

Joe Hayes

From: Alaskan Ballistics <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 6:01 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Shelley Hughes
Subject: My Testimony on S.B. 229

Charles Bost
Palmer Resident
Representing myself and the 41000+ subscribers to my YouTube channel, Alaskan Ballistics.

Dear Alaskan State Senate Committee Members and Chairman,

I am writing to you to tell you my testimony around S.B. 229. I am a School teacher, parent, and domestic abuse survivor. I waited over an hour and a half on the phone the other day to give my testimony, and was not called upon despite having waited so long. Allowing Committee members to leave during such an important bill is spiting the people that have elected them. Unless they're having a heart attack, or their family is injured in a car wreck, they should be doing their jobs that we elected them to do. A screen shot of how long I waited is attached

Speaking of which, I am greatly opposed to this bill. As a victim of domestic abuse where my wife constantly hit me, I am glad the state I was living in at the time didn't have these laws. She would have lied and signed whatever affidavit she needed to, to manipulate anyone who would listen to take my guns.

I am fundamentally opposed to this law because it breaks so many amendments to the U.S. Constitution that I don't know how you can not arrest the bill's sponsors, for dereliction of duty, since they're oath demands to uphold and protect the U.S. and Alaskan Constitutions.

First it breaks the second amendment as the right to bear arms is denied without a crime being committed.

Secondly, it violates the fourth amendment as it's illegal seizure of property. The standard of evidence is nothing more than a police officer's or family member's word.

Thirdly, it violates the 5th Amendment. The 5th Amendment clearly states that a person has a right to a speedy and public trial by a jury of our peers. This bill would replace the 5th Amendment with an ex-parte hearing. Essentially a trial takes place, that I'm not at or even aware of. Then the punishment of having my guns confiscated comes before I'm even able to stand in front of my accusers.

The fourth amendment that it violates is the 8th. It is both an excessive fine (as most gun collections are at least several thousand dollars) and a cruel and unusual punishment to take someone's property when you haven't charged or convicted them with a crime.

Finally, taking the guns first, due process second is a massive denial of due process. A right delayed is a right denied. This inherently violates the 14th amendment due process.

As a school teacher, I know that kids in classrooms are sitting ducks for mass shootings. But we'll still be sitting ducks after this passes. Mass shootings stop when the second person with a gun arrives to stop the shooter. A smart criminal will simply keep their mouth shut so there'd be no reason to red flag them. If y'all had passed S.B. 127 and trained and allowed me to have my second amendment rights as a school teacher, you wouldn't have to worry about mass shootings.

Finally, as a parent, I don't want my children growing up in a world where there's no 5th amendment rights to stand before your accuser, where the constitution and individual liberty is nothing more than a mere legend of the past.

As I am sure you are aware, a Maryland resident is dead from refusing to give up his guns. He was shot dead by police. His wife later came out and said the accusation was false. This happened in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

I'm sure you're also aware Indiana has so called Red Flag Laws. On July 22, 2022 a man came in with a rifle and started killing people. A concealed carrier, Elisjsha Dicken put the criminal down. Indiana's Red Flag Laws didn't stop this attempt.

I ask the committee to do your constitutionally sworn duty and kill this bill.

Thank You,
Charles Bost
Palmer, Alaska
Alaskan Ballistics
YouTube Channel

Joe Hayes

From: Gary Kuhn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:25 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB229 Emergency Gun Violence Protective Orders

Senators and committee members, please find my written testimony on the SB229 Emergency Gun Violence Protective Orders as follows:

Subject: SB229 an Emergency Gun Violence Protective Orders by Senator Tobin, Gray-Jackson
My name is Gary Kuhn, and I have been an AK resident for 66 years, and now reside in Palmer AK. I am a parent, grandparent, and great grandparent. I am representing myself.

First, I want to express my extreme disappointment for not be able to testify on May 30th because members of the committee decided to leave early and then the Chair and Bill sponsor unilaterally decided to eliminate the Alaska residents from testifying by shortening the meeting; I stayed on the phone for over an hour to be able to speak to this subject issue. That action on your part resulted in my voice on the subject has been curtailed or silenced by your insensitivity to a lack of commitment to hearing the public on these issues.

Some specific objections within SB229 are as follows:

I Object to language: "A peace officer or household member who reasonably believes that a person is a danger to self or others may file a petition under this" Bill.

I Object to language: to the "the court shall ex parte and without notice to the respondent issue a protective order."

This language usurps "Due Process" and means that an accused has no say in their defense prior to a hearing, and this bill usurps that provision of our guaranteed citizen rights.

The US Constitution Bill of Rights Amendment IV assures that security of persons, houses papers, searches and seizures without due process. This bill usurps these protections and can and will be abused... This proposed language completely overturns the citizenry constitutional rights to be secure in their own domicile.

What we have here is a mental health crisis in the US not a gun access issue or gun violence issue. What we need to do is address this through strengthening the mental health laws, dealing with the drug crisis and stopping catch and release leftist practices. The mental health laws in Alaska have been lacking in substance and effectiveness for as long as I have been alive, yet no one wants to face those realities because it is hard. Well, I say take the hard road and address these Mental Health Issues now and stop this political wrangling that serves none of the Alaska citizens.

People have a propensity to blame the tool, or the gun for gun violence, rather than address the Mental health crisis and the potential violent perpetrator and their restoration back to normal mental, spiritual and physical health. Working on that mental health crisis problem and guns won't even come up in the conversation. Your job that you were sent to Juneau to do is to protect our already established rights, and

Joe Hayes

From: Rudy Poglitch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:26 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Defeat SB229

I urge you to defeat SB229.

There's no evidence that red flag laws reduce suicides or violent crime. Check the reports at

www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/extreme-risk-protection-orders.html

papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3492120

ippsr.msu.edu/research/do-red-flag-laws-save-lives-or-reduce-crime

The Rhode Island American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) says such laws could negatively affect people who pose no credible threat:

www.riaclu.org/en/news/aclu-rhode-island-raises-red-flags-over-red-flag-gun-legislation

Red flag laws are attempts at "pre-crime" laws, to prevent crimes before they occur; but in so doing they compromise civil liberties and property rights, and this does not comport with our free society.

Please defeat SB 229. Thank you.

Rudy Poglitch
Wasilla

Joe Hayes

From: Andrew Ault <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:42 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Very strong concerns with SB 229

5/1/2024

Dear Senators,

I have just today become aware of SB 229 and am very concerned with its provisions and possible unintended costly consequences. I am sending this email because testifying tomorrow is not an option for me.

Red Flag laws in general are seldom used in locations that have them, Chicago with more than 8500 shootings in roughly a two year time frame, saw the law used only four times. While proponents of Red Flag legislation will speak of saving lives and reducing injuries, how many injuries and lives lost might be caused from improper application of a Red Flag law due to some malicious intent? What are the consequences for people that use such malicious intent?

Domestic disputes and child custody disputes are known to cause people to act in vindictive ways, Red Flag laws could be abused. While law enforcement professionals are mostly very ethical, a few are not; could a Red Flag law create an avenue for bribery? Could a coworker that is upset with an individual cause grief? Could this law be used to intimidate a witness scheduled to testify in a trial? The answer to these questions is yes. And I have a personal story to support maliciousness by a coworker, and another story about being intimidated before testifying at a trial; in both cases my personal ownership of firearms was maliciously used in an attempt to harm me.

Another unintended consequence that is more prevalent in Alaska is the possibility of an individual being wrongfully disarmed and then being attacked by wildlife in the outdoors; pepper spray does not always work. But the most concerning is the costs that an individual could incur.

There have been a few instances of individuals having their firearms held by law enforcement and not returned in the original condition. After the long procedure to get them back, they have been sometimes returned damaged, sometimes "lost", and sometimes are "accidentally" destroyed. A close friend of mine had a \$25,000 irreplaceable firearm stolen, recovered by law enforcement, held through the trial, and then destroyed after the agency failed to return it to him.

The 24 hour surrender time in SB 229 is concerning. Many large firearms collectors would not be able to find a local dealer or dealers with enough purchasing power to buy collections. The immediate transfer of firearms falling under the NFA (machine guns, suppressors, destructive devices, AOW, SBR, and SBS) would to the best of my knowledge violate federal transfer laws, thus subjecting the item(s) to forfeiture without compensation and possible criminal penalties for both parties. Alaska has a very high percentage of firearm owners with NFA items, our state may in fact have the highest per capita in the nation.

While Red Flag laws are meant to save lives, do they effectively accomplish that task? A person that is suicidal has tools/methods other than a firearm at their disposal. A person that is determined to cause others harm also has other tools/methods at their disposal.

I am asking that you table this bill and place it in the trash can.

Thank you,

Andrew A. Ault
B.A. Criminal Justice, UAF
Fairbanks Area Coordinator- Alaska Machine Gun Association



Senate district P resident

Joe Hayes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Matt Claman; Sen. Jesse Bjorkman; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Kelly Merrick; Sen. Löki Tobin
Subject: I support SB 229

Dear Senators,

I am a constituent from Anchorage and I support SB 229 as a way to protect our community and individuals at risk for suicide. Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) temporarily remove firearms from those showing signs of suicidal ideation and from those at risk for harming others. Below is a link to a brief summary of evidence-based research on ERPOs from John's Hopkins University. Given the high rates of suicide in Alaska, I strongly urge you to support this bill.

Joe Hayes

From: Susan Soule [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:35 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: In support of SB229

Lives can be saved by when we empower people to intervene and temporary prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. The crisis may involve threats of self harm or harms to others. In either case creating breathing space - time to get sober, or calm down or get help, can save one life or many. It's time to pass SB229 and save lives.
Susan Soule, Anchorage

Joe Hayes

From: Tova Henry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:33 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 229

Please protect our right to due process by opposing SB 229.

Thank You.
Tova and Timothy Henry
PO Box 74
Eagle, Alaska 99738

Joe Hayes

From: Kathy Burek Huntington <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:21 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB229

Hello

I am writing in support of the adoption of SB229. Alaska has the 4th highest rate of gun deaths in the country and 2nd highest rate of gun suicide death. I feel personally invested in this bill being enacted because my youngest child (they/them) was and is chronically suicidal while a teenager and now into their 20s. They suffer from severe depression sometimes with psychotic features. Their stated method of suicide would be with a handgun. Much research has shown that if you remove a person's choice of suicide, many people do not carry through with this act. When my child was younger, they couldn't buy a gun and that may have saved their life, but that restriction is no longer the case. If we had a red flag law, I would be able to continue restricting their access when needed. I very much want this bill to pass so that we can continue to make access to their choice of suicide unavailable to them and have them live out their life. The world would be a much poorer place without them and my world would be devastated.

Kathy Burek Huntington DVM, MS, DACVP (she/her)

~~Alaska Veterinary Pathology Services, LLC~~

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~~Engle River, AK 99529~~

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<https://veterinarypathologyservicesalaska.com/>

Joe Hayes

From: Chuck Martin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:56 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Re: Alaska: Red Flag Hearing Tomorrow Afternoon

As an long time Alaskan, Veteran and retired Juvenile Justice Officer living in Kenai I have deep concerns about this SB 229 Red Flag law. In my book any more gun laws are simply unconstitutional. We have enough gun laws and if used appropriately, no more are necessary. Please let's keep Alaska, Alaska, not California or DC. Very bad stuff coming out of DC these days. To remain free we must keep Alaska strong and free by saying no to all Liberal Ideology.

Thank you,

Charles Martin

[REDACTED]

Kenai Alaska 99611

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Sent from my iPad

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

On Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 1:19 PM, James Lochte <jlochte@nrailafrontlines.com> wrote:



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Charles --

Tomorrow afternoon, May 2nd, the Senate State Affairs Committee will be holding a public hearing at 3:30pm on Senate Bill 229, a Red Flag bill "relating to gun violence protective orders." **Please contact members of the committee directly by using the Take Action button below and ask them to OPPOSE SB 229.** Public testimony options are also available on the legislature website [here](#).

Joe Hayes

From: Patricia Kennish [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:41 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Matt Claman; Sen. Jesse Bjorkman; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Kelly Merrick; Senator.Loki.Tobin@akla.gov
Subject: SB229

Good morning,

First, I thank you for taking up this matter once again. I feel as though this topic has journeyed through the Legislature before and I hope this time it will succeed. The daughter of a friend of mine experienced the loss of her husband through suicide. He had been suffering from PTSD. One night he abruptly got up, went upstairs, grabbed his gun and shot himself. His wife heard, ran up and I cannot imagine what she discovered...beyond the very painful loss of her husband. They had a toddler daughter who was also in the house. I suspect he had sufficient awareness not to take their lives but in a way he altered their lives forever. This is not a unique story. I've read and heard about it a number of times. Not just here in Alaska but throughout the nation. As I read through the bill, it appears there are safeguards for those who are concerned about due process. I try to understand but it's difficult when one sees the impact of the impetuous grabbing of a gun and ending lives.

Thank you for the discussion.

Patricia Kennish

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99516

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Joe Hayes

From: Patricia Owen <patowen@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:21 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Re: Support SB 229

Senator Kawasaki and members of the committee:

I urge you to pass SB 229 that would establish an Extreme Risk Protection law in Alaska.

As a lifelong Alaskan, mother and grandmother of children who live in Alaska, I am very concerned about the rate of gun suicide in Alaska, and my family has been personally affected by this tragedy.

This law could effectively intervene and prevent gun suicide, which happens on average every three days in Alaska. As you know, regrettably Alaska has the second highest rate of gun suicide in the United States. This law is common sense and if passed could save lives as it has done successfully in 21 other states.

Thank you for your attention!

Patty Owen
Juneau, Alaska

Sent from Mail for Windows

Joe Hayes

From: John Bosshard III <~~john.bosshard@alaska.gov~~>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:54 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Opposition to SB229

I am a registered voter in McCarthy, Alaska and want my voice to be added to those in opposition to this bill and all other gun related legislation that is an abrogation of my Second and 4th Amendment rights.

Thank you for your consideration.

--
John BosshardIII

Joe Hayes

From: David Hamilton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 9:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 229

Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

As a former Alaska State Trooper, and having a total of 27 years law enforcement service to Alaska, I am totally convinced this bill is ineffective legislation and an unfair seizure of personal property.

I oppose Senate Bill 229. This proposed "Red Flag Law" blatantly violates my Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and due process rights.

In every other state where such "laws" exist, they are abused to fulfill a political disarmament agenda, and cause more victimization.

As this proposed legislation violates the Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and many other constitutionally guarded rights; I urge you to immediately kill this legislation.

Sent from my iPhone

Joe Hayes

From: Trisha Drake <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 10:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 229

Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I oppose Senate Bill 229. This proposed "Red Flag Law" blatantly violates my Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and due process rights.

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As this proposed legislation violates the Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and many other constitutionally guarded rights; I urge you to immediately kill this legislation.

Do not do this. This is wrong, and you know it. We are watching and we vote.

Sent from my iPad

Joe Hayes

From: Micky Boyer <~~redacted~~>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 5:08 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 229

Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I oppose Senate Bill 229. This proposed "Red Flag Law" blatantly violates my Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and due process rights.

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As this proposed legislation violates the Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and many other constitutionally guarded rights; I urge you to immediately kill this legislation.

Micky D. Boyer

Joe Hayes

From: Marvin Ebnet <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 7:16 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 229

Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I adamantly OPPOSE Senate Bill 229. This proposed violates violates my Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and due process rights.

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As this proposed legislation violates the Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and many other constitutionally guarded rights; I urge you to immediately kill this legislation.

I have lived in Alaska since 1974, I am ashamed at what is happening to this state. Show some backbone and stop this bill.

Marvin Ebnet
9400 spring Hill Drive
Anchorage Alaska
907-346-1966

Joe Hayes

From: Terry Tedor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:43 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 229

Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I oppose Senate Bill 229. This proposed "Red Flag Law" blatantly violates my Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and due process rights.

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As this proposed legislation violates the Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and many other constitutionally guarded rights; I urge you to immediately kill this legislation.

Doo not violate my rights as a means to create campaign talking points, raise contributions for your reelection or pander to Leftist gun-grabbers.

Terry Tedor

North Pole, AK

Joe Hayes

From: Steve <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:59 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 229

Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I oppose Senate Bill 229. This proposed "Red Flag Law" blatantly violates my Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and due process rights.

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As this proposed legislation violates the Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and many other constitutionally guarded rights; I urge you to immediately kill this legislation.

Having been a victim of a malicious ex-wife I am very against this.

While I am sure the law is meant to do certain things and protect people, think how it can be abused. Every law finds somebody that will twist it and make it bad. This law has enough potential to do extensive damage to innocent people like myself. My ex-wife got my gun rights taken away by lying. No trial or hearing, just secretly take them away. I didn't know it happened for 6 years when I went to purchase a weapon and it cost me \$4,000 to get it corrected and mostly fixed. Alaska is one of the last places you can go and experience freedom and self sufficiency. Please do not take it away, we already have a California we do not need another.

Steve G

907-315-4942

Joe Hayes

From: Clarence Weeks <~~weeks@clarenceweeks.com~~>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 229

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As this proposed legislation violates the Second Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and many other constitutionally guarded rights; I urge you to immediately kill this legislation.

We need to keep our constitution as written, not only the second amendment, but all amendments Sent from my iPhone

Joe Hayes

From: Daniel Vrenna <~~scapilanna@gmail.com~~>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:29 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 229

Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

The people of Alaska do not want "Red Flag Laws".

The people of Alaska want more freedoms restored not more taken away.

Daniel Vrenna