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Dear Mr. Chair and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 203 prohibiting the possession, sale, and distribution of machine-gun conversion devices. These small parts are designed to convert a standard semiautomatic handgun into a rapid-fire weapon, effectively turning a handgun into an illegal machine gun. The shooter this week in **Tumbler Ridge** used such a modified handgun.

Alaska law already prohibits firearms that are capable of shooting more than one shot automatically by a single function of the trigger. SB 203 would strengthen that state law by also clearly prohibiting conversion devices that turn a firearm into a prohibited rapid-fire weapon.

I have lived in Alaska for over 20 years. Two of my grandchildren, ages five years and 10 months, live in Sitka. As we know from the shooting in Tumbler Ridge this week, living in a small remote community--like many communities in Alaska--does not protect our children from school shootings. **Not a day goes by that I don't worry about a shooting at my grandchildren's school and daycare. I myself survived a mass shooting at a Little League field in Davis, California while visiting my three grandchildren there.** Mass shootings have become so common that almost everyone knows someone or someone who knows someone who has experienced a mass shooting. Anything that can be done to deter them must be done, and SB 203 is a step in that direction!

SB 203 is consistent with federal law (which prohibits machine guns and conversion parts). Importantly, it will provide state and local law enforcement with the clear statutory authority to prosecute the possession and use of these devices at the state level. As lawmakers you must do everything you can to help protect Alaskans. This bill does that without limiting anyone's 2nd Amendment rights.

Thank you for supporting this very important bill!

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