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To: Representative Cathy Tilton, Senator Robert Myers

Re: Support for HB 179/SB 136 - Limitations on Firearms Restrictions

Dear Rep. Tilton and Sen. Myers,

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) is a hunting conservation organization with some 3,000 members from across the state who support sustainable wildlife management policies and a resident hunting priority as mandated in Article 8 of our state constitution.

While gun-rights legislation is outside of our mission, of course most of our members use a firearm to hunt, and our members also purchase new weapons and ammunition and utilize shooting ranges across the state to sight in rifles and practice marksmanship.

RHAK fully <u>supports</u> HB 179/SB 136. Gun stores and shooting ranges are definitely "essential" to our ability to carry on our hunting activities and remain proficient, and we do not want to see restrictions and closures unfairly imposed on gun-owners by the state or municipalities during a disaster declaration that prevent access to firearms and ammunition and shooting ranges.

Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

Mark Richards Executive Director Resident Hunters of Alaska