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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Ann Watts <anneem123@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 2:12 PM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
Subject: Alaska: Support Campus Carry legislation, Senate Bill 174

Dear Senator Lesil McGuire:

As an Alaska resident, I respectfully urge your support of Senate Bill 174. This important legislation would allow students, faculty and guests to own, possess, carry, transport or store a firearm on areas of the University of Alaska campus where not prohibited by law. A state-funded institution should not be allowed to impose rules more strict than state law, especially rules to limit the right to self-defense. Individuals should not be prevented from exercising their right to self-defense simply because they choose to seek a college education.

No-gun zones are really killing-opportunity zones. The bad guys have them, why can't we?

Again, as an Alaska resident, I urge you to support Senate Bill 174.

Sincerely,
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Bruce Mosher <moosemosher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 8:47 PM
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Sincerely,
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Christopher Custer
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Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 4:39 PM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
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There are few areas in public life that should be off limits to concealed firearms by law-abiding citizens. Unless you can assure the safety of a 21-year old junior female walking alone on campus in the dark, she deserves the right to protect her body from a larger male attacker with the most efficient means of self defense that is legally justified. That same woman deserves the right to protect her life in the classroom if it is threatened by a deranged attacker intent on taking innocent lives until someone with a gun stops him.

Again, as an Alaska resident, I urge you to support Senate Bill 174.

Sincerely,
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Frank Tomazsewski <fetoma@comcast.net>
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of John Klaysmat
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Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 1:34 PM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
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Sincerely,
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Ken Thynes <kenjthynes@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 9:02 AM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
Subject: Alaska: Support Campus Carry legislation, Senate Bill 174

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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Larry Moyer <treadplate@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 9:46 AM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
Subject: Alaska: Support Campus Carry legislation, Senate Bill 174

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Sincerely,
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Lars Gleitsmann
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Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 1:10 PM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
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Do not deny them the basic right to self defense. Do not make Campus a free range easy target for terrorists! The number of Muslims in the USA is exploding and we now have 4 Mosques here in Anchorage, we have to fear Terrorists in our future and the only help against the "lone wolf Terror" is an armed populace and the second amendment!

Sincerely,
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Lawrenre Murray
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Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 2:45 PM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Max Sisneros <macke4s@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 12:15 PM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of OLEN moyer <ogem55@hotmail.com>
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To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
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From: advocacy@mylegislators.com on behalf of Priscilla Flores <paflores002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 12:54 PM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire
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Sincerely,
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From: Sen. Pete Kelly
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 2:35 PM
To: Terence Reilly
Cc: Sen. Lesil McGuire
Subject: RE: SB-174

Thank you for your email regarding SB 174, University regulation of firearms and knives.

SB 174 resolves a conflict between the Alaska Constitution and the University of Alaska Board of Regents' weapons ban. Article I, Section 19 of the Alaska Constitution states: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. **The individual right to keep and bear arms shall not be denied or infringed by the State or a political subdivision of the State.**" [Emphasis added]

There is no provision in state law that allows the Board of Regents to enact a policy restricting weapons on campus. While Alaskans' democratically elected and accountable members of the legislature have promulgated in law place and manner restrictions for the possession of firearms in bars, court houses, K-12 schools and daycares, and domestic violence shelters, they never made the decision to declare our public university campuses off-limits to firearms. Yet the Board of Regents, an unelected public administrative body, took it upon themselves to restrict an explicit constitutional right. With the provision in the Constitution that states that neither the State nor a political subdivision of the state may not infringe upon the individual right to keep and bear arms, and without express authorization in law, the Regents have strayed into tenuous territory. Constitutional rights require a very high level of scrutiny before they can be limited. The government's reasoning for limiting a constitutional right must meet a very high threshold. Students do not relinquish their Constitutional rights by simply stepping on campus. In like manner students' rights to free speech and assembly aren't surrendered. The current policy not only lacks the legitimate authority to be enacted, but even if it did, it is not the least restrictive means of limiting that right.

Beyond the constitutional issues, the Regent's policy creates a "gun-free zone" around campus. Gun-free zone policies have never afforded their occupants any protection from violence and worse yet, they denied law-abiding citizens the option of exercising their constitutionally protected right to self-defense with a firearm. Since 1950, all but two public mass shootings have occurred in places where the general population has not been allowed to carry a firearm. I agree that classrooms are not places for guns. However, violent actors do not respect our rules and disarming law-abiding citizens is failed policy.

Deciding to carry a firearm for personal protection is a heavy responsibility. Over 150 college campuses have enacted policies that allow campus carry and 8 states now have laws requiring public universities to allow concealed carry on campus. These places saw no resulting increases in suicides or violence. I do not suggest persons go out and become amateur one-man SWAT teams. But allowing murders to proceed uncontested until law enforcement arrives to clean up the mess is unacceptable.

Our bill mirrors in many respects Alaska's municipal regulation of firearms statutes which contain the same language for restricted access areas that require persons to enter through a screening process before being allowed access. It ensures that secure areas are actually secure, rather than simply having the appearance of security.

My reasoning behind sponsoring SB 174 extends beyond concern for active shooters. The problem of sexual assaults on our university campuses has become increasingly highlighted recently. For those who are preyed upon, a firearm can be an equalizing mechanism against a more physically formidable aggressor. It is little consolation to a victim that the university was trying to protect him or her from injury from misuse of a firearm when the mere act of brandishing a firearm might have deterred an attack. Many of these issues are linked back to alcohol which is a contributing factor to unintentional injuries, the leading cause of death among college age students. Despite this danger, there is no plan contemplated to ban alcohol from campus, a substance for which there is no constitutional protection to possess. However, there is an explicit constitutional protection to possess a firearm for self-defense. Disarming law-abiding students and faculty does not promote campus safety and only creates the illusion of safety.

Through the committee process, our office hopes to reveal any weaknesses in the bill. It is our desire to not hurt the university and we are open to hearing solutions that strengthen the rights of our students balanced against the University's interest in creating a safe campus environment.

Pete

From: Terence Reilly [mailto:tjreilly@alaska.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 12:54 PM
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Cc: Terence Reilly <tjreilly@alaska.edu>
Subject: SB-174

Dear Senators McGuire and Kelly,

My name is Terry Reilly and I'm a professor at UAF, where I have been teaching in the English department since 1996. I have been a teacher since 1975 (that's 41 years), both in Alaska and Florida. I have taught every level of student from terminally ill pre-kindergarteners to PhD students, and I've won teaching awards wherever I've taught.

I'm writing with some concerns about the passage of SB-174, especially with regard to allowing guns in classrooms. One of the courses I regularly teach is English 200X, a survey of World Literature, and I teach selections from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. When I teach literature from the Middle East, sometimes the discussions can become quite fiesty and animated, which I usually count as a good thing in an educational environment. It's good for students to be able to argue reasonably and effectively and to formulate and articulate complex ideas. My classes are regularly populated by soldiers and dependents from Eielson and Fort Wainwright, and some of the soldiers who were grads from West Point and the Air Force Academy have used my syllabus when they return to their service academies to teach.

Since 2003 or so, some problems have occasionally cropped up in class with servicemen who have recently returned from tours of duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. Some of these soldiers are having a hard time readjusting to life in the US after experiencing some of the things they have overseas. Some of these soldiers have been diagnosed as PTSD; other have not. Since 2003, I have occasionally had to dismiss my class because of the behavior of some of these soldiers. None of it has been serious--just yelling at other students or me, kicking over trash cans, slamming doors, or just talking endlessly about irrelevant topics--but some of these folks are really having some mental problems, and they aren't getting much treatment for them.

These soldiers are not allowed to carry weapons on base, but if SB-174 passes, they will be able to carry weapons in my classroom, and that's not good at all, either for me or the other students.

My brother just returned from 3 1/2 years in Afghanistan where he was a civilian contractor, and when I told him about this situation, he couldn't believe it. He said that there's no way those people should be allowed to

handle guns anywhere, let alone a college classroom, and he pointed out the murder rate in Fort Collins Colorado since returning soldiers have been going there for debriefing.

One of my good friends and colleagues in Florida, Barry Grunow, was shot and killed the last day of middle school in 1990. He was a very popular teacher and the student who shot him was an honors student. The last day of school, the student who lived near the school brought some water balloons to the school and started throwing them. Barry told the kid to go home and start his summer vacation early. The kid walked home, got his father's (licensed) gun, came back to school, walked in the classroom, shot Grunow dead and then walked back home. Some people say that if Grunow had had a gun, he could have defended himself, but it doesn't happen that way--it's not the movies and it happens very quickly--randomly and without warning.

Anyway, I'm rather proud of what I've accomplished in my almost 20 years at UAF, especially bringing some of my former students back to Alaska as doctors, educators, legislators, engineers, tribal leaders, etc. If SB-174 passes and guns are allowed in my classrooms, I might be considering retirement a few years earlier than I anticipated.

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Terry Reilly
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