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**To:** LIO Homer  
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To whom it may concern,

I am unable to attend the hearing at the Homer LIO and would like to submit my comment for public record re: House Bill 210 in the House Special Committee of Military and Veteran Affairs.

I think it absurd to consciously slip back into time and knowingly impeded progress. Please do not even consider lowering the age for drinking or smoking for military "kids". This is a health related issue. This is not a perk! We need to move forward on the prevention of illness, REGARDLESS of the path young people decide to take for work, i.e., the military. It seems to me that the government would not and should not endorse this. In the end it will cost millions of dollars more in health care for these kids. We should continue to move toward prevention of alcoholism, liver disease and early death, COPD, lung cancers, heart disease, and early death! This would only come across as another "perk" to join the military. Further more, maybe we should consider making the minimum military age to be 21 instead of 18. These young people are not even done growing, mentally or physically, when they are shipped off to kill others, and experience horrendous events.

**Just say NO!**

In Health,  
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