

Lynn Gattis

From: kami.clark@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 6:19 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Crime bills

Please move the Governors crime bills out of committee. Juneau is getting scary doesn't matter what time of day or place anymore. Please help us!

Lynn Gattis

From: Mark Squire <mark.squire.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 5:50 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: squiremark7@gmail.com

Repeal sb91 completely. I am tired of the crime wave it has created. Punish the people committing the crimes, not the law abiding citizens.

Sincerely,

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Janet McCabe, Chair
REPRESENTING: Partners for Progress (which includes
Partners Reentry Center
and Therapeutic Court
Support)
BILL#/ SUBJECT: HB 49
COMMITTEE & _____
HEARING DATE: May 1, 2019

I am Janet McCabe, Chair of ~~the~~ Partners for Progress Board of Directors.

We support the current version of HB 49. It is a more balanced approach than the bill originally introduced by the governor, and corrects some the basic problems with SB 91 without throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

The bill before you, HB 49, is the result of a careful review of SB 91 to keep the useful parts and change the weak parts.

1. Among other provisions, it does a better job of addressing the most dangerous drugs - opiodes, heroin and methamphetamine, and increases the penalties for possession and selling these drugs.
2. It takes electronic monitoring and strengthens this cost-effective program.
3. It enacts a statute that covers real threats of violence not simply false threats

By dealing with what happens to people when they reenter the community, we can solve underlying problems, reduce costs of incarceration and most important protect the public and increase public safety.

We think HB 49 gets the legislature back to being Smart on Crime, not just tough on crime. Please support it.

Thank you for your time and hard work !

Lynn Gattis

From: James McDevitt <james.mcdevitt.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 2:34 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: repeal SB91

Sincerely, Crime is out of control and the catch and release policies of the past are hurting Alaska residents , criminals belong in prison, not on Alaska's streets

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I am Jane Madison, Soldotna

In addition to the Revoked and Suspended Licenses issue, would you please work on the following Unlimited Speeding Fine issue and the Bail issues?

Unlimited Fines for Speeding:

There are several areas between Soldotna and Anchorage where drivers choose to speed. The most notable is the Seward Highway between Anchorage and Girdwood. Because this stretch of road is policed by the Anchorage Police Department and because it is a Double Fine Zone and because, unlike the State, Anchorage assigns high dollar amounts for fines, a driver was caught driving at 130 m.p.h. (75 miles per hour over the limit) and fined more than \$3,600. If that same driver was caught doing 130 m.p.h. on “The Flats” north of Sterling, the State would have fined him only \$300 (+\$20 surcharge). If he was caught doing 130 m.p.h. in the “Double Fine Zone” north of Soldotna, the state would have fined him only \$600 (+\$20 surcharge).

The current state statute has a maximum limit for a violation (like speeding) of \$300. There should be no upper limit. In the instance of the driver on the Seward Highway driving at 130 miles per hour (if the State didn’t have a \$300 limit), the state could have fined him (assuming \$40 per mile for 75 miles over the limit) \$3,000. If he was in a Double Fine Zone, the state could have charged him \$6,000.

Could you please call the Municipality of Anchorage to confirm how their Violation Schedule works, and apply those rates (or even higher rates) to the State Statute/Administrative Code?

Secondly, Forfeit Bail if a No Show:

When the offender doesn't show for their court date, the bail should automatically be forfeited to the state.

Currently, when a person is arrested and goes to jail and then stands before the Magistrate or Judge, they may be released for a period of time if the accused deposits an assigned amount of bail money. In most cases, the accused returns to their usual illegal activities, and in most cases, does not appear for their court date. A warrant is then issued and law enforcement is then asked to find the accused a second time and take them to jail again. When the magistrate sees the accused the second time, they often order the bail money returned to the accused. This should be stopped. **The criminal did not live up to their promise to appear. Judges should not be allowed to return that bail money. The state should keep the bail, period.**

Thirdly, Raise the Deposit Amount for Third Party Custodians:

At times, friends or family members pay the bail amount (as Third Party Custodians) and promise to watch the accused person 24 hours per day until he/she returns for their assigned court appearance. Too often it's an enabling family member or friend that "owes the offender" that is being given the responsibility of being Third Party with a 24/7 sight and sound responsibility. Because watching the accused person 24 hours per day is very difficult, or impossible, after a few hours or days the friend or family member often allows the accused person to leave their custody. There is currently no monetary fine for the Third Party Custodian Agreement if the offender leaves supervision and the Third Party Custodian immediately calls law enforcement to report it. If they don't report the infraction, the Custodian can be charged with a misdemeanor (Violation of a Third Party Custodian Agreement), but Judges rarely do that.

The Third Party Custodian deposit should be so large that friends and family would be less willing put up the money or accept the responsibility. Please increase Third Party Custodian Rates, and please require forfeiture of the deposit when the Third Party Custodians do not fulfill their promise.

Lastly, Bail Amounts:

Judges should be required to assign much larger bail amounts!

Amounts of \$250, \$500, or even \$2,500 for most crimes are unacceptable. There should be required minimum bail amounts assigned to misdemeanors and felonies – amounts that encourage the payers to think twice before they violate their conditions of release. If they do not show up for court on their assigned court date, their bail should be automatically forfeited.

Thank you for listening, thank you for your time, and thank you for everything you are doing for us every day.

Lynn Gattis

From: candy highley <sorchighley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 8:00 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Crime bill

I would encourage all of you to get the stalled crime bills that are being held up by Rep. Matt Claman to move forward and get them passed.

This is not the time for political gamesmanship, which in my opinion, is what has been going on for the past 3 months in regards to the legislature fixing SB 91.

I think the people in Alaska are fed up as we are with the current "catch and release" game that has been going on for the past several years and enough is enough. We need real penalties for the repeat criminals and we need it now. Our community has become a magnet for those that violate the current laws to feed their drug habits and their way of life. Let them get off of their drugs and get rehab behind bars, and fund our prosecutors office so that they have the staff to enforce the law.

Please work to make our town a safer place and get this legislation passed.

Thank you,
Frank and Bessie Highley

Scott and Sandy Spickler

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Lynn Gattis

From: Carol Sperber <carol.sperber.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 7:55 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Repeal and Replace HB91

I recently moved from Juneau to Kenai (Nikiski) after more than 30 years of State employment. I am appalled at the level of crime and drugs here in Nikiski. Just the other day we had a character stealing gas from our cars not 10 feet from our front door. It was caught on our neighbor's security camera. The fellow has a crime record several pages long on the court search website. The current catch and release system is not working. Keep these persons off the street! Not only does this type of thing give the town of Nikiski a bad name it also gives the state a bad name.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: JUSTIN MOORE <justin.moore.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 5:36 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: No more revolving door court system!

Alaska - Anchorage, specifically, has become a cesspool for crime and it's been running rampantly for many years now. I hate the fact that I must keep my head on a swivel just in case some low life comes around to cause me or my family harm. Prosecution for criminals, of whom are actually caught, is a joke! Many of them are back on the street the following day because a computer risk analysis says it's ok for them to do so. Car thieves used to receive 5 yr sentences for 1st offenses. Now they get a slap on the hand. SB91 is a complete and total failure and must be repealed now! I don't care about overpopulation of jails and prisons if it means my family would feel safer. Punishment used to fit the crime it needs to be reinstated. I have been an Anchorage resident since 1976 and I am sickened as what has happened to my hometown.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: Sandra Blomfield <sandra.blomfield.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 5:39 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB91 and the BUDGET!

Please take your responsibility For which you were elected!
SB91 needs to be repealed, replaced or reinstated PROPERLY to make our city safe!
The GOVERNOR's BUDGET. Don't amend, don't add or delete. Just approve and do what your constituents voted for in the election.

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Lynn Gattis

From: Tracy Johnston <tracy.johnston.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 6:17 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Crime is out of control!!

Please take up a crimes bill and help make Alaska safe again. It is important that:

- Repeal and replace SB 91 this year.
- Crime is out of control and the catch and release policies of the past are hurting Alaskans.
- Criminals belong in prison, not on Alaska's streets -Crime rates are up 26% because of SB 91, we need to get rid of this legislation once and for all.
- Judges hands are tied because of SB 91, the governor's crime bills will fix that -Governor Dunleavy's crime legislation will help make Alaska the safest state in the country -Please support Governor Dunleavy's crime legislation, so Alaska can be a safer state

Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: Benjamin Sherburne <benjamin.sherburne.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 6:23 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Repeal and Replace SB 91

Crime is out of control in Alaska. A major contributing factor is the lack of punishment for crimes committed since the passage of SB 91. It is time to repeal SB 91 and re-institute punishment that will deter criminals, or at least put them in prison long enough for them to ponder their failures. Right now we have drug addicts moving into the state because their drug addict friends have told them that there is little to no consequence for drug use and the crime that supports their habits.

Please support Governor Dunleavy's crime legislation, so Alaska can be a safer state.
Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: Ann Burts <ann.burts.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 6:23 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Concerns of the effects SB91

We must repeal SB91 and replace this year. Crime is out of control and the catch and release policies of the past are hurting Alaskans. Criminals belong in prison not on Alaskan streets. Crime rates are up 26%, because of SB91, we need to get rid of this legislation. Judges hands are tied because of SB91, the governor's crime bills will fix that.

Governor Dunleavy crime legislation will help make Alaska the safest state in the country.

Please support Governor Dunleavy's crime legislation, so Alaska can be the safest state in the country. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

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Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 8:25 PM
To: House Finance
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Crime has gotten so far out of control in Alaska we need to put the criminals away before one of them ends up shot

Lynn Gattis

From: John Powers <john.powers.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 9:27 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Repeal and replace SB91

Please repeal and replace SB91 NOW. Please support Governor Dunlevys crime legislation. Crime rates are up 26%. Criminals belong in prison, not on Alaska streets. The current laws are not working. We'll vote you out of office if you don't. Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: David A Clark <david.a.clark.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 11:26 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Alaska Crime/Lawlessness Ref. SB 91

Get with the Governor on Crime, repeal SB 91. Get the thieves, thugs, and druggies locked up and increase the allowed sentences for all Crimes. We don't want murders, rapists, women & child abuser's walking around our communities. Weapons, Drugs, Vehicles, Computer, Telephone lines, Credit Cards, and U.S. Mail call cross State lines and sometimes international ones as well. There is no reason for these people to be on our streets. You may also want to make identity theft up here a felony instead of a misdemeanor. Quit shining us on with never getting done with the State's business within the regular session, and always having several special sessions, cause you can.

At least the Governor submitted a budget within time and budget. There is no excuse for professional politicians not to get their job done within the allotted time. You would not allow that to happen for the personnel that work for you; the Citizens of Alaska expect that our elected officials to accomplish the Mission during the regular session within budget.

Get tough on crime. Get it done. Support your Governor in the State of Alaska

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Lynn Gattis

From: Shamarie Apling <shamarie.apling.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 9:42 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Harsher penalties for criminals. Repeal SB 91 NOW

We need harsher penalties. Repeal SB 91 Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: Michael Widney <michael.widney.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 10:55 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Repeal SB 91

S.B. 91 has contributed to out of control crime in the Mat-Su Valley. I personally have joined Areawide Civil Patrol, a 501 3c volunteer organization that was formed in response to this crisis brought on by this dangerous legislation. ACP is a volunteer organization that seeks to assist State & Local law enforcement by providing additional eyes and ears on the streets of our community. I urge our elected public servants to repeal this law immediately for the welfare of our communities ! Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: John Henry <john.henry.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 11:32 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB91

Repeal and replace SB91. The house crime bill doesn't do enough. Support Governor Dunleavy's crime legislation.

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Lynn Gattis

From: Edward Bies <edward.bies.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 11:38 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Repeal and replace sb 91

Sincerely,

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Please repeal and replace SB 91
I'm sick of the crime from these repeat offenders put them in prison where they belong

Lynn Gattis

From: Jared David <jared.david.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 12:00 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: repeal and replace SB 91

Sb 91 has been a disaster. I personally know someone that stole 20k and only received time served of 45 days. This does not exactly make people think twice about stealing.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: Don OHara <don.ohara.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 5:58 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Repeal SB91

Crime is out of control, especially in Anchorage, we have tried SB91 and it has been a complete failure, it's time to move on. Repeal and replace SB91, and put criminals where they belong.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: Scott Sikkenga <scott.sikkenga.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 9:13 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Crime is not getting better...

I live in the Mountain View area, and I have had to deal with crime all the time. Just yesterday I had to help my pastor take the Church bus to the shop because it had its fuel line cut and gas siphoned, again... Previously it had been broken into and vandalized several times. I've had things stolen from my vehicles. My bike had been stolen. I've had vagrants living within a hundred feet of where my little 2 and 4 year old play in my back yard. I've found needles from drugs strewn on the ground. We need to be firm with our laws and enforcement, not weak. I challenge anyone who cares and reads these words to actually take some action other than only get elected.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: Danny Maxwell <danny.maxwell.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 1:01 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Crime in our State!

Dear Legislator

Property Crime in our State is out of control. We have witnessed the endless merry go round of offenders who are out of jail before the police can even finish the paperwork.

Our citizens are resorting to patrolling our own streets looking for lost property because the police are powerless.

- * We must repeal and replace SB 91 this year.
- * Crime is out of control and the catch and release policies of the past are hurting Alaskans.
- * Criminals belong in prison, not on Alaska's streets
- * Crime rates are up 26% because of SB 91, we need to get rid of this legislation once and for all.
- * Judges hands are tied because of SB 91, the governor's crime bills will fix that
- * Governor Dunleavy's crime legislation will help make Alaska the safest state in the country Please support Governor Dunleavy's crime legislation, so Alaska can be a safer state

Thank you for your interest in this issue affecting our community, we are sure you can come up with a solution to this crisis.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: Michael Garhart <michael.garhart.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
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To: House Finance
Subject: REPEAL SB91

Sincerely,

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Crime is rampant ! Theft is a daily constant ! A house I owned was broken into 26 times during a three year period ; I sold it two year's ago at a loss; I've witnessed the police treating drugged out tweaker's like an old time friend , on more than one occasion ; I've seen people leave the state after everything that they owned was stolen from their house .

Lynn Gattis

From: Michael Garhart <michael.garhart.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 4:59 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: REPEAL SB91

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Lynn Gattis

From: Adam Wyant <adam.wyant.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 3:14 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Repeal SB91 for the betterment of our great state

Our state and it's citizens have suffered long enough under the SB91 legislation. We must make changes to secure our way of lives and to prevent our state from becoming a haven for criminals from outside states. I know of many instances of people who have relocated here simply because they can commit crimes with virtually zero repercussions.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Gattis

From: Greg Reitzner <greg.reitzner.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 8:10 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: SB91

I work at a huge retail chain in Anchorage. The amount of merchandise that we have stolen on a yearly basis would pay some of your salaries. This loss is passed on to our consumers, your constituents. Let's help everybody and crack down on these individuals that have no regard for the law.

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Lynn Gattis

From: Cheri Turner <cheri.turner.contactyourlegislator@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 3:46 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Repeal SB91

Hello,

I have been a victim as have many of my friends and neighbors of crime committed by folks who just have no fear of the consequences. As a citizen who pays taxes, works hard, does charitable events, I would like to see this lack of fear stop. I want to help our community become a safe place to live, work, and raise children.

My plea is that we must repeal and replace SB 91 this year as crime is out of control and the catch and release policies of the past are hurting Alaskans who are invested in our state.

Criminals belong in prison, not on Alaska's streets and with crime rates are up 26% because of SB 91, we need to get rid of this legislation once and for all.

Judges hands are tied because of SB 91, the governor's crime bills will fix that and Governor Dunleavy's crime legislation will help make Alaska the safest state in the country!

Please support Governor Dunleavy's crime legislation, so Alaska can be a safer state and a become the model for other states to follow.

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Lynn Gattis

From: Wayne Ogle <wayne.ogle@yahoo.com>
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To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Ben Carpenter
Subject: HB49

Please do not pass this ill-conceived HB49 crime bill.

Instead, rise above any partisan pride and support the four crime bills that Governor Dunleavy has proposed. These bills offer a far better remedy to the problems Alaska is facing with its criminal justice system. The first obligation any government has is to protect its people. The governor's bills do that.

Wayne Ogle
Nikiski, AK