

Lizzie Kubitz

From: Rep. Matt Claman
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 11:04 AM
To: House Judiciary
Subject: FW: HB 75

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From: Todd Talladay [mailto:dirtbys@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Rep. Matt Claman <Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 75

Probably won't do any good to say this but I oppose this bill. Adding more and more laws only effects the law abiding citizens. It just makes the sheep feel better that they did something.

It doesn't fix anything and won't reduce gun violence. We already have laws against all these atrocities that have happened and obviously laws don't work to stop them, but no one in the

congress or senate at any level seems to get that. Very simple - - good guy properly trained with gun stops bad guy with gun--its that simple. Limiting the law abiding citizen to protect

themselves from the criminal just increases the crime rate -- Chicago for example. You know that there is not enough law enforcement here in Alaska to enforce the laws we have now, let

alone adding more. AST and the local LEO's are severely undermanned and overworked. The revolving door that you guys put on the jail now is not helping any either. I do agree we

have a serious mental health problem in this country and definitely in Alaska. Unfortunately as a society we have created this issue. Blaming the firearm is not the issue or the cause.

You don't see anyone blaming the car, hammer, pipe, bat etc etc etc that are used to commit crimes--don't blame the firearm. Its the mental issue that society has created that is the

issue. We took prayer out of the schools. We took the pledge out of the schools. Kids are coddled and told its not their fault - its always someone else's or something else's fault. We

pump the kids full of drugs to help them cope with this or that. Those drugs make the kids suicidal and screws with their mind. We no longer make the kids learn responsibility and to

be punished for their actions. We give them time outs instead of a spanking cause society said spanking was bad. Everywhere you look TV,Movies, social media is pushing sex, drugs

and violence - kids have no sense of right from wrong. No one holds them accountable for their actions. They are pretty much teaching them socialism from day one in the schools.

You back up 50 years when kids grew up in small towns and worked on the farms. They were taught to respect adults, work hard for what they want, they were taught firearm safety

and we did not have the issues we have today. The real fix to all the problems we are having is not more laws restricting the law abiding citizens, its to enforce the laws we have.

Spend the money improving law enforcement, teaching kids life skills which aren't taught in schools--kids need to be taught how to safely handle a firearm, taught respect for each other

and adults. Kids need to look out for one another, if they see a student who is having an issue they need to report it and then the adults need to actually do something about it not just

let it go like has happened in almost every school shooting. Train and arm the school staff - I have already seen other areas where certified instructors are offering to teach the school

administrators for free. Help make that happen. You want to protect our schools that's the way to do it. Get rid of gun free zones - those don't work. Don't just pump people full of

psycho therapy drugs, they actually need help. Those drugs just make them suicidal in a lot of cases. Lets focus on the root causes. Look at the statistics guns are not the issue -

people are.

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Lizzie Kubitz

From: Renie A. <cancan999@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 3:50 PM
To: House Judiciary; Matt.Claman@akleg.gov
Subject: Red Flag Bill

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Hello,

My comments may be arriving too late, but will send this just in case. I vehemently oppose this "Red Flag" bill that has a "take the guns first for your safety" mentality. Are there any checks and balances in this bill? Once a right has been taken away, it is rarely been taken back by the one who lost it in the first place. Who is going to be the one to say who is "mentally ill"? Who gets to define "mental illness"? In this world, anyone who thinks for themselves could be deemed as being "mentally ill". Who is to stop an angry neighbour from anonymously making a phone call against his/her neighbour "in the name of mental health safety", just to get revenge on them? I see far more "Red Flags" against this bill, than for it. Does anyone down there in Juneau seriously think that such a bill would not be abused? It does not seem that there are any checks-and-balances to such a bill. More rather, it seems to be a knee-jerked reaction to another school shooting in a gun-free zone by a SSRI-doped-up student, that could have been averted had the FBI actually done their job, and not dropped the ball. Taking rights away for safety, no matter how well-meaning, means that one day, no one will have any Constitutional rights. Nor will anyone be safe, either,

Thank you for your time in reading.

Sincerely,
Irene

Lizzie Kubitz

From: Rep. Matt Claman
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 1:49 PM
To: House Judiciary
Subject: FW: repulsed of gunning

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From: john sonin [mailto:sojohn61@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 11:57 AM

To: Rep. Chris Birch <Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Rep. Matt Claman <Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lora Reinbold <Rep.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chuck Kopp <Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gary Knopp <Rep.Gary.Knopp@akleg.gov>

Subject: Re: repulsed of gunning

Rep Birch and House Judiciary members,

Even if you think the "band-aiding" presence of APD will deter shooting-gallery massacres at your grandkids' school, don't you think that the learning potential of your grandchildren will be impinged and suppressed, living in the constant state of "fear" of death, reminded by the "seen" ever-presence of authorities? Valued learning only happens when the mind is ensconced in trust!

We must dispel the maniacal thinking that assumes individuals can all act as sheriffs' extolling his or her own version of JUSTICE yet leaving our minds' free to expand/create/engender ideas and emerge to fruition! We are civilized, and I truly want my Nation, my world, my reality to remain so? The only weapons in "society" (not on a "battlefield") must be in those hands "honestly-elected-by-the-majority," in our unifying **covenant**, who have been entrusted to protect us! So what if the - The average school shooting lasts 12.5 minutes, while the average police response time is 18 minutes. (2016, *National Sheriffs' Association*) - how is it that, even with attribution, such information is of any relevance to 'arrest' school massacres!

What we need is their prevention! Unless anyone thinks children anywhere, of any demographic, every race, creed or color, are the collateral loss for "our way of life," how can we allow this social-suicide to persist! Even if extradited to Siberia, policy-makers who think so, wouldn't pass as familial or group "beings!"

If we are unwittingly, fabricating leadership, simply brainwashed into the profit-maximizing capitalist choice to self-gain by eternally increasing profit, I feel for the constituents who've elected these politicians...and I'm distraught for MY State, (Alaska) whose public-policy choices are made by these elect. Legislators of this mindset must relent! Free-willed people are not static individually and as a group only gravitate one way or the other when we are talking life and death choices. They cannot be inter-changed as variables in an equation for some manufacturer or lobby-groups spreadsheet. Real leadership becomes so for its ability to "gel" these two contrary thoughts.

This spontaneous, "had-enough-of-gun-deaths," cultural-emotion is not "driven by the media," covering Parkland and other commensurate massacres, or any of the other **90+ violent gun deaths every single day in this Country**, it's from those of us public producers & consumers who have not lost our humanity (that's about

80+% of gun owners and 70+% of NRA members, subsumed!) who are sick and tired of losing our children to digitally-inspired schizoids with easy access to these weapons of war!

John S. Sonin, Juneau-Douglas

From: Rep. Chris Birch <Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 8:43:58 AM

To: john sonin

Subject: Re: re-copywrit gun response

Thank you for including me in your conversation John.

As a grandparent with three grandchildren in the Anchorage School District I am keenly interested in assuring a safe educational environment.

While on the Anchorage assembly we supported basing APD police department officers in our schools as "resource officers".

I look forward to working with our state Commissioner of Public Safety, Attorney General, ASD School Superintendent Deena Bishop and, yes, the NRA to identify and engage workable improvements to address these issues.

Thanks, Chris

Chris Birch, P.E.

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On Mar 7, 2018, at 9:53 AM, john sonin <sojohn61@hotmail.com> wrote:

Ms Hughes,

I would be "remiss" if I didn't say that my initial reaction to your message wasn't, to put it lightly, "dismayed;" but more poignantly, I guess, it's "repulsed!" I am distraught that so many purportedly reasoned-thinkers cannot grasp the *a priori* value that recognizes, as the old adage warns, "Live by the sword, die by the sword!" After dispelling that contradiction in your, what I must assume to be, 'pretended posture' on this issue (I say "pretended" because my *a priori*, "self-evident truth" knows you to be a human-being and as one, must know that the more bullets blazing any where, at any time, means more organic tissue will be shredded and more 'rights' to life impeded, or straight-out terminated! However, I did relent some bit when I read you'd hoped to place blame on the often over-looked mental health warnings.

Things became a little common sense-fogged, again, then, when you beg-the-question of why it is that derelicts and guns are disparaging institutions (schools) meant solely to **build an individuals capacity to understand existence**" (people are only receptive to learning when their mind is in a state of **TRUST**...but think only **SURVIVAL** when in a state of **FEAR!**), while then furthering that illogical assumption in defending a need for less "gun-free zones" because that's where so many shootings occur, with the statistical data on shooters in those zones, then with any protective authorities' response time, things really became impertinent.

You must dispel the maniacal thinking that assumes individuals can all act as "sheriffs" extolling his or her own version of **JUSTICE!** We are civilized (and I truly want my Nation, my world, to remain so?) and the only weapons in "society" (not the "battlefield") must be in "honestly-elected-by-the-majority of our **covenant**, "**hands**" who have been entrusted to protect us! So what if the - The average school shooting lasts 12.5 minutes, while the average police response time is 18 minutes. (2016, *National Sheriffs' Association*) - how is that evidence for either your spurious argument of how to stop school massacres or my position on their prevention?

If you are unwittingly fabricating leadership, simply brainwashed into the profit-maximizing capitalist choice to eternally increase profit, I feel for the constituents who've elected you (and MY State whose choices are made with your votes), must "relent" and come to your senses...free-willed people are not static and cannot be inter-changed as variables in an equation for some manufacturer's spreadsheet! The "emotion" we feel is not "driven by the media" covering Parkland, or any of the other **90+ gun-violent deaths everyday**, it's those of us consumers who have not lost our humanity (that's about 80+% of gun owners and 70+% of NRA members, by-the-way!) who are sick and tired of losing our children to digitally-inspired schizoids with easy access to the weapons of war!

John S. Sonin, Juneau-Douglas

Thank you very much, John, for your input and concern regarding safety in the aftermath of the dreadful mass shooting in Parkland, Florida. As a state senator, I take this matter very seriously: public safety is a core function of government both at the federal level and here at home.

I am committed to help ensure our schools (and communities) are safe by first assessing the current work of the school districts and response plans by law enforcement; and secondly, by working to close any gaps. I think it best to approach solutions with intellect and reason, rather than emotion that is driven by the media (in their attempt to up ratings).

This involves asking key questions.

As an example, we are all well aware of the repeated tips and warnings to law enforcement regarding the shooter in the recent Florida case. In Alaska, we must ask: Are there flaws in the reporting/investigation system that leave our children, the public vulnerable?

In addition, do we have resources and help for someone with mental health issues and a record of being violence-prone - and a way to protect the public from this person?

My final example of important questions we must answer involves consideration by all Alaskans and by all policymakers of two facts:

1. 98.4% of mass shootings occur in gun-free zones (1950-2016, *Crime Prevention Research Center*).
2. The average school shooting lasts 12.5 minutes, while the average police response time is 18 minutes. (2016, *National Sheriffs' Association*)

These facts lead us to the obvious questions: Should schools continue to be gun-free zones or should we allow highly trained personnel who are on site daily to conceal-carry?

To those who are promoting gun restrictions and to those who are firmly opposed to such restrictions, please know that I respect and value your individual views and appreciate your weighing in on this vital life/safety topic.

I would be remiss if I failed to be honest and transparent with you regarding my perspective, one that is based on my obligation to uphold the Constitution as your public servant.

My focus in this public conversation - and in any subsequent policy actions we may take - is that our second amendment rights must remain intact. First and foremost and by design, the second amendment protects us from tyranny - and it has served us well since our nation's founding. In addition, particularly important to many Alaskans, the second amendment provides a means of self-protection and a way to feed our families in a very vast state.

Our aim should be figuring out how to best identify and protect society from potential mass shooters. If guns are taken from the many upstanding, law abiding people in Alaska, the innocent will be at the mercy of those with evil and malicious intent who would not follow any such new laws and would still have guns. That would not make for a safe Alaska nor would it make for safe schools.

Please note that law already requires that opioid prescriptions in Alaska be entered into a database. I'll have to learn more about the bills on this topic that have been proposed.

Thank you again for reaching out to me on these priority topics. I will take your input into consideration as we move forward to increase safety in our communities.

Best regards,

Shelley

Lizzie Kubitz

From: Rep. Matt Claman
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To: House Judiciary
Subject: FW: Information to oppose HB 75

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From: Mike Coons [mailto:mcoons@mtaonline.net]
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Subject: Information to oppose HB 75

I did some easy research, which the Democrat sponsors obviously refused to do. This bill is a knee jerk and typical as to anti-2nd Amendment.

As I have testified orally and in writing I have pointed out that HB 75 is not even duplicating Federal law. Not to mention that our State Prosecutors refuse or rarely will turn over felons with firearms to the US Attorney General's Office, for Alaska!

So, the first is the law and penalty for Domestic Violence, protective orders and "mental health"
<http://www.rip.uscourts.gov/rip/supervision/firearmpossession/FirearmPossessionProhibition.pdf>

This link further explains the Domestic Violence law and well worth the short read.
<https://www.justice.gov/usam/criminal-resource-manual-1117-restrictions-possession-firearms-individuals-convicted>

Rep Claman, you're a lawyer and sworn to follow the law. I challenge you to review the above and to not pass this bill out of Judiciary and instead call for legislation that mandates Police and Prosecutors to hand over felons when they commit a crime with a firearm to the US Attorney Generals office, no questions asked!

Mike Coons

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Lizzie Kubitz

From: Rep. Matt Claman
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To: House Judiciary
Subject: FW:

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From: Don [mailto:donaldjohnson@alaska.net]
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Subject:

Representative Claman,

I would like to speak to you about HB 75 Gun Violence Protect Orders

HB 75 may help protect the public from mentally ill people but with its family member requirements it is way under powered. In its current form the bill will result in way to little data to actually effect violence in Alaska. HB 75 may know what to do with mentally ill violent people but it will lack enough data to make a difference. Mentally ill and violent people are currently invisible to law enforcement because they have not committed a crime. HB 75 needs a general public reporting system that can locate these people BEFORE they commit their first crime.

Violent plans or mental illness are problems which are not illegal, therefore they are invisible to law enforcement. If these people are invisible and have no family connections, how can HB 75 be expected to address them? We need a real reporting system, not one that only takes reports from family members.

I understand that a real reporting system run by the state would take funding in a non-funding environment. My first suggestion is to request federal funding. Since the federal government is already looking for a solution to this mental health issue, I would anticipate a positive response. My second suggestion would be for the state to setup the system and request volunteers to run it, thus greatly reducing the operating costs. There are a great many Alaskan's who would volunteer for this kind of service. It might even give our upset students a way to actually help out with the school shooting issue. If you want this kind of system there are many possible ways to fund it.

A statewide toll free citizen reporting system would provide a very wide data base and actually have a chance to make these mentally ill indivguals visible to enforcement. A call-in reporting system could collect and organize non-criminal mental health information that law enforcement currently has zero access to. A statewide reporting system would be able to collect and organize this information and establish a procedure to report these indivguals to law enforcement.

Reportable Behaviors

The person has verbally talked about physically attacking people.
The person has made verbal or written threats against people .
The person has physically attacked people.
The person has been expelled from school or social events.
The person has constructed violent plans against people or structures.

The person has collected or has access to a variety of weapons or ammunition.
The person has collected or has access to bombs or explosives.
The person enjoys injuring or harming animals.

An incoming call could screen the behaviors list and assigned a threat level.

1. High Threat (immediate response), contact law enforcement immediately for direct intervention.
2. Medium Threat (procedural response), enforcement issues citations, court ordered work programs or personal therapeutic appointments with a churches, schools or mental health professionals.
3. Minimum Threat (delayed response), therapeutic verbal or written consulting from a churches, schools or mental health professionals.

If the above reporting system were included within HB 75 we would actually have a system that is able to make the "criminally invisible", visible to law enforcement.

HB 75 looks to get mental health information from family members but if you desire a robust system which can identify threats to the general public, you need much more information from the general public. In its current form HB 75 will NOT identify very many threats to law enforcement. HB 75 needs a wider information base that allows the general public and not just family members to report these individuals.

Thank you,

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House Judiciary committee
HB 75 Gun Violence Protect Orders
Mar 18, 2018

- Bill HB 75
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 - Title "An Act relating to gun violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to a central registry for protective orders; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; requiring physicians, psychologists, psychological associates, social

workers, marital and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors to report annually threats of gun violence; and amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration."

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Lizzie Kubitz

From: Francesca A <frescachez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 9:41 AM
To: House Judiciary
Subject: Public testimony Hb 75

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Dear House Judiciary,

I am against HB75.

Just because people have different views, it doesn't make them crazy. Then that person shouldn't have to defend themselves to prove their innocence over someone's personal opinion. Where is the evidence and due process?

Would you consider someone's religion or political association a mental disorder because you do not believe the same thing.

Follow the existing laws. This bill is an over reach. It is in contradiction of the Constitution. Respect and do not infringe on rights of the People.

"Shall not be infringed"

Regards,

Francesca Allegrezza