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**From:** Brian Webb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:41 PM  
**To:** Rep. CJ McCormick; House Community and Regional Affairs  
**Subject:** Support for HB 61

Greetings,

My name is Brian Webb from Anchorage, Alaska and I am writing today to voice my 100% support for the passage of HB 61, the "Limitations on Firearms Restrictions" legislation being heard on 16 March 2023 in committee.

This is not a solution looking for a problem. This is valid legislation which will:

1. Ensure Alaskan firearm owners are not illegally targeted during disasters such as what was experienced during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Many of the firearms which Mayor Nagin had illegally confiscated, have never been returned to their legal and rightful owners. HB 61 will ensure this never happens in Alaska.
2. Ensure that during public health emergencies like COVID-19, HB 61 will make sure that sporting goods stores and gun shops are not purposefully targeted once more. We all know that the gun ban lobbies and the non-profits are fully aware of the difficulty to outright ban legal firearms ownership, so the next low-hanging fruit are the suppliers of ammunition and other accessories. COVID-19 was very effective in reaching those goals and cannot ever be allowed to happen again.

Protection of family and property is paramount with this legislation. The ability to defend against those who would exploit these emergency situations, require that law-abiding citizens be able to retain their 2nd Amendment rights, plus have access to the accessories to allow their firearms to function. HB 61 does this.

During the three years of the pandemic, firearms ownership exploded by many millions of new owners and for very valid reasons. Even those who had never owned a firearm before, or were openly anti-gun/anti-2nd Amendment, bought firearms and ammunition to protect themselves and their families. That is a telling fact and a realization of how common citizens understood the value of firearms and access to ammunition in an emergency situation.

HB 61 needs to pass. It is timely and it makes sense.

Best regards,

Brian Webb  
Anchorage, Alaska

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**From:** Theresa Groves [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 8:23 PM  
**To:** House Community and Regional Affairs  
**Subject:** Support for HB 61

Good afternoon,

My husband and I would like you to please consider our support for this Bill.

Law-abiding citizens have a Constitutional right under the provisions of the Second Amendment to protect and be protected, Which extends to safe and legal means of purchasing fire arms and responsible practice and use. Limiting legal gun stores and gun ranges will only impact lawful obedient citizens, and would likely not impact those criminals or unlawful people with continuing their activities in nefarious ways.

During difficult times we must be able to remain peaceful, and limiting Second Amendment provisions will only limit law abiding citizens, not criminals who operate on a black market, etc. As you can imagine criminals and lawless people will not adhere to rules anyways, so it is of utmost importance to protect our freedoms that so many have fought and died for. This is not just for us but for our posterity. Protecting gun stores and gun ranges is much more important to maintain law and order than Walmarts and liquor stores. Let us be smart about strategy and ensure we never again limit our good citizens from having every opportunity to make an honest living, as they are helping to maintain peaceful and safe activities and lawful actions especially during times of crisis.

Thank you so much to those who developed House Bill 61, and thank you for your time.

James and Theresa Groves  
Fairbanks Ak residents since 1974

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Steve St.Clair  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:34 AM  
**To:** Mina Ryan  
**Subject:** FW: Phalanx Academy: HB 61

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**From:** Joseph Kim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:04 PM  
**To:** Steve St.Clair <steve.st.clair@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Phalanx Academy: HB 61

Hello,

This letter is intended to express concerns as a proud American, Father, Husband and Educator here in the great State of Alaska. I serve as the Training Manager for the AK Dept. of Homeland Security/ Federal Protective Services - Security Contract, Owner of Frost Modular Systems LLC and Owner/ Director of Training for Phalanx Academy LLC.

These past few years have presented challenges at all levels. As citizens and small business owners, we can certainly discern the weight beard in leading our communities. However thru these efforts, lessons must fuel the change needed to grow from these unfortunate events.

When circumstances of emergency responses are necessary, venues supporting efficiency in protection and survival should not only be available to our community, but encouraged to do more. This is not a matter of subjective interest but an objective outlook on building and uplifting responsible members within our society.

Thank You,

Joe Kim  
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Phalanx Academy, LLC  
Frost Modular Systems, LLC  
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**From:** Victoria Daves [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:01 AM  
**To:** House Community and Regional Affairs  
**Subject:** HB61

To whom it may concern,

History has shown and proven that with every disaster, the lowest of the low of our population takes advantage of the situation.

Looting, robberies, assaults, thefts, all sorts of crime sharply increases and those who are vulnerable suffer the most during such times.

To close legitimate gun stores, or even shooting ranges that allow for practice and some supplies, is ludicrous. Those with illegal intent on their minds will find way to do evil, and those who need to protect their home and loved ones are those that are deeply harmed by any government actions to restrict access.

Please allow those who must protect themselves, their family, and their property to maintain the right to access gun stores and shooting ranges so they can remain prepared and supplied during the worst of times to do what they need to do to in order to guard against such evil.

Please pass HB61 without hesitation to prevent the government from putting good people at risk during such times when they need access to these locations to remain safe and protected.

Thank you.

Anne Daves

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**From:** Bryan Cherry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 6:54 AM  
**To:** House Community and Regional Affairs  
**Subject:** HB61

Good Morning-

I write to voice my support for House Bill 61 "An Act relating to restrictions on firearms and other weapons. As we have seen during the covid response, various government agencies and individuals have shown a strong propensity to ignore some basic tenets of the constitution. This bill endeavors to place some restrictions on government officials violating our civil rights and the rights of business owners and for this reason, I support its passage.

Respectfully,

Bryan Cherry  
Fishhook, AK  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ross Beal [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 2:33 PM  
**To:** Rep. CJ McCormick  
**Subject:** Please Support HB 61

Dear Representative McCormick,

As a concerned sportsman, I am asking you to SUPPORT HB 61.

This bill will put in place important safeguards to protect sportsmen and gun owners during declared emergencies.

Please stand with me and the sportsmen community by supporting HB 61.

Sincerely,

Ross Beal  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** CJ Koan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 19, 2023 8:00 AM  
**To:** House Community and Regional Affairs  
**Subject:** HB61

Dear Committee,

I am in favor of House Bill 61. This is one of the most common sense bills I have read in a long time. Not only does it support 2A rights, it supports business. The media promoted fear during the outbreak and fear closed many businesses. We are a free society until government decisions to lock down due to fear change it. I hope we have ALL learned something from the last 3 years.

C.J. Koan  
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Sent from Proton Mail for iOS



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**From:** Aileen Cotter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 19, 2023 5:40 PM  
**To:** House Community and Regional Affairs  
**Subject:** HB 61

In favor of you keeping your hands off our guns and ammunition! Any time!

Ella Cottet

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jon and Ruth Ewig [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 19, 2023 10:41 PM  
**To:** House Community and Regional Affairs; Jon and Ruth Ewig; mary\_kopf@yahoo.com; Jacronk@hotmail.com; btyndall@protonmail.com; duncanaands@protonmail.com  
**Subject:** We support HB61 a gun rights bill

Any additional protections for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights is excellent.

Jon and Ruth Ewig  
[REDACTED]