

Karen Sawyer

From: salam@gci.net on behalf of Salam [salam@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:09 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB 88 - Supporting
Attachments: HB 88 letter.docx; ATT00001.htm

March 25, 2011

Dear Representative Gatto:

This letter is in regard to HB-88, specifying that no individual citizen's Constitutional rights may be violated by the application of foreign laws, rules or provisions. I am in favor of the bill and urge you to vote in favor of it.

Law is a form of communication within a society. The clearer the communication, the better. When two or more contradictory legal systems operate within a single society, there is confusion and insecurity. For example, after the fall of the Ottoman Empire, European colonial powers brought their own judicial systems into the Middle East, which had been governed for centuries by Islamic law (Shari'ah). The result was two incompatible legal systems operating side-by-side in the same locale. In some cases, aggrieved individuals would complain to the system they thought most likely to give them the desired result, and if they lost would appeal to the other system. The result was confusion and expense rather than justice.

There must be clarity about which source of law carries ultimate authority. In Alaska, the Constitution of Alaska is the predominant and overarching source of law. If that ever changes, it should be as a result of an open and public process, not as a result of individuals or judges altering things bit by bit.

Different legal systems can rest on entirely different foundations, as do the two systems mentioned previously (Western law and Shari'ah). Because they appeal to different sources of ultimate authority, they are *fundamentally* incompatible and cannot be adopted piecemeal or cobbled together into a cohesive whole. Such incompatibility is stressed again and again by Muslim writers. The following quotes are from books recently purchased at a prominent California mosque:

Islam is an original genuine system with its own unique bases and an integral comprehensive plan, not mere adjustments to current outstanding conditions. —Sayyid Qutb in Islam: The Religion of the Future

Islam and Western civilization, being built on diametrically opposed conceptions of life, are not compatible. —Muhammad Asad in Islam at the Crossroads

Islam should either be adopted and applied as a whole or wholly abandoned. As a system of life it can bear fruit only if all its demands and its instructions are followed and complied with in toto. — Muhammad Qutb in Islam: The Misunderstood Religion

Allah alone is entitled to prescribe laws and regulations for making things lawful or unlawful, pure and impure; consequently all laws imposed by others must be abolished. —Sayyid Abul A'la Al-Mawdudi

Islam and democracy can never coexist. In Islam, every decision is based on the demands of Allah. Democracy is based on what the people want. Allah holds the ultimate power. He does not require the people's consent. —Abu Bakar Bashir

Karen Sawyer

From: Diane Sanderlin [dougdiene70@yahoo.com]
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To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB 88

We are behind you on this bill

Doug and Diane Sanderlin

Karen Sawyer

From: Richard Shear [badbushhog@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:02 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB88

Rep Gatto

I wish to pass my strong support for this bill along to you . This is just acommon sense vote, There should never be any law to consider other than US Constitution or Alaska law .

Rick Shear , Talkeetna AK

Karen Sawyer

From: M R Spikes [mrspikosak@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:54 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB 88

Mr. Gatto. This bill needs to pass. I am counting on you to help see that the does pass. Please do not disappoint me. Thanks Hank Spikes.

Karen Sawyer

From: amythom@mtaonline.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:21 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB-88

I am behind you 100% on HB-88. Please do not be swayed by the lobbyists who are doing their best to destroy our judicial system.
Amy Thomas

Karen Sawyer

From: R T [highflytimm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:11 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Cc: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: HB88

Dear Representatives,

Please consider my **strong** support for HB88. The **Foreign Law Bill**. I think it very wise, prudent and timely to enact this bill before things in this area get too out of hand, allowing for further and faster erosion of our state and national sovereignty. Thank you for considering such a bill in the first place. I think it appropriate and urgent in this political climate in which we find ourselves. Often we have judiciary who pride themselves in thinking too far out of the box and need containment. This is one of those times. Thank you for your efforts to protect the residents of Alaska with this bill,

Sincerely,
Robert Timmins

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Karen Sawyer

From: dwest@gci.net on behalf of Dennis Weston [dwest@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:26 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Cc: Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mike Chenault
Subject: HB 88

I am very much in support of HB 88 and urge its passage.

Central to Alaskan and American justice is the idea of equality of individual citizens before the law, irrespective of group identity. Though we do not always reach that ideal, it should remain the standard toward which we strive. For that fundamental idea to be upheld, there must be only ONE standard of law in Alaskan courts.

Thank you for your service to the state. Please vote in favor of this bill.

Dennis H. Weston

Karen Sawyer

From: Sandi Williams [knikhusky@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:10 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Cc: Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mike Chenault
Subject: HB-88 (Foreign Law)

Hello!

I wanted to take a moment to let all of you know that I STRONGLY SUPPORT the passing of HB-88. This bill would prohibit Alaska courts from using any law other than the US Constitution or the Alaska Constitution. Courts would not be allowed to consider European Law, International Law or Sharia Law while adjudicating in Alaska.

The US Constitution is the supreme law of our nation. Our Alaska Constitution is the supreme law for our state. No other type of law should be considered when litigating cases in our state and federal courts.

Please do what is right for our state and our nation by passing HB-88. Protect our nation and our state by protecting our courts from Foreign Law. It is the right thing to do.

Thank you,
Sandra Williams
Wasilla, Alaska

Karen Sawyer

From: Paul Baertschiger [chig@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:34 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB 88

I support HB 88. Please continue to support HB 88.

Thanks
Paul Baertschiger
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Karen Sawyer

From: Gerry Bailey [gerryb@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:27 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: "Foreign Law" bill HB-88

Dear Representative Gatto,

I support the "Foreign Law" bill HB-88 and hope that you will vote for the bill.

Yours truly,

Gerald Bailey

Karen Sawyer

From: Mary Barr [ak031764@customcpu.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:01 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Steve Thompson
Cc: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mike Chenault
Subject: HB 88 Use of Foreign Law
Categories: KAREN

Please support HB 88, Use of Foreign Law.
It is totally appropriate to forbid the use of foreign or religious law in Alaska courts and require our judges to adhere to the laws of the state and the nation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Karen Sawyer

From: LAVONNE BOYD [lavonnekmbq@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:32 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Cc: Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mike Chenault
Subject: RE:Foreign Law bill
Attachments: image001.gif; image008.jpg; image009.jpg; image010.jpg

Dear Mr. Gatto and Committee,
I strongly support the passage of the Foreign Law Bill. I feel it is one of the most important laws you can pass. I hear about Sharia Law creeping into many decisions and many states. I am fearful about the many losses to liberty that are happening and this bill is very important to see that are judicial system in Alaska stays strong.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely, LaVonne

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REMEMBER.....RADIO IS ALWAYS ON!!
RADIO IS NEVER FOLDED UP OR THROWN OUT.
SOMEONE ALWAYS HEARS.



Karen Sawyer

From: Kath Carlson [kath009@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:33 PM
To: Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Reggie Joule; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Mike Doogan; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: House Bills

Please support House Bills 80 and 88.

Thanks muchly!

Kath McCubbins-Carlson

Karen Sawyer

From: Barbara Clinton [iufan@ak.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:35 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB88
Attachments: image001.jpg

Dear Chairman Gatto and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I would like to encourage your support of HB 88. Both The Us Constitution and the Alaska Constitutions have served this country well for many years. The laws of this land should be American laws.

Sincerely,

Barbara Clinton

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Karen Sawyer

From: Amanda Compton [arazien@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:36 AM
To: Karen Sawyer
Cc: Pamela Geller
Subject: Keep Pamela Geller in foreign law hearings, please.

Good afternoon, Karen!

I'm writing to ask you to please not exclude Pamela Geller -- per CAIR's request -- from the legislation hearings regarding your state's foreign law legislation. In these hearings, you will need people like Pamela who are willing to take on CAIR (who we know is linked to the Muslim Brotherhood) and not shy away from the facts out of fear of offending someone. It is time we have this conversation -- openly and candidly.

Sincerely,

~Amanda Compton, a concerned American citizen, St. Louis, Mo.

Karen Sawyer

From: Rodger Dodger [indy125@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:50 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB88

I as well as any true American am in complete support of HB 88. Any court that would support anything other than American laws and American justice would have my support to move to whatever country is aligned to their fantasy laws and rules. Now more than ever we need to take back our country and clean up our judiciary.

Roland

Sent via iToy

Karen Sawyer

From: Dorothy Dory [denalidot@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:51 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB-88

Representative Gatto:

I strongly support the foreign law bill HB-88. I want Alaska courts to use the U.S. Constitution and Alaska's Constitution as the basis of legal decisions.

Thank you,

Dorothy Dory
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Karen Sawyer

From: Ilona Farr [afmc4045@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:31 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Steve Thompson
Cc: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mike Chenault
Subject: Ilona Farr MD re HB 88

Representatives;

Please pass this legislation HB 88. We do not need any foreign or religious law here in Alaska. There should be one set of laws, one set of standards for all Alaskans. England is dealing with over 90 Sharia law courts now and it is creating chaos. Shariah law permits caning of women, marriage of girls as young as 6, limb amputations for minor crimes, and killing of nonbelievers or believers who convert from Islam to other faiths.

International law is now removing Christian home schooled children from their families and forcing them into public institutions which is unethical and against our freedom of speech, religion and violates our rights as parents. There are hundreds of other examples but this bill is very important to retain our freedoms here in Alaska and America. The judge in Florida by agreeing to use Shariah law in an American court is setting a very dangerous precedent. We need to pass this legislation before it becomes an issue here.

Ilona Farr MD

Karen Sawyer

From: Lauchlan Ford [ljfma@ gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:02 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB-88

I strongly urge your support for HB-88.

L J Ford
Anchorage

Karen Sawyer

From: J Gillette [loggimonster@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:33 PM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Max Gruenberg; rep_lindsay_holmes@legis.state.ak.us; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Steve Thompson
Subject: Please Support House Bill 88

Ladies & Gentlemen of the Judiciary Committee,

Please consider passing House Bill 88, Use of Foreign Law. Rep. Gatto is correct to design a law that protects our State and US Constitutional rights as citizens. He took an oath to protect those precious documents and his constituents kept him in office knowing that he would keep his oath. It's disheartening to even need a Bill that specifically protects our citizens, but what is even more disheartening is someone voting against this protection.

Too many countries have been too "tolerant" and allowed laws and courts that conflict with theirs to be introduced. I have read a lot of regrets about this. I've also spent a little time in Saudi Arabia and saw first hand how women are treated. I experienced some of that as well.

We have the opportunity to keep our freedoms afforded to us by our Constitutions now. Please do what is right for the people of Alaska. Vote Yes on HB 88. I have included an in depth report from Great Britain on this subject and the challenges it has posed. Here are some excerpts:

Sharia law is being exercised in Great Britain. "Sharia has been operating here, in parallel to the British legal system, since 1982. Work includes issuing fatwas - religious rulings on matters ranging from why Islam considers homosexuality a sin to why two women are equivalent to one male witness in an Islamic court."

Under Muslim law, a man can divorce his wife simply by uttering the word 'talaq', yet a woman cannot be granted a divorce without the consent of her husband or winning a dissolution of the marriage from the imam. Even if the couple is divorced under British law, they remain married under Islam until divorced under the religious law, too.

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1197478/Sharia-law-UK--How-Islam-dispensing-justice-side-British-courts.html#ixzz1HyBqhxSf>

Respectfully,

Julie Gillette

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Karen Sawyer

From: Leone Harris [leone@mtaonline.net]
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To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB-88

Representative Gatto,

I am asking you to please vote, YES, on HB-88. It is extremely important to our sovereignty that we not allow our courts to follow any other laws other than our own State constitution and the United States Constitution.

In fact, you could make this bill even better by adding language to it, that if any court in this land, attempts to use any other guide for their basis of law, besides our State or the US constitution, the judge presiding over that court should stand trial and face prison time, for violating either constitution.

We could be the example to the rest of our country and encourage other states to follow suit. The only way we will ever win back our freedoms is to start taking a stand.

PLEASE take that stand on not only on our behalf, but for our ancestors and what they fought and died for.

Sincerely,
Leone Harris
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Karen Sawyer

From: John Smith [naherr@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:58 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Cc: Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mike Chenault
Subject: HB 88- Foreign Law

Sir, et al, I would first like to introduce myself. My name is LTC(Ret) Nick Herrera and I am resident of Wasilla. I served in the United States Army for over 22 years and deployed on numerous occasions. I have served in over 70 countries, many of which were Muslim countries, and I can tell you that no country is greater than the United States of America. I fought to defend our Constitution, rights, and the people of this great country of ours, often leaving my family for long periods of time (as long as two years) at great cost to my family, but I did it willingly and with pride in the service of our country. It is also important for you to note that I have extensive background in the Muslim culture, religion, and dealing with Muslim sensitivities as I also lived (and grew up) in the Middle East for 12 years living among the Muslim population and even practicing their customs, traditions, and learning their language. In fact, prior to entering service into the Army, I had spent half of my life living in the Middle East. My parents worked in the Middle East for 33 years straight and recently retired from there. Thus, I feel I fully understand their culture and religion. Despite what anyone may say or advocate, I am a strong believer that all faiths have the God given right to practice their faith in this country, and I respect that. That said, I will tell you from personal experience from living in the Middle East, that Islam is NOT a religion of tolerance or respect. I am a practicing Catholic and have seen first hand the persecution of non-Muslim faiths in the Middle East. As a practicing Catholic, my family and I were NOT allowed to practice our faith in the Middle East. In fact, on one case, I was present when the "Mutawa" (Muslim religious police), came into the home of a Catholic priest who was holding a secret church service (since we were not permitted to openly or secretly practice our faith) for us, and burst into his home and violently subdued him, arrested him, and dragged him off during the church service and then had him deported. This is NOT a religion of tolerance!! Islam does NOT practice any form of tolerance, but only DOMINATION and submission of all non-Muslims. I was also present on numerous occasions for "public beheadings, floggings, and punishments" executed by this "tolerant religion". I personally can recount friends who were tortured merely because of a "Ministry of Vice and Virtue" had received "confessions (aka tortured)". I could go on about how, while on active duty, as an American soldier in Bosnia I witnessed the results of what Islam, this religion of tolerance, did to other faiths in the name of "Allah", but I will stop here.

I strongly urge you to pass HB 88. I am NOT alone in STRONGLY SUPPORTING this bill. This bill does NOT restrict our Constitutional Rights. In fact, it protects us from becoming SUBJECTS to a FOREIGN LAW in our OWN COUNTRY. Failing to pass HB 88 signals victory for Islam and our enemies who would seek to subjugate us, within our own country, to a foreign law. We have our Constitution which protects us, and you, our representatives, are our "first line of defense", and much like our Armed Services fight to protect us, we/I, rely on YOU to protect us. PLEASE pass this bill and protect us, your citizens here in Alaska. Much like you relied on me to defend your rights and this country, now I depend on YOU to protect me and my family for foreign laws and invaders.

God bless you all, guide you, and the United States of America.

Sincerely,
Nick Herrera
LTC (Ret), USA

Karen Sawyer

From: Fritz Hoffman [fritz@rockridgeservices.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:06 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Cc: Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: HB 88 support

Thank you Carl for seeing the big picture and protecting my children's future enacting your Foreign Law bill.

A few thoughts...

AS the national economy slows and AK's P fund appears as a easy ride to new arrivals.....
I'd like to see new families with another state's welfare history - with any miners having repeated criminal history - contract to re- pay the state with the families permanent fund money for state expenses.
Alaska should appear un-friendly to non-productive individuals. Let the moms and dads be motivated to raise their children to be productive self sufficient adults.
Do not enable (through the P fund) adults to be dead beat parents.

Also...

I suggest you find a way for children / miners to have meaningful trade work site experience. Most kids do not see the use for their HS education, few goals are set beyond the discharge diploma.

Today, the only way a miner can learn and understand gainful employment experience is if he/she is working in their family's business.

The child labor laws are to restrictive and do not allow exposure to work site tasks and challenges that train for a trade's entry position.

Few businesses can afford to "carry a kid" that cannot legally have a productive job task.

Thank you.

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Karen Sawyer

From: Bill Hutchison [billh@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:53 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB

HB-88

This is a great idea! Thanks for your help with it!

Bill Hutchison
Anchorage

Politically Correct is Objectively Wrong.
Gun Control: Best achieved using both hands.

Karen Sawyer

From: Aimee Kopp [yukonaimee@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:06 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Cc: Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mike Chenault
Subject: HB-88

I am writing to encourage your support of HB-88 or the "Foreign Law" bill." Thank you for taking a stand to protect the laws and sovereignty of the United States.

Sincerely,
Aimee Kopp
Houston, Alaska

"Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." 1Peter 1:8-9

Karen Sawyer

From: jclehman@gci.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:24 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: "Foreign Law" HB-88

I strongly support "Foreign Law" HB_88.

J. Lehman

Karen Sawyer

From: tammyargend@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:39 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB 88

Dear Rep. Gatto:

As one of your constituents I hope you strongly consider voting for HB88.

I don't know how we could ever think about using a law except the laws of our state and country.

Thank You
Tammy Leslie

Karen Sawyer

From: Mike Matera [materamike@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:59 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB88

Dear Sir,

As an Alaska resident and a proud United States Citizen and Combat Veteran I would encourage you to strongly support HB 88.

Thank You,
Mike Matera

Karen Sawyer

From: Christopher Nugent [cnugentak@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:32 AM
To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB-88

Representative Carl Gatto

Please support HB-88. Our US and Alaskan Constitutions are the supreme law of the land, and should remain so. This is America, let's keep it American.

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Karen Sawyer

From: Marj Oines [marjo@gci.net]
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To: Rep. Carl Gatto
Subject: HB 88 Use of Foreign Law

I am so pleased that you are bringing up the issue of using foreign law in the USA. I support your efforts in this matter. Thank you.
The USA should never have to be subject to foreign law.

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