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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4 – SPONSOR STATEMENT

"Urging the President of the United States to rescind 23 executive orders related to regulation of firearms; and urging the United States Congress to refrain from passing legislation that restricts the right of individuals to keep and bear arms."

Alaskans have the individual right to keep and bear arms under the United States Constitution and the Alaska State Constitution. That fundamental right is enjoyed by thousands of Alaskans who use firearms safely and responsibly to hunt and compete in shooting sports. Firearms are the first line of defense for their homes their homes and lives in wilderness areas of the state.

Earlier this month President Obama issued 23 executive orders related to gun control. Many of those orders could restrict the ability of law abiding Alaskans, who use firearms responsibly, from having access to them. Proposed legislation is piling up in congress that outright ignores the Second Amendment by banning many types of firearms and creating gun registries that could be used to seize lawfully owned guns.

The tragedies in Newtown, Connecticut and Aurora, Colorado were heartbreaking for all Americans; however, the best approach to preventing those incidents from happening again should come at the state level. Alaskans take the Second Amendment very seriously and expect their elected officials to stand up and protect it.

House Joint Resolution 4 urges the Obama Administration and the United States Congress to defend that right by rejecting any legislation or executive orders that will weaken the right to keep and bear arms.

House Joint Resolution 4 was referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

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