

**From:** A man wishing to remain unknown  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 5:19 AM  
**To:** Sen. John Coghill  
**Subject:** SB 176

Sir,

I was running through some of the upcoming SB's online and I would like to voice my extreme approval for your SB 176. Thank you, I hope it passes.

History: My lovely bride is a former employee of UAF, and always felt very uneasy around so many people without being able to concealed carry. This was one of the reasons she left after her contract was up. I say this because she has a valid reason to be nervous around large crowds she is unfamiliar with, and every right to protect herself. She was attacked viciously twice at a younger (high school and again as an adult) age. Since our marriage this has not occurred, and God willing it never will. Few people truly understand what it is like to go through something like that, and even less have had it happen to them twice.

She was never much of a firearms enthusiast before we met, but can now just about out shoot me! She has been to both FrontSight in Nevada to their 4 day Defensive Handgun Course and also locally through Joe Nava's CCW class. Since being through these classes, and some time on the range and spending time with each other shooting, her confidence has soared. Not that she was a recluse by any means as a result of her past, she is just more sure of herself now. The tool she chooses to carry puts her on equal grounds as any man walking the face of God's green earth.

Letters like the one you received from Michael Hostina and Matt Cooper of UA, although seemingly very well thought out, are lacking in critical thinking. It is always the soft targets that get hit, like schools, airports, and small women. It is just part of animal nature - to go after the weak and indefensible. This I learned as a correctional officer and it holds true throughout mankind's history. I especially liked the part of their letter where they said: *"Youthful residents in this setting may disregard security or may lack the maturity and judgment to insist that firearms not be present or that they be handled safely."* To this I say: "it will be found an unjust and unwise jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon the supposition he may abuse it."

You and I both know there is nothing that will stop a deranged person intent on doing harm, so why should we continue to disarm the ones that would be hurt by this? At least this allows a person the CHOICE to defend themselves. So please stay strong on this topic as it is only a matter of time before our state gets hit with an atrocity like Columbine or the others. I will pray for you.

Sincerely,

p.s. If you ever choose to use our story, please leave names out. Thank you sir.

