

Joseph Byrnes

From: Kelsi Pulczinski <kpulczinski@alaska.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 09:36
To: Joseph Byrnes
Subject: Supporting SB174

RE: SB174

FROM: Kelsi Pulczinski 2/11/2016

Good afternoon,

I am writing today to voice my strong support of SB174.

I am a full time student at the University of Alaska, Anchorage campus, and every time I step foot on campus, I see signs adorning doorways that declare my public school a gun-free zone. When I see these signs, I know that I am not as safe as I could be. Criminals do not target areas where their victims are likely to be able to defend themselves. The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun, is a good guy with a gun. I have never heard of law enforcement arriving to the scene of an active shooter unarmed. And, when the police are minutes away, seconds count.

Pardon the clichés and buzz words, but the statistics of the situation back them up. Most real-world shootouts last only three to ten seconds. It is unlikely that a shootout between an armed citizen and an assailant would last more than a few seconds. Further, how could 10 seconds of two people shooting at each other be worse than ten minutes of an assailant walking up to unarmed, defenseless victims and shooting them in the head at pointblank range (as occurred in the Virginia Tech massacre)?

Additionally, the likelihood of accidental discharge is incredibly miniscule. In the last 20 years, there has been 150 college campuses that have allowed concealed carry. Roughly, a total of over 1500 combined semesters. In all of that time there has only been 3 accidental discharges. Two of these were the result of an imbecile carrying their weapon in their pocket, rather than a holster (both incidents resulted in minor injuries consistent with being shot in the leg due to their own idiocy). The third, was the result of a faculty member showing off a gun she was not yet familiar with, and resulted in minor abrasions to her hand.

Not a single campus that allows concealed carry has seen a single act of gun violence (including threats) or a single resulting suicide attempt.

The University of Alaska Board of Regents has overstepped their constitutional authority in their regulation of firearms on University campuses. Article I, Sec. 19 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska says that the state, nor any political subdivision of the state, may abridge an individual's right to keep and bear arms. The BOR is in its very nature, a political subdivision of the state. As such, the BOR has **no constitutional authority** to outright prohibit the carrying of arms on university property.

As a young woman, I have little to no recourse against a potential assailant due to this BOR policy. I am unable to defend myself. There are stories of women who were on their campus, just meters away from their University Police office, who were not packing their weapon due to the university policy, that were violently

raped and assaulted. This is terrifying to me...due to an arbitrary and unconstitutional law, I am unable to protect myself from would-be attackers.

This bill would prevent the University of Alaska Board of Regents from infringing on my God-given right to defend myself. This unconstitutional action needs to be reversed.

Respectfully,

Kelsi Pulczinski

Joseph Byrnes

From: robert clift <robcliftalaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 13:40
To: Joseph Byrnes
Subject: S.B. 174

The Alaska Libertarian Party is in total support of SB 174. A bill which would allow Concealed Carry on University Of Alaska campuses. We feel it recognizes a right that Alaskans already have and can only result in greater individual liberty.

We strongly support this bill.

Rob Clift
Chair Alaska Libertarian Party

Joseph Byrnes

From: Mark <saddlemtman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 18:27
To: Joseph Byrnes
Subject: In Support of Bill SB 176

I support Bill SB 176 which would allow students to conceal carry firearms and knives on UAA campus. It is the right of all students to carry and protect themselves while attending school. Knowing that this is a gun free zone attracts people who have intentions of doing harm to students and teachers, knowing people can not defend themselves is not safe for anyone on campus.

Thank you

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From: POMS@akleg.gov
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To: Joseph Byrnes
Subject: New Pom:SB 174 Reg. Of Firearms/knives By Univ. Of Ak

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I am currently a senior at UAF and although this will be my last semester, I believe it is important to express my opinion that allowing students to carry on campus is an Act that should be passed. Feeling safe on campus is extremely important.

Joseph Byrnes

From: paul <pshunter@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 13:49
To: Joseph Byrnes
Subject: SB 174

Hi: A little info. You may find interesting. First of all, I support the bill but also have reservations about it. This is because I think it's unnecessary. Both the Alaska Constitution, and accompanying law makes very clear, relative to the right to keep & bear arms, that no political subdivision of the State can have an ordinance or policy that's more restrictive than State law. The University of Alaska is a State institution that qualifies as a political subdivision of the State. The University has a regents policy that prohibits firearms on campus except in a locked vehicle or, if you live in student housing on campus, in a locked locker that you have to have campus security retrieve if you want to take it off campus. This regents policy is illegal. In fact, a couple of years ago I spoke with UAA's attorney and after a lively discussion she acknowledged they could not issue a citation or make an arrest for carrying a gun on campus, however, she said they would trespass anyone who refused to leave campus because they had a firearm on their person. I informed her that would be interesting in court since I've never heard of someone being trespassed for doing what is legal. In fact, I told her I had a firearm on my person and I would prefer they not cite me, but arrest me, since I would be out within hours and believe the lawsuit would easily pay my mortgage off. Suffice it to say the University did not act on my dare. There was also a protest a couple of years ago involving a number of people who open carried on campus so this matter could be tested in court. I don't recall the University taking the bait because I think they realized they would lose. State law is so clear concerning this issue that's it's unlikely the most liberal judge in Alaska would go against it.

SB 174 would impose a restriction on open carry which does not currently exist. I question why we would want to set a precedent like this when it doesn't apply to any other State facility that is not a day care center, court house or restricted area such as beyond the security area at the airport. My preference is to try and get the University to issue someone a citation, take it to court and win. Then State law prevails and University property remains in conformity with every other State property except for the referenced exceptions. And, again, we don't set a precedent we may regret.

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From: Linda Frazure <lbfracure@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2016 06:35
To: Joseph Byrnes
Subject: UAA Campus Carry

I am in support of the campus carry bill. Being a female that attended UAA for six years and not being allowed to carry was concerning to me. I had a schedule that varied and some semesters I was on campus as early as 6am and some semesters as late as 9pm. As I write this email I can't think of a time I saw campus security when I was walking to or from my car. So I would have had to rely on myself for protection. My backpack was heavy but I am pretty sure it would not have been much help against anyone wanting to do harm or take away my wallet. Thank you for your time in reading my testimony.

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