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To the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Re: SB 176

I was delighted to read the fine comments from Courtney Enright, Student Regent, in opposition to the bill. They echo my experience in 15 years as campus nurse and nurse practitioner with students. These years at university are the period when serious mental illnesses first manifest themselves, as well as when maturing individuals are experiencing doubts and stress and have varying abilities to cope with their emotions. It would be unfortunate if everyone carried a loaded gun and some used it to apply a permanent solution to their temporary problems. I have great concerns for students and visitors if concealed carry of loaded weapons is allowed on campus. Please do not allow SB176 to reach the floor of the Senate. The Legislature has too many important issues to consider, to waste time on this ill-considered proposal.

Thank you,

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