Gayle Keller

From: abelaska@mtaonline.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 8:34 AM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly
Subject: S.B. 174

Hello,
I want to thank you for introducing S.B174. (Campus Carry) I.E. The protection of and reinforcement of our god given second amendment rights of self preservation. I have searched the State web site looking for the complete wording of this bill as it is written now, but can not find it. Could you please provide me with a copy of it or a link where I can find it.
Thank you
Abel Veldkamp
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My name is Tom Boutin. I live here in Juneau. Thank you for having this hearing, and thank you for allowing me to call in to this hearing. I am speaking just for myself of course.

SB174 is needed legislation in my view. The legislation appears to cover the need very well and the drafters have met every concern that could possibly have occurred to me.

I think the bill addresses an apparent oversight in state law. Clearly, gun-free zones cannot work and do not work to eliminate or even reduce violence today. As a matter of fact from watching the national news each evening it seems that when some nut goes off his medication or wants to get through to his lady psychologist, or when some terrorist wants to come here and kill us it seems likely he will choose to do so in a gun-free zone. But even apart from that scenario, if I had a daughter or if my wife was taking an evening class I would much prefer that when she walks to her car at the end of class her revolver be in her purse instead of locked in her car. I think most people feel that way today, and I expect that in no small part this legislation will bring University rules in line with current common practice.

This is careful and constructive legislation. Concerns expressed by University interests seem to be very similar to concerns expressed 25 years ago when Alaska concealed carry was first considered by the Legislature. Critics said that upon enactment concealed carry would result in Alaskans reaching for their guns to settle any argument and that bars would have bullets flying as in an old cowboy movie. Moreover, the scenarios cited by opponents talk about hypothetical circumstances that are unlawful today and would remain unlawful after SB174 became law such as armed students abusing alcohol. Thank you for your time.

I am a certified National Rifle Association Instructor and a Range Safety Officer. My wife and I are volunteer managers at the ADF&G indoor range; last summer we opened and managed the range for public hours every Sunday, and we have done that for a few summers.

Gayle Keller

From: Simon Gilliland <simongilliland@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 3:36 PM
To: Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Bill Stoltze; senator.bill.wielochowski@akleg.gov; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. John Coghill
Cc: ua.president@alaska.edu; dlmilke@alaska.edu; marizk@alaska.edu
Subject: Support for SB 174

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you today in SUPPORT of SB 174. I am a former UA student and engineering graduate and the elder brother of three sisters who are former or current UA students.

Now that I have graduated I don't frequent the campuses as often but when I do it is usually to spend a quite weekend afternoon in the UAA/APU Consortium Library; and every time I am greeted by the same familiar sign "Gun Free Zone". After my time as a student I know to take off and stow my pistol before exiting my vehicle but why should I be required to do so? I am a law abiding US and Alaskan citizen who despite failing four engineering and upper level math classes that I can recall and being required to retake 18 credits of GER and 100 Level classes when I transferred into UAA never felt the need to get even with the university or my professors for perceived or actual injustices. You know why I never felt the need to be violent? Because like the infinite majority of the population I was taught that violence isn't the answer and to respect the law. But because of a prejudice, weapons are not permitted on University property. When an individual is bent on committing a crime a sign or "statute" isn't going to stop them; equal and **timely** force in the possession of a calmer minded individual most likely will however.

Let me illustrate. I assume most if not all of you have or had young children at one point. If they became angry and decided to take their hand, commonly a toddler's "weapon" of choice, and hit someone who had offended or angered them how did you stop them? Most likely using your hand; the hand of a clear thinking individual who used the same "tool", a hand, to stop or prevent an attack where the same "tool" was used as an instrument of force and perpetration.

Now back to the campus library. On the way into the main Consortium Library entrance you might not see the Providence Transit Center bus stop but on the way out it's hard to miss. Now bus users, of which I was one during college, are not the reason for this mention; the bus bench "clientele" who hang out there on a nearly daily basis however are. Now these are not by any means all bad people but they look rough from their time on the streets and very similar to those same individuals above who have little to no respect for the law or be intent on preying on a young lady in particular. As I mentioned above I have three sister's who have or are attending various UA campuses. They are all smart about where they go, daylight or not, but sometimes this isn't enough to protect ones self. Now I know many University students do not meet the minimum age requirements under the law of twenty-one years of age to carry a handgun concealed however this is not reason to allow them to be banned entirely by University statute. I recall one female classmate who carried two things on the outside of her book bag, mace, and for those who might not take the hint, a folding knife which I can only assume she would have had not qualms with using should a predator required additional persuasion that he had picked a bad target for his evil intentions. These methods she was forced to carry however are very limited in their ability to protect beyond an extremely close quarter's contact confrontation and I imagine she would have much rather

carried her handgun which she could, and did, legally carry elsewhere during her daily life. Why are we allowing the University to limit individuals to only protecting themselves from harm once they have actually been assaulted?

When I attended UAA there were many returning or otherwise older students. In my graduating engineering class of roughly twenty five students, I was at twenty-two years of age I believe the second youngest with at least a quarter of the class being over twenty-five. And you can be certain that I wasn't the only one who's first order of business upon returning to our cars was to fill the empty holster in our waistband or inside our shirt or pant leg. Why did we all carry? Because we all cared about the safety of our loved ones, those around us, and ourselves. Why do we abide by the University's rules as unconstitutional as they are? Because we are law and University statute abiding citizens who would prefer to not deal with the bureaucracy of the University or risk repercussions to our degrees because of the University loosing a very embarrassing and public court battle. No the people being punished by this University statute which the Legislature is intending to suppress are the same men and women who would confront an armed perpetrator with only our bare hands if necessary to save the lives of our classmates or people we don't even know. Why? Because it is our duty and privilege as citizens to look out for and protect those weaker among us. Some of these men and women have protected this nation while fighting on foreign soils while others have not yet had the opportunity to save the life of a fellow man.

We are the parents who barely get assignments in on time, straight A students who's life revolves around our studies, the student athletes whose faces are used in promoting Alaskan Universities, and above all we are the first people who will react to a problem when it arises. The time has come to take the restraints off of those of us who follow the law and would protect our fellow man if the need arose. The time has come for the Legislature to ensure we have access to the same tools to protect ourselves and others, afforded to us by the US and Alaska State Constitutions, while going about our lives as students on the campuses of Alaska's public University system.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Simon Gilliland - Former UA Student and 17 year Alaskan Resident

Gayle Keller

From: Richard Hughes <rahughes@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 4:29 PM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly
Subject: SB 174 - Gun Bill

Senator Kelley:

I fully support your bill for arms approval on UA campuses. I instruct at UAF and am continually reminded that there have been numerous slayings on gun-restricted campuses. We have to recognize that restricting gun/weapons access provides those with nefarious intention to do exactly as they wish with no exposure. A question: where would you do maximum devastation if there were no controls? The answer, as in other universities is UA; WE DON'T WANT THAT.

The testimony from UA Administration has some credits, but can't be supported entirely. We have to move forward, and back to my support.

Regards,

Richard A. Hughes, PE

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Gayle Keller

From: michael mooradian <moravius1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 5:51 PM
To: Michael Mooradian
Subject: SB174

Dear Senator,

I want you to know I support SB174, the carry on campus bill. I don't understand why we need to have legislation to make UA conform to the law but so be it. Personally I think all agencies and NGO's should be cut off from any government funding if they think they have the right to violate our civil liberties. I've said my piece so make a check mark in support of SB174.

Sincerely,

Michael Mooradian
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Gayle Keller

From: mike smith <mikesmithak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 5:22 PM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: SB174 Support

Senators, Kelly, Stoltze, Dunleavy, McGuire and Giessel,

As a university employee, please let me personally thank each of you for introducing and supporting SB174. In today's world, we hear too often of unstable students reeking havoc and destruction their fellow students and unarmed staff. In the office where I work, students are often highly charged and overly anxious about their financial aid, admission status, full classes or a variety of other issues that seem to take them to the brink of rational thinking. Thank God we have not had any major incidents of violence yet. Still, infringing on my right to keep and bear arms at my place of work, and then making the situation more dangerous by posting to the public that I'm unarmed, is both unconstitutional and unacceptable.

Please accept this email as my unequivocal support of SB174 and any legislation that allows me to retain my rights as a citizen and takes the Board of Regents out of the role of interpreting the Second Amendment. "Shall not infringe" seems cut and dry to me. I should have the right to carry my firearm wherever I go. The only place I'm truly vulnerable is the place I spend most of my day... at work.

Also, please understand that while I respect the university's position on the matter, it is NOT shared by all of it's employees. Many of us believe that it is based less on student safety and more on covering their liabilities. Hypothetical scenarios and dangers, no matter how valid they make them out to be, should never supersede the law. I believe the adage that says, "when we trade our freedoms for safety, we end up with neither."

If you have any questions regarding this email or my support for SP174, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 907-952-7251

Michael B. Smith
Concerned University Employee

Gayle Keller

From: Michael McGowan <mgmcgoo@alaska.net>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 8:48 AM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly
Cc: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Click Bishop; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; represenatative.scott.kawasaki@akleg.gov
Subject: UA Gun Control

I support your legislation to enable law abiding citizens to protect themselves with concealed weapons on all UA campuses. Just about every mass shooting in the U.S. and internationally has occurred in gun free zones where innocent people are prohibited from carrying firearms to protect themselves. It's only a matter of time before such tragedy occurs in Alaska.

Your legislation should be expanded to include all government and public facilities that prohibit people from protecting themselves with concealed weapons. It should require them to post the weapons prohibition at every entrance AND provide sufficient armed guards on the premises to protect people in the event of an armed attack. This should not only be required at UA campus facilities but any other places such as schools, bars, court houses, airlines, the state legislature, etc. where firearms are prohibited.

There should be no place within the State of Alaska that prohibits innocent people from protecting themselves from mass shootings unless the facility provides sufficient armed guards to ensure the safety of the public. My wife works at a public school that could easily have an attack similar to Sandy Hook. Door locks and the prohibition of weapons within our schools does nothing to protect victims when mass shootings occur. We need to be proactive rather than reactive to enable law abiding citizens to be the first responders.

We teach kids how to stop, drop and roll. We teach adults how to use fire extinguishers. Why not teach everyone how to dog pile on armed attackers and let the building occupants protect themselves with concealed weapons until law enforcement arrives on the scene.

Thanks for your time to make Alaska a safer place to live.

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Gayle Keller

From: Lauchlan Ford <ljfmah@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 6:05 PM
Cc: Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. John Coghill
Subject: Fwd: SB 174

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From: **Lauchlan Ford** <ljfmah@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 15, 2016 at 5:40 PM
Subject: SB 174
To: Bill Wielechowski <Senator.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>

I am a constituent. I support SB 174 because: a) The State constitution provides no exception and the Univ of AK is in violation of the constitution both State and federal. b) No problem has been identified and documented that justifies denying fundamental rights, and in fact, the usual "blood in the streets" arguments are ridiculous fabrications of overactive imaginations of job-nervous bureaucrats. c) Political correctness gone wild as in educators' safeguarding their careers with "Zero Tolerance" policies in the name of caring for the children. d) Dermot Cole envisions wild dorm parties leading to bloodshed without mentioning any such problem before dorms were built. e) My home is surrounded by at least seven gun free zones within within four football fields' distance, and since gun free zones are proven killing zones I am very concerned.

L J Ford

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Gayle Keller

From: Greg Stoddard <grg.stoddard@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2016 1:43 PM
Subject: SB174

Dear Senator,

I want you to know I support SB174, the carry on campus bill. I don't understand why we need to have legislation to make UA conform to the law but so be it. Personally I think all agencies and NGO's should be cut off from any government funding if they think they have the right to violate our civil liberties. I've said my piece so make a check mark in support of SB174 from me.....

Gayle Keller

From: Glenn Gambrell <gjgambrell@alaska.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 2:13 PM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; represetativewes.keller@akleg.gov; Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: SB-174 and support for UAs current position

Dear Senator Kelly and Education Committee Members,

I am writing to express my support of the current University of Alaska's policy on handguns/weapons on all UA campuses and expressing my opposition to SB-174

I am a retired Army Officer, ardent support of the Constitution and the Second Amendment and, currently enrolled as a full time Masters Student in Northern and Arctic Studies at UAF.

The majority of students enrolled in the UA system are not eligible to own handguns and conceal carry in the State of Alaska. The UA system has enough day to day issues to include under age drinking and sexual assault that guns do not to be included as another issue.

The current policy is the right fit for the the UA System. Allow UA to be the parent. Do not allow outlier situations be the cause of knee jerk legislation.

Sincerely
Glenn J Gambrell
LTC (R)
NORS '17

Sent from my iPhone

Gayle Keller

From: Erica Nardella <enardell@alaska.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 5:44 PM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly
Subject: I support SB 174

Senator Kelly,

My name is Erica Nardella and I am a Social Work student at UAF. I just wanted to share that I support SB 174. I am definitely a minority in this position, but I had my own opinion before I even watched the Senate Education meeting.

First of all, I believe in constitutional rights, though I do not even believe that is your goal - I think defense and safety is your concern. I believe we are entitled to the civil liberties of the constitution, but those days are gone.

Beyond the violation of our constitutional rights, I think the main focus is in your assertion that a bad man with a gun is going to do what he wants, with or without legislation (paper). The best we can do is be able to protect ourselves and a have preventative measure. We cannot control bad things, but we do have power to protect ourselves. I am not sure why others do not see it from that perspective.

While I do concede that many (students, especially) feel that this will create a more dangerous atmosphere (even if perceived), it is our right to be able to defend ourselves. It stops there for me. It does help that your bill makes sense though. In other words, your bill makes more sense than potential risks. I like how you also showed the facts about being a target and being vulnerable.

Unfortunately, I do not believe it will pass - the university is entirely opposed to it, and I am very much against the grain in my opinion, but I just wanted to share my support with you.

Thank you for what you do and for fighting the good fight,

Erica Nardella

Gayle Keller

From: Dan McIntosh <danmcintosh90@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 1:43 PM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly

Sen Kelly,

I am contacting you about SB 174, the expansion of concealed carry to college campuses. I have personal knowledge of this topic as while attending Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA) I had to use a pistol to deter a potential break in to my apartment in Oct 2013. Unbeknownst to me the school had a no firearms policy that covered my apartment and they attempted to have me expelled for these actions even though Spokane Police who responded and apprehended the suspect said that true violence was deterred. The long and short of it is enough outrage was caused and the school kept both me and my roommate. I can say being whiteness first hand to how legal gun ownership can deter crime I fully support you efforts and if there is any further testimony you would like or explanation I am more than willing.

http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2013/11/gonzaga-students-hit-with-probation-for-pulling-gun-on-intruder/

Best Regards,

Dan McIntosh
Cordova, AK
907.232.0342

Gayle Keller

From: Chris M Turletes <cmturletes@uaa.alaska.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 11:56 AM
To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Pete Kelly; Senator.Lesie.Maguire@akeg.gov
Subject: SB 174 testimony

Greetings My Name is Chris Turletes, I live in southwest Anchorage, I am a retired Army officer and now work at the University of Alaska Anchorage. I am a UAA alum as is one of my daughters. Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 174.

SB 174 would preclude the Board of Regents and university from effectively managing student and employee conflicts and campus safety issues where concealed weapons are involved. As a university employee who spends a lot of time on campus for both work and recreation, I don't understand the need to allow weapons or concealed carry weapons on campus. Part of our goal is to prepare our students to be good citizens; the campus is a place where freedom of speech and exploration of ideas is supposed to occur.

An armed campus stymies open and free dialogues, debates and arguments, personal engagements.

The policy in place now allows those that carry weapons to leave them in their vehicles.

As a part of the Campus Emergency Response team I think concealed carry compounds any event involving guns on campus. Who's the friendly, who's the hostile. You just don't know.

Why carry a weapon on campus in the library at the gym or the Arena or at the coffee shop or bookstore or classroom? Personal protection? Self Confidence? Intimidation? I can't think of a good reason.

I think SB 147 is a major distraction to the job at hand which should be to hammer out a budget and to orient the state to be able to create new revenues and reestablish an environment that makes us feel comfortable living, working and playing in the state; without having to wear a gun.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Chris Turletes

UAA AVC Facilities and Campus Services

Gayle Keller

From: Charles Hunter <gremlin1@fastmail.us>
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2016 1:02 PM
To: gremlin1@fastmail.us
Subject: SB174

Senator,

I support SB174. It doesn't go far enough but it's a step in the right direction. The University of Alaska is out of bounds as far as I'm concerned. They have no right to restrict peoples rights. They want the taxpayers money to support what they do but won't comply with the law. I say cut off all funding to them for this. How much of the bill of rights do they think they are entitled to violate? I'm angry with UA if you can't tell. Please support SB174.....Tks

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Gayle Keller

From: Barrie Greenfield <barrie_greenfield@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 12:55 PM
To: Sen. Pete Kelly
Subject: Bill 174 - Guns on Campus

Dear Senator Kelly,

As a recent UAF graduate, I want to express my support of Bill 174.

In the United States, a supposed Gun-free zone is simply an invitation to those who wish to harm others. My personal safety is not to be taken lightly, but when I am not allowed to carry concealed for my own protection or those fellow students around me, my safety is at risk. Attending night classes over the recent years meant that many times I had to walk across campus (or downtown at the CTC building) in the dark and away from crowds. Again, this means my own personal safety is at risk.

There are well-known incidents of individuals being sexually assaulted while on UA campuses- I do now wish to join that number and being able to carry concealed can be an effective deterrent to potential assailants.

I understand there are some concerns of guns being carried around minors and those who are not fully responsible. However, we live in Alaska. You can go to the local grocery store and there are people carrying concealed around minors, should we outlaw this also? (in case, you're wondering, NO!) I'd be willing to accept certain requirements to carry on campus, such as possessing a conceal and carry permit, even though it is not required normally for Alaskan residents.

The bottom line is, I should be allowed to carry concealed and defend myself regardless of my location- that means University of Alaska campuses, as well as my home, work and grocery stores.

thank You,

Barrie Greenfield

Fairbanks, Alaska