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Mr. Chair and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 203 that would strengthen public safety in Alaska by prohibiting the possession, sale, and distribution of machine-gun conversion devices, commonly known as "Glockswitches" or "auto sears". These small, easily concealed parts are designed to convert a standard semiautomatic handgun into a rapid-fire weapon, effectively turning a handgun into an illegal machine gun.

Alaska law already prohibits firearms that are capable of shooting more than one shot automatically, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

SB 203 would strengthen that state law by also clearly prohibiting conversion devices that turn a firearm into a prohibited rapid-fire weapon.

SB 203 is consistent with federal law (which prohibits machine guns and conversion parts). Importantly, it will provide state and local law enforcement with the clear statutory authority to prosecute the possession and use of these devices at the state level. This legislation provides Alaskan law enforcement with a more immediate tool to keep our communities and children safe.

More than half of all US states have recognized the value of adopting a state law that complements the federal prohibition, and enacted state-level bans on these devices – including states as varied as Alabama, California, Georgia, Tennessee, New York, Florida and Louisiana.

I believe that Alaska should follow suit, as a means to further protect public safety in our state.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Regards,

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