

February 28, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill No. 69. I am a police officer in Alaska and have had dealings with members of my community which involved a firearm, either in their vehicle or on their person. The majority of the times, citizens are quick to tell me they have a firearm in their vehicle. There are other times in which I am not informed about a firearm in the vehicle. Situations like this present a major risk to our law enforcement in the State of Alaska.

On one occasion, I had conducted a traffic stop on a male who was belligerent and refusing to answer officer's questions. It was later determined that he had a pistol leaning against his legs. Thankfully the male didn't decide to use it as myself and others officers would have been put at a greater risk.

As a police officer I support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment whole heartedly. I also support the safety of the men and women who protect our city streets each day. I am not against a citizen having a firearm in their vehicle or on their person I just feel they should declare it when contacted by law enforcement.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SL SL', written in a cursive, stylized font.

Sterling Salisbury