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I am pleased to hear about SB173. While I am not one of your area constituents, safety in our schools impacts all Alaska residents.

I have included an e-mail below that I sent to one of my former reps six years ago. You may find some helpful information/statistics contained in it. Towards the end, I recommend using armed volunteers to secure K-12 schools; and provide some funding and statistical figures.

You are probably well aware of the Michael Dukes radio show, in the interior we have Shooter's Corner on KFAR. A FNSB school board member (Mellisa Burnett) runs the mixing board for the show; it might be worthwhile being on the show to help drum up support in the interior.

I know you and your staff are busy, so I will get off my soap box. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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**From:** Andrew [mailto:[smearp@att.net](mailto:smearp@att.net)]  
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**Subject:** Idea for school security

Rep. Wool,

I am one of your concerned constituents. A few weeks back I saw an opinion letter written by your wife in the paper. I did not agree with some of her content and became concerned as to your views on gun ownership. On the day that I planned to submit my response, the tragedy in Florida happened.

Below is a revised and larger narrative concerning gun and school

safety issues. While you may not agree with all of my stances, I do ask that you give fair and thorough evaluation to my proposal to provide security in the schools. If you, your staff, or your wife have any questions feel free to contact me. E-mail is the best as I am out of town quite a bit. I strongly feel that securing the schools is the most pressing issue we all face.

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A few days ago a sick and twisted individual decided to commit numerous criminal acts. This individual chose to pick up an AR-15, they could have easily chosen another firearm or a knife. What they did was a tragedy and it was inherently wrong. Before the shooting started, laws meant to protect people were violated. In the aftermath, emotions have been high. Numerous people are once again calling for “common sense gun laws”. Emotional responses are not common sense; they typically lack common and rational thought. We cannot expect our leaders to make decisions based upon emotions; their rational decisions must be based upon solid facts, statistics, or science. The views of all concerned parties need to be weighed.

I am a gun owner. I am not the typical gun owner. I am well educated, rational, and fair. I am also willing to work with the gun ban groups to increase security and safety in our schools and society. I do not understand the rationale behind some of the gun control ideals, but I am willing to listen.

I have a few proposals for those that wish to impose new gun control laws. First of all, I swear to change my stance and advocate for any and all proposed gun control legislation if any of you can provide a good, sound, and logical reason to the following:

-While I believe that all life is valuable (apart

from heinously bad people like the recent school shooter), I just do not understand how others can be so enraged and at the same time be willing to infringe on the constitutional rights of the many over the acts of a very few. People get so emotional when a shooting occurs at a school, but they also support and welcome organizations like Planned Parenthood into our schools.

On the day that 17 students were tragically killed, an estimated 3,013 abortions were performed in this country (only 6.1% of those abortions are due to health reasons).

If you, the person advocating for gun control on the premise that it will save lives, can convince me that 17 lives are more important than the 2,829 babies that are aborted each day for non-medical reasons, I will support your gun control efforts.

-Gun control advocates do not have a problem with infringing on the Second Amendment (the only amendment that specifically says “shall not be infringed”); they typically argue that the Founders were talking about muskets not “assault rifles”. So how could the Founders be talking about TV, radio, the internet, telephones, photographs, bullhorns, or any other modern convenience that is currently protected by the First Amendment? How can your cell phone, car, and E-mail be protected by the Fourth Amendment? Maybe they had a crystal ball.....I guess that explains that “shall not be infringed” part. Why should modern means and ways only apply to select amendments? If you can convince me that you are not an Amendment racist, hater, bigot, or prejudice group, I will support your gun control efforts.

-The following are the leading accidental or preventable causes of death in the United States; preventable medical errors (23.1%), smoking/tobacco use (18.1%), obesity (4.6%), alcohol use (3.5%), infectious disease (3.1%), toxic agents (2.3%), traffic accidents (1.8%), Colorectal cancer (1.7%), and firearms (1.3%). That is ALL firearms, not just the small portion you are currently seeking to ban. So if you can prove to me that you put proportionally equal efforts into advocating to solve all of these “public health crisis” issues, I will support your gun control efforts.

-The anti-gun groups claim that if there were no guns, these massacres would not happen. If you can convince me that by giving up all of my guns no terrorist, wacko, or other piece of garbage will ever use a knife, bomb, truck, plane, hammer, chainsaw, poison, or other instrument to commit mass murder. I will gladly give up my guns.

My second proposal.....I support infringing upon the Eighth Amendment rights of these school shooters and terrorists. Specifically that part that says “nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted”. Do you have a problem with this? You shouldn’t, after all they are criminals. I am a law abiding citizen and you want to infringe on my rights because of what THEY did. How many of these attackers would think twice if they knew that a far more radically twisted, long, and painful death awaited them instead of years of interviews and publicity from the news media, psych evaluations, three hot meals, medical and dental care, and a private room with laundry service.

Before I get to my third proposal I want to make you aware of some pertinent statistics. Contrary to the anti-gun propaganda, shootings and massacres like the Florida school shooting DO happen in other countries. Worldwide, the worst school massacre happened in Russia, 334 killed and 783 injured. The United States enters the list in fourth place, but this 1927 massacre did not involve a firearm, explosives killed 44 and injured 58. Worldwide, the worst massacre in modern history occurred in China with an estimated 45 million killed during the “Great leap forward”. The 19 terrorists responsible for the 9-11 attack on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon killed 2,996 and injured over 6,000, no firearm was used.

The top 20 mass shootings in the United States, committed by a lone gunman or group, have all occurred within the last 68 years. Four of these have been linked to or inspired by foreign terrorism. The Las Vegas shooting, our deadliest, may also eventually be linked to terrorism; Isis has taken responsibility, but law enforcement cannot confirm or deny a connection yet. A controversial note to make, some Native Americans would disagree that the Las Vegas shooting was the deadliest in US history; 90 men and 200 women and children were killed at the Wounded Knee Massacre back in 1890. The victims were relatively unarmed and shot by US Cavalry troops.

From 1970-2016 a total of 2,758 terrorism incidents either occurred or were foiled in the US. These include the World Trade Center bombing, Oklahoma bombing, Boston Marathon bombing, and the Centennial Olympic Park bombing.

Bombs and firearms are not the only instruments

used by those that wish to do harm. A mass stabbing incident occurred in Japan in 2016. One attacker armed with multiple knives killed 19 and injured 25. A series of uncoordinated knife, hammer, and cleaver attacks at schools in China from 2010-2012 left 25 dead and 115 injured. In 2014, eight knife wielding terrorists killed 31 and injured 143 before Chinese police could respond. In 2016, a terrorist driving a truck and shooting a pistol in France killed 86 and wounded 434; the truck was the instrument that caused most of the carnage. So are you going to ban vehicles as well?

My third proposal has to do with security in our schools; very few people would not agree that we need more. On a typical school day the students and staff in K-Grad schools account for roughly 25% of our population. Schools in general are very poorly protected and thus are soft targets. There are roughly 132,656 K-12 schools in the US. The average school (K-12) has just under 600 students. To adequately protect a school of this size a minimum of 8 full time guards would most likely be needed (6 on duty and 2 to cover absences). If it cost \$60,000 a year per guard, the yearly cost to protect K-12 schools would be an estimated \$63.7 billion; roughly a 10% increase in school funding.

It would take slightly over one million guards to protect all of the K-12 schools. Currently there are less than one million sworn Federal, State, and Local law enforcement personnel in the US. In general our law enforcement personnel are poorly trained in the use of their firearm. Most police departments have fairly old pistols; most of them were purchased under a lowest bidder contract and are only adequately suited for the job. The level of training that the majority of officers receive can be surpassed by a beginner in a single four day class at a top firearms training facility. While most departments require at least yearly requalifying, some departments never require an officer to requalify with their firearm.

My proposal does not call for arming teachers at K-12 schools; they should concentrate on teaching the kids. I understand how a firearm in a classroom could be a major distraction or intimidation. Uniformed police or security would be viewed by some students as intimidating and a potential shooter would be able to identify the officer, possibly targeting them first. Every State in this country either allows or has a permitting process for a law abiding citizen to carry a concealed weapon. There are nearly 17 million people with permits

and countless others that carry in States that do not require a permit. If we were to allow the responsible gun owners, the gun and ammo industry, and the gun organizations to create a neighborhood watch type security program for the schools, staffed primarily with volunteers that were trained to levels at or above local law enforcement, we would find our schools protected in short order and at little or no cost to the tax payers. If only 10 million of us volunteered a few days each month we would have secure schools.

I am ready, willing, and able to volunteer. Do you want my help? I will bring to the table the best, most accurate and effective firearms, ammunition, and gear to protect your children for free. As I stated earlier, I am not the typical gun owner. When you take into account my training, experience, abilities, knowledge, and gear; I fall into the elite area of the top 0.1%. Do you want my help now? I am trained in advanced first aid, hazardous materials response, and have attended multiple advanced firearms training courses. I am familiar with explosives, electronics, machinery, and building construction. I am very familiar with numerous firearms, their sounds, abilities, and shortcomings. I have had the opportunity to fire or handle hundreds of firearms, including more than 50 different models of fully automatic machine guns. My capabilities with a pistol are near that of a Secret Service agent protecting the President. Now do you want my help?

Before you decide to infringe upon our Second Amendment rights, give us the opportunity to protect your children. Banning “assault weapons” or all guns will not keep them out of the hands of criminals. Nearly 1000 guns were lost or stolen from law enforcement in the State of California between 2010 and 2017. Less than 20% were recovered. The guns lost or stolen included 27 “assault rifles” (most likely fully automatic machine guns), 15 sniper rifles, 12 grenade/tear gas launchers, and 1 submachine gun.

The solution to securing most of our Colleges and Universities involves multiple steps. Colleges and Universities are much more difficult to secure due to the fact that most do not operate under a single building, in essence many are small cities. Most of the students attending are adults; the average student age is 27. The first step would be allowing any student and staff member with a concealed carry permit to carry concealed when on campus. The second step would use volunteers to augment the level of security, especially in areas of

the campus that lack adequate students and staff with the will or ability to carry concealed.

This country cannot afford to be divided further than it already is. I am not advocating to forcefully arm anyone, carrying a defensive weapon should be a personal choice. I am simply asking you not to infringe on me and other law abiding individuals and offering to help protect your children for free. Banning objects will not stop people intent on doing harm.

Andrew