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Respectfully appending the comments made by Senator Claman at the end of the HJR 3 discussion, there are now 29 constitutional carry states. Therefore there are 29 states in which I can carry a firearm, open or concealed according to my understanding, since it is legal for me to be in the presence of a privately held firearm at all. If I was a convicted felon I would not be able to be in the presence of a firearm (although that seems to be a law not often enforced until there is a violent crime committed), and of course the Second Amendment also does not allow me to have a firearm while committing a crime.

When I travel to cities that restrict law-abiding citizens from carrying a gun I see that people in those cities live in fear. Last fall I spent 17 days in Seattle for medical reasons and I would bet that at least two dozen people working in that hospital cautioned me to not walk around downtown Seattle at night unarmed. Many of those people go armed, I believe in violation of the laws there!

Thank you again for your time. Thanks for the hard work you do every day for Alaskans. Please move HJR 3 out of committee as soon as possible.

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