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From: Hvy Jet  
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 5:16 PM  
To: House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>  
Subject: MISCONDUCT INVOLVING WEAPONS, House Bill 203

To all on this committee,

I applaud your efforts to prevent crime and injury in our great State but this bill if passed will make it difficult for law abiding citizens to protect themselves at home. Most will comply and leave their firearms secured and not readily available for self protection from criminals or wildlife exposing their lives to injury or death.

You should refocus your attention on current laws and prosecute and incarcerate offenders that use firearms in the commission of a crime or when they are found in possession when prohibited by law.

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From: Dave Peck  
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Subject: HB 203

I oppose this bill. In particular I oppose penalties against gun owners when other people access a gun owner's firearm by committing an illegal act. For instance, a juvenile or a felon trespasses on or burglarizes a home and finds a firearm in that home and takes it has committed several crimes in doing so ie, trespassing, maybe burglary and maybe taking possession of a firearm when they are not legally allowed to possess one. Not to mention theft.

In other words, if taking possession of someone else's firearm requires any criminal act to do so, then in my opinion that firearm is safely stored already.

If I leave my car unlocked, even with the keys in the ignition, and somebody takes it. That's theft. Because it does not belong to the perpetrator. Locking the door or taking the keys out of the ignition is not required for it to be theft. The fact that it is wrong to steal should be enough. We should not be required to lock everything up because some people are unable to live within the law. What kind of

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moral decay have we got when we decide that owners are responsible to make it impossible to steal things, otherwise it is the owner's fault.

Anyway, I hope you get my point. I oppose this bill.

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**Subject:** No on HB 203 and all Second Amendment infringements

Dear Representatives,

**I urge you to vote NO on HB 203.**

Please do not allow politicians to drive a wedge into the Second Amendment using children and exploiting tragedies as both motivation and justification.

Most people are harmed by criminals. Criminals do not lock up their guns and they never will. The only people this will effect are those hard working citizens who already follow the law. The crimes attributed to stolen weapons represent the carelessness of a tiny fraction of our population. But HB 203 will impose an imposition on **every single one** of our 738,000 residents; buy a safe or face potential criminal prosecution. And it is not just carelessness; someone who burglarizes a house, then commits a crime with a weapon stolen from that house arguably **will spread his criminal burden onto the victim he stole from!**

Republican Representative and co-sponsor Steve Thompson (ANC) recently said:

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*"Representative Wool and I are both parents of young children, and we care deeply about their safety. House Bill 203 is all about promoting safety...This bill is not an infringement of Second Amendment rights, and it's not about taking guns away from anyone."* — Is Representative Thompson insinuating that those who oppose HB 203 do not care about their children? **Such language is deeply offensive and patronizing.**

Thompson also says *"It's about preventing tragic accidents and only gets acted upon if such a tragedy occurs."* Besides the fact someone who commits a property crime can turn his victim into a co-conspirator, these bills never end where they say they do. Today: buy a gun safe to prevent gun crime. Tomorrow: buy a safe or you can't own guns just like we saw in Europe, Australia and elsewhere.

No decent person wants to live with the guilt of indirectly being responsible for someone's death. At the same time, we must be able live a life that balances inherent risks while living in a free society. The 'if it prevents one death' argument is a disingenuous ruse used by forces who seek to incrementally break down our Second Amendment.

HB 203 is also discriminatory. Many people who can afford a gun safe have one. Yes, they make total sense. But there are many people who cannot afford one or who live in rented accommodation who are not able to install or purchase one. For example, I live in a house whose subfloor does not support a hefty well-made safe. I do not want to own a sub-par safe. I am looking forward to the day when I can afford my dream home and buy the safe I truly think is worthwhile. Meanwhile, what am I to do if this passes? This bill discriminates against renters, lower income people and those whose accommodation is unsuitable for the kind of safes that are truly effective.

Any legislation that requires the locking up of guns means exactly that. Please do not fall for this attempt to curtail the Second Amendment rights of decent, law-abiding, tax-paying and Republican voting Alaskans.

Best,

Dean Cannon