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Cc: [Sen. Löki Tobin](#)
Subject: Support SB203
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Mr. Chair and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 203 prohibiting the possession, sale, and distribution of machine-gun conversion devices. These small parts are designed to convert a standard semiautomatic handgun into a rapid-fire weapon, effectively turning a handgun into an illegal machine gun. Although 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.

I have lived in Alaska for 45 years raising two daughters here. My two granddaughters live here now. Honestly, I worried a lot about whether my daughters would make it through middle school and high school without a shooting taking place at school. It was a relief when they graduated. Now my precious granddaughters are in Sitka public schools and I worry about their safety at school. On Monday our friend's son's school in Seattle was locked down because of a shooter threat. He is 7 – imagine his terror – hiding in a closet at school. My granddaughters are 5 and 7 and this hit me hard. Also this week our neighbors to the south in Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia experienced a tragic mass shooting at school. The shooter used a modified handgun.

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. As lawmakers you must do everything you can to help protect Alaskans. This bill does that without limiting anyone's 2nd Amendment rights.

Think of 7-year old Parker who will hold that terrifying memory forever. Support SB203.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and thank you Senator Tobin for this important bill.

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