws.

Do the crime, do the time. Criminal activity must have consequences. FBI report in Sept has Alaska #2 in the nation for violent crime, behind Wash. D.C. Alaska had 18.9% increase in property crime and 48.6% increase in auto theft. Alaska's rape is 3 times the national average.

Right now, I am thinking you only are considering SB54. Because of this, Please make SB54 substantially tougher on crime and fix some of the gaps in SB91 - At least until we can repeal 91.

The crime is terrible. We must have consequences at the lower crime levels to prevent crime from escalating.

We need punishment for criminal activity. Please represent the people...we need you to make public safety a top priority. SB91 is people friendly only for criminals and convicts.

- Ammendments should include getting rid of geriatric parole.
- All crimes should count toward repeat offenses. It shows a pattern.
- Class C felonies should reflect zero to 18 months, not zero to 12 months. This ammendment currently is a reduction in sentencing, although actual time in jail (minus admin parole, discretionary parole and good time)
- Give Judges judicial discretion back.
- Restore the bail schedule.
- Remove the inflation adjustment dor theft.
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We had a crime problem before SB91. Two of those charged in my son's murder had no consequences in previous criminal acts. Potential criminals must believe they will get caught. And actually have significant consequences.

No inflation adjustment.

Although murder and rape has increased 10 years in sentencing, we have to get to that conviction. Meaning that it is difficult to get to the conviction.

Please improve the recruiting and retention with our AST. So they may fully investigate and arrest. Then fully fund the DA's office. DUE PROCESS IS ON STEROIDS, WHICH IS FINE, BUT RIGHT NOW there are crimes going unattended, not prosecuted, let go. There are plea deals. And SB91 affects the sentencing. Example, Linda Ann Martz Bowers murder.

Parole: admin, discretionary, good time

Coddle -0 Facts vs. Stories.

- Juvenile Justice system needs to be stricter to prevent further criminal activity. Right now there is a culture of "I can get away with anything before I turn 18." It is more likely to reform and address reentry for less likelihood of recidivism as adults.

Thank you! Thank you to those of you who represent your constituents and realize your actions affect all Alaskans. Be tough.

Have courage.

Edie Grunwald

House Finance Members –

I am the Executive Director of Love Alaska (www.lovealaska.org), the parent organization to Priceless. Priceless works with survivors of human trafficking and sex slavery here in Alaska. Through our partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement, as well as other social service organizations around our state, we have had over 100 survivors referred into our program in the past 5 years. Priceless is on the front line of the trafficking issue here in Alaska, working directly with survivors of this heinous crime.

I am writing you today to as a concerned resident of Alaska, urging you to support SB 54, specifically the sex trafficking portions under sections 3 and 4.

SB 54 aims to remedy issues with SB 91. I write to raise an alarm about several provisions inserted into SB 91. The language has unintended consequences that will likely have a dramatic and dangerous life-altering impact for current victims of sex trafficking who have already testified in pending cases, and in the long run will chill any efforts by law enforcement to convict sex traffickers.

During the 29th Legislature, what started as a separate bill (SB 21) presented by CUSP, an organization attempting to legalize prostitution, was folded into SB 91 and passed into law. The proposals from this organization that were passed within SB 91 essentially enable sex-trafficking. The element that causes me the gravest concern is the redefinition of "intent to promote" at Section 39, p. 18, lines 3-9, and Section 40, lines 10-15. These changes resulted in a significant loophole that allows a trafficker to not be charged with sex trafficking in the 3rd and 4th degree. The consequences of this law basically legalizing sex-trafficking in the 3rd and 4th degree because it makes it nearly impossible for law enforcement to pursue these cases and successfully prosecute them. I believe that these unintended consequences were not fully understood when SB 21 was enmeshed with SB 91.

On January 30, 2017 the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission included the following recommendation to the Alaska State Legislature:

"The provisions of SB 91 that altered the sex trafficking statutes were not based on any recommendation from the Commission. The legislative history suggests these provisions were intended to ensure that sex workers simply working together not exploiting one another could not be prosecuted for trafficking each other or trafficking themselves. However, as passed, the provisions could be read so that a person who might otherwise be found guilty of sex trafficking (i.e., someone receiving money for the sex work performed by others) could avoid prosecution if that person engaged in sex work personally (i.e., they also received money for sex work performed themselves.)"

I agree with the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission, I agree with the Department of Law, and I agree with front-line organizations like Priceless, the sex trafficking language needs to stay in order to close significant loopholes created by SB 91!

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions, concerns, or ways that I can be of support to you! I look forward to continuing to work with you on these issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

To learn more about the work that Priceless does with trafficking survivors here in Alaska, please visit them online at www.pricelessalaska.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pricelessak

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October 28, 2017

Members of the House Finance Committee,

Re: SB 91 and SB 54 Public Testimony

I would like to enter my statement into the record as public testimony pertaining to Senate Bill 91 and Senate Bill 54 respectively.

My name is Deanna Jenkins residing in Wasilla, I am unaffiliated and represent myself.

I have listened to testimony by John Skidmore, Director of Alaska Department of Law Criminal Division; Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director Alaska Judicial Council; Barbara Dunham, Alaska Criminal Justice Commission to the Alaska House Judiciary Committee prior to moving to the Finance Committee.

Based on their testimony, based on facts and careful analysts I support Senate Bill 91 with possible minor adjustment [for loopholes] to Senate Bill 54.

As a state we can no longer afford to incarcerate individuals for nonviolent misdemeanor infractions. Not only is incarceration expensive, it has a potential to create more and better criminals.

Longer and tougher sentences do not result in the desired effect, as such the death penalty has not stopped, let alone, reduced murder in states with such penalties.

We need to address the hidden drivers behind crime such as economy and social issues such as drug addiction and poverty.

We must ask tough questions as to Why we have such high crime rates compared to other states and as a nation compared to other western countries. It is amazing to consider Americans represent only 5% of the world's population yet we have over 25% of the world incarcerated population, is this because we are culturally criminal or is it because we have such broad criminal laws where even minor infractions are treated as criminal offenses.

Senate Bill 91 was an attempt to correct the revolving door of criminal justice where nonviolent offenders find themselves in a never ending cycle.

I have been a victim of petty crime in the past and having learned from the past, I have taken steps to help avoid future crimes by being more proactive ie, not leaving personal items in my car.

It appears to me that there is a general misunderstanding among residents as to what SB 91 is and what it does. I believe the hysteria over SB 91 and petty crime is highlighted and magnified by the lens of social media which has distorted the true intentions of SB 91 and in turn has grossly overlooked the obvious implication socially and financially to each resident in the state when we widely broaden criminal offenses.

I ask each member of this committee to put facts before hysteria and facts before ideology.

Thank you

My name is Mike Coons from Palmer and speaking for myself.

Overall, I oppose SB 91 and SB 54. I want this brought up in January vs this way of pushing forward bad legislation in a fast manner that will fail even worse. That said.

So much bad about this bill but only time to talk about one. SB 54 makes Class C Felony for a pedophile raping a child zero to 1 year to supposedly "fix" SB 91 of zero. I am sure many mothers and fathers would much rather take out anyone who would attack their child, but sadly, that means they would be in jail. Murder, rape, child molestation, all should get life without parole, should be death but Alaska doesn't have a death penalty.

My question is why does the Democrats support protecting criminals vs the public? Once a person is found guilty they are then criminals, yet Democrats want protection of the criminals from what they consider "excessive" sentencing.

In closing I want to see pedophiles, once convicted, first offense put behind bars for 10 years, if and when other children come forward, as happens far to often, then those convictions go all the way to life, concurrent to the first convicted offense.

Kill this bill and let's actually review SB 91, repair and replace during regular legislative session this coming year.

Gabriele Larry

The implementation sb91 came with horrific consequences for the victim not the criminal. I have seen many instances where criminals are released from jail even before they have been entirely booked and now we the good citizens, property owners and business owners have had more than enough of being tormented by these villains over and over. The punishment must fit the crime and bad behavior can not be rewarded with a tap on the hand. Whether or not our finances are in order the safety of the public must be priority and afforded. This must happen immediately, listen to the state troopers, public safety officers, and parole officers they need us to support them whole heartedly. In the case of a cold blooded murder I witnessed the judge proposing a sentence of a minimum of thirty years yet the state prosecutor was only willing to support 20 years and suggested the individual was a candidate for rehabilitation. I was clearly appalled. Now comes sb54 with hopes the mistakes will be rectified, listen to us the tax payers. Sentences must be tough and because the first offender will not learn unless punished to a degree in line with the crime. Please work together to keep our communities and families safe.

Bill and Gabriele Larry
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To Whom It May Concern;

I request safety for my family and community. It is imperative to amend SB91. SB91 is too soft on crime. Please amend SB91 to be tougher and penalize crime to the fullest. The laws must be in the best interest of safety for law-abiding citizens, families, law enforcement, and businesses. Public Safety must be our top priority.

Amend SB91 to increase crime levels and increase jail time. Currently SB91 reduces both. This is unacceptable and favors crime. Felonies that were reduced in SB91 to misdemeanors must be returned back to the felony level. All felony convictions must result in substantial jail time; no mandatory suspension. Felonies are serious crimes and must be treated as such.

Amend SB 91 to ensure at least 65% of a sentence is completed before eligibility for parole is considered. SB91 reduced the completion of jail time to 50%. 50% is unacceptable and undermines our judicial system. Those convicted for murder should not have any parole eligibility. The victim does not have any options - those who murder should not have any options.

Increase misdemeanor sentencing and classification. SB91 reduces misdemeanors to infractions or violations. Increase the presumptive ranges so that the criminal gets the message that these crimes will not be tolerated. Stop crime.

Laws should favor the law abiding citizen. I am very disappointed SB91 passed. Crime at any level is not acceptable. Criminals need to get the message that criminal acts will not be tolerated. I agree that the most egregious and violent criminal acts should have the harshest consequences. I request SB91 be amended throughout to best protect my family, businesses and those in my community.

Sincerely,

Carla Gage