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Thank you, Senators Tobin and Gray-Jackson for introducing and co-sponsoring SB 203.

To the Chair and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee, I am writing in support of this bill which is designed to strengthen an existing state law and keep us all a little safer while not infringing on anyone's Second Amendment Rights.

A few days ago, 3 of my school age grandchildren were under lockdown for several hours because of a shooting incident at the local high school. As it turned out the 16-year old shooter had an argument with another student and shot and injured him. I shudder to think that had he had a semi-automatic or automatic weapon, how much more damage he might have caused. Even so, children were traumatized and the attendance rate the next day was down to 40%.

While this happened in another state, it could just as easily happen in a school or other public venue here in Alaska. We cannot prevent all shootings but we certainly can take steps to at least reduce the potential for mass physical harm. Please vote in favor of SB 203, one way to help keep Alaskans safer.