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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 firearm conversion devices.

Alaska law prohibits rapid fire weapons AS 11.61.200(h)(1)(C). This state law compliments an existing federal prohibition on rapid-fire firearms. Unfortunately, since the passage of our state law, a method to easily and inexpensively transform a legal handgun into a weapon of mass destruction has been developed. Alaska's definition of a "prohibited weapon" should be updated to include firearm conversion devices.

What purpose does an automatic firearm serve in our society? As a lifelong Alaskan I have never known a hunter to use a rapid-fire weapon as the power kills the animal but completely destroys the meat for human consumption. Yet our news is constantly filled with horror stories of children, teens and adults whose lives have been ended early by rapid fire weapons. At least 27 other states in the U.S. have enacted laws prohibiting firearm conversion devices for legal handguns. I request SB 203 bill be moved out of committee with hope the legislature will vote to add Alaska to the list and help de-escalate gun violence in our society.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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