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**Subject:** Support of SB243  
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Good afternoon,

I want to send a quick note to the State Affairs committee and cosponsors of SB 243 expressing my support, and CC my State Senator Löki Tobin who I had previously reached out to on the issue of suppressor and short barrel rifle regulation (email copied below) before I was aware that SB243 was going to be introduced.

I support this bill and appreciate the effort to address this issue at the state level and avoid any potential legal pitfalls should suppressors be deregulated federally for citizens who are incredibly acquiring these items now that the "tax stamp" has been reduced to \$0, and remove the unnecessary redundancy in state law. I would also encourage the committee and cosponsors to consider similar legislation deregulating short barrel rifles. There are good arguments that they are important [from an accessibility standpoint](#), and that you can currently buy "pistols" which are [essentially the same](#) as short barreled rifles, with only slight changes to loophole through the law.

Thank you,  
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On Thu, Feb 12, 2026 at 8:00 AM Jade Powell <[jpowell@gmail.com](mailto:jpowell@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good morning,

After reading the laws related to SB 203, I another topic came to mind because of the way that Alaska state law relies on federal law. I wanted to reach out and see if your office would ever consider sponsoring a bill that would address a potential future repeal of the National Firearms Act and/or removal of suppressors from the NFA by adding language to Sec. 11.61.200. that would legalize some items such as suppressors in the case of changes to federal law. It seems that there is interest at the federal level for a full repeal of the NFA, or at least passage of a bill like the Hearing Protection Act which would de-regulate suppressors, both of which may result in a situation where NFA regulated items are legal federally but illegal on the state level, because there is no longer a way to own them in accordance with the NFA and 11.61.200 is written so those items are illegal unless you are following the NFA.

I might be reading 11.61.200 wrong, but it was something I noticed when reading the law around SB 203. If I am reading it right, and that is something your office would consider, I think it would be a useful tweak to state law to get ahead of a potential legal pitfall in the future should a law like the Hearing Protection Act be passed. And maybe win some points with the misinformed folks that I assume are blowing up your inbox about SB203.

As for the question, why would we want to de-regulate items such as suppressors if they are de-regulated federally? As you may know, with the passage of the OBB, the "tax stamp" on

NFA regulated items like suppressors and short barreled rifles was reduced to \$0 beginning on January 1st 2026. This is resulting in a popularization of these items, in particular suppressors which offer many benefits for all shooters and also folks living nearby shooting ranges. There will be many, many more folks potentially in violation of state law should they be de-regulated federally. While the value of short barreled rifles may be less obvious, there are good arguments that they are important [from an accessibility standpoint](#), and that you can currently buy "pistols" which are [essentially the same](#) as short barreled rifles, with slight changes to loophole through the law.

Thank you for your consideration!

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