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**Please help stop the madness in our state!**

As a resident of the MATSU Valley, I am tired of the increasing property crime and assaults that are occurring a rapidly increasing rate. This increase is moving unchecked and must be addressed.

My family has been a victim of a home break in, and three other attempted break ins at our residence off Knik Goose Bay Road in Wasilla. As a father, I have a responsibility's that I take seriously! One is to protect my family. After the first break in, I purchased an alarm system and have it monitored by Guardian Security. Additionally, I have my second German Shepherd and have trained my family in use of firearms, including my children.

Take a moment and think about that, this is what a homeowner in Alaska has to do to ensure his family and property are safe? My neighbors and I are tired of the criminals having a free hand and no accountability when they are caught. Senate Bill 91 / HB205 continues to support the criminals in Alaska, not the citizens of Alaska who are the victims. STOP THE MADNESS!

As a twenty-five year veteran of the United States Army, I dealt with all levels of society throughout my career. How does the military deal with these issues? We have accountability, we hold people responsible for there actions. They learn that there are consequences for their individual choices.

As a taxpayer, I understand the rising cost of incarceration, I understand the budget crisis that the state is facing. Reducing personal accountability by reducing sentencing and changing the dollar value for property crime only makes crime worse not better! Ask California and Washington how these decriminalization worked out for them. It did not, property crimes have rapidly increased!

As a state, we need to look at ways to reduce the cost of incarceration. I highly suggest you look at Maricopa County, AZ as an example of how to do it. Inmates live in tents, they grow some of their own food, the police trash off the roads, they work in the community, and yes they even wear striped clothing. Their individual actions resulted in them being where they are.

Stop supporting the criminal, support the law abiding tax payer. Do not pass SB91 / HB205.

Respectfully,

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