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Dear Senators

I am writing in support of SB176 and asking for you to send a clear message to the UA system that my rights as a citizen do not stop at the edge of UA property. My 15 year old son (in Juneau for a poetry competition) and I attended the hearing yesterday. Unfortunately time ran out before I had the opportunity to testify in favor of the bill. What struck me most was the irrational fear demonstrated by many of the UA professors and students. I train youth for Olympic Pistol and have qualified some as young as 13 to represent the State of Alaska at the National Jr. Olympic competition held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Next month I am taking 6 Jr. men and women to represent Alaska in the Nationals. Not only can these young people shoot well, they do so in a safe manner and have done so all the years I have been training.

When I hear statements such as "I would not feel safe sitting next to someone with a gun", I have to wonder do they know that they are doing so often in the State of Alaska. Since we are a concealed carry state, they are around people with guns all the time. I believe they were in the presence of guns yesterday, yet I saw no fear, only heard talk of such fear.

We have not had a problem in the entire state with concealed carry and the UA properties will be no different. I am concerned about what is being taught in our schools as to constitutional rights. Many who did testify seemed to think their feelings were more important than my rights, such is not the case.

Thank you for bringing this bill forward and for standing up for liberty. This is what makes our State the "Great State of Alaska".

Sincerely  
Mike Kelly