

From: GCI
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Repeal sb91
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How can I start. I was born in the territory of Alaska 1953 in Juneau. I have bought my home here in Juneau, raised 2 kids - both are productive members of society. Gone are the days of free living in Alaska. My home is now cameras everywhere, flood lights, alarms. I cannot leave my home for a walk without finding used dirty needles. My home is my jail because you unleashed sb91 before any programs were in place to protect the public. The criminals thumb their nose at the citizens because they pay little or no consequences. Is this what you intended to happen?

How can you honestly look at your constituents who vote you in, pay your salary, when you do not take into account our lives?

I do not live in a "bad" neighborhood. My house is almost paid off and 2 doors down is a neighborhood dealing/crack house.

When I was unsolved in the local crime page, I received threats daily over Facebook from "sb91" success stories who said "things would get ugly" if I dared showed up to testify against sb91 or sb54. You and I know there were no success stories from sb91 as these addicts were out of jail with no program implemented regarding public safety. You legislatures get one threatening message and the whole world has to stop. Try living with it as you merrily send the state down your river of slop. Juneau is small, any of these success stories could locate my residence. What are YOU waiting for? We've had enough.

In running errands last week, I had to run a gauntlet if 3 groups of homeless people at 10:30 am. Yes, they were homeless groups I watched as I crossed the street to avoid 2 groups. 1 group laughing and shoving each other. Another group sharing a bottle in a paper bag. The last group I could not avoid but was verbally accosted and harassed for money. I wrote to CBJ assembly. I also encountered a member of JPD and because he did not witness these incidences, he could not help.

You, the legislature, unleashed a crime wave on unsuspecting citizens. You should be ashamed. Sb91 was a conglomeration of "feel good" pieces of legislation from different states all rolled into one huge social experiment.

We are tired of your social experiment in this state. We are not safe. We are locked up protecting our lives and everything we worked for because you somehow believe we are not important.

The state of Alaska is my home, where I have grown. You turned it into a jail. The inmates are in charge.

I worked at Lemon Creek Correctional Center and don't you dare call me paranoid because I am well aware of what these inmates are capable of doing. With little or no consequences.

I invite you to live in my world. I do not drink, or do drugs. I am a 65 year old elder in the Tlingit tribe.

Shame on you.

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Below letter to CBJ

Ms Jackson

Thank you for taking the time to share your experience with us. Unfortunately, encounters like yours are happening far too frequently. I am engaging in conversations with the PD and other assembly members to see what we can do to lessen the frequency of these types of instances.

Again, thank you.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 1:12 PM

To: Borough Assembly

Subject: Homeless population in Juneau

April 4, 2018

I was born and raised in Juneau. I raised my children here in Juneau. I am a home owner who pays taxes on is here in Juneau.

Today, I had to go from my home in lemon creek to pick up a package at the great alaska fudge company. A present...

I get in my car, drive downtown and after securing parking, I walked 3 blocks on the streets of Juneau. During my walk I encountered 3 groups of homeless people. The first group - about 4 individuals - were shouting and arguing - I crossed the street. The 2nd group - 3 individuals were laughing and passing around a bottle in a paper bag - I again crossed the street. The 3rd group - 2 people were shouting at each other. When I was passing the arguing people - the woman asked if I had money to give her. When I responded "no - sorry" this woman advanced toward me while yelling and swearing at me.

I hurried to the Alaskan fudge company, retrieved my present and had to WAIT while the street cleared so I could leave.

Do you not see the problem here. It was [10:45 am](#). I pay taxes. I should not be in fear for my safety on a simple errand!

I do not have the answers to this problem, that's your job! Citizens should feel safe going about routine errands in this city.

Being verbally assaulted and harassed is not ok! Do what you are paid to do, serve the citizens who live here.

Yes, I ran into a member of the police department on my way back to my car. Yes I explained what happened only to have him raise his arms and walk away, explaining there is nothing he

can do.

So, our police cannot protect us, maybe it is time you do. I have never felt so vulnerable and afraid in my life...NEVER.

I do not drink or party so this IS not a personal problem. Apparently this the new normal for the tax paying citizens of JUNEAU. We are paying your salary, not the homeless people.

Melody Jackson

Sent from my iPad