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Dear Members of the State Affairs Committee,

I find SB 203 a ray of hope in a world darkened by violence, a hope that the lawmakers of Alaska will adopt this additional way to protect human life in our state.

Initially, I was not aware of the difference in the enforcement of federal vs state law. But I have learned that there is a difference in how state law enforcement responds to federal law. Having state law that mirrors the federal law banning devices that turn firearms into automatic ones, will give state law enforcement officers the ability to respond fully and immediately to the presence of such high risk automatic weapons. Removing these lethal devices from our streets and punishing law breakers as quickly as possible must be our goal. Additionally, an updated law that includes prohibition of conversion devices will raise the awareness and training of state law enforcement to focus on this threat to public safety. All Alaskans will be safer under these conditions.

Societal violence has long been entrenched in human history and the road leading away from it is strewn with obstacles, but not impassable. Citizens of Alaska look to you to give us enhanced safety and hope by taking the symbolic and concrete step of passing SB 203. I admire your important role in protecting life in Alaska. You will feel good about passing this bill.

Sincerely,

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