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*Dear Senate Finance Committee,*

*I am writing in support of repeal of SB91 and retooling to rewriting our State laws to protect victims and innocent citizens from crime rather than our current laws that protect criminals, waste resources, and punish victims and communities. My husband, Gene and I are victims of crime. Frankly, had the persons who committed those crimes been kept in jail on previous charges the mayhem that our neighborhood experienced would never have happened. This is true for numerous situations in communities across Alaska.*

*My family lives in what should be a quiet, enjoyable community at Scooters Airpark in Sterling, Alaska. Due to drug trafficking associated crime, it is anything but that. Extremely dangerous people and known felons are constantly in our neighborhood. We and our neighbors are constantly kicking them off of our property, off of our doorsteps, and off of the runway and taxiways where they feel entitled to walk and drive their vehicles. This is clearly marked private property.*

*Crime in our neighborhood and around Sterling, Alaska has skyrocketed significantly. Due to current laws, criminals are constantly returned to our neighborhood emboldened with the accurate knowledge that they can commit more crimes with little if any consequences. My husband and I are not only the victims of crime, but we live in constant fear to live in our house and to leave our house as well. The increase in crime and constant fear that many innocent citizens experience on a regular basis is the direct fault of individuals who voted for and support lighter sentences for criminals.*

*My family was the victim of crime in October 2017 ([3KN-17-01279CR](#)) and again in March 2018. In October 2017, my family was placed in fear for their lives. I grew up in Alaska beginning when my parents*

*homesteaded in the 1950s. I never thought the day would come when my husband and I would have to be armed in our own home to protect from intruders, to go for walk in our rural neighborhood, let alone sleep at night.*

*The current laws are not saving any money. Rather, they are costing us the taxpayers money in reinforcing our homes, taking time off work to be present at trials where the offenders are allowed to confront their accuser, property marketability declines - how can we sell our home and leave this mess when it is well known what goes on in our neighborhood? Who in their right mind no matter how attractive the home, would move to a neighborhood knowing there is a high probability that they and their family will be victims of crime?*

*Public service departments and agencies such as emergency services, law enforcement, medical services, and social services are overwhelmed with the constant revolving door of criminals that SB 91 has created. This is not saving money. The people who are arrested do not even pay their fines.*

*The current laws embolden illegal activity including theft, assault, drug use, trespassing, trafficking, you fill in the blank. These people know they can get away with it. It is not possible to supervise these people in our communities, and we are tired of waiting for the additional parts of these current laws to "take effect" so that we can be safe. They are not working; repeal them now and re-write the laws to protect innocent people.*

*These criminals that SB91 supports and protects have nothing to lose and they do not care about themselves or anyone else... They know there are no consequences. Conversely, we the private citizens who work for a living have everything to lose and we **do** care.*

*I am also attaching a still from our camera system of the person involved in the October 2017 crime. In case you are not aware, THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE when someone is coming to break into your house and do harm to your family. The series of crimes that this person was involved in were committed within days after he was let out of jail for a similar crime. Guess what? He went straight out and committed worse crimes. 3KN-17-01279CR I hope the people who support leniency are proud of what they have done to innocent, hard-working Alaskans.*

*To save the words of how we really feel, I will just say that **we are extremely frustrated and angry**. We should not have to live like this and feel that we are being let down and not protected. "Home-grown justice" will likely be the result of the failure of current laws to protect.*

*Finally, I want to compliment the Alaska State Trooper E Detachment that serves Sterling. They work tirelessly to help us. I cannot imagine their frustration in picking up the same people again and again and again for increasingly severe crimes.*

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