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My name is Mike Coons and I am speaking for myself.

I oppose SB45 for the same reasons that I have opposed it in the past.

We, foremost as a Nation and a State, support and defend the Constitution of the the United States and Alaska, which is that we the people can choose what we want to use (outside illegal drugs etc.), what we buy, the decisions that we make.

We as a State and Nation however over the past several decades have not come to grips with what constitutes an adult! We can vote at age 18. We are subject to criminal prosecution as an adult at age 18. We can be drafted into the US military at age 18. We can join the military without parental consent at age 18. Yet, we cannot own a revolver or pistol between 18 and 21 by Federal law. We cannot drink alcohol until 21, used to be 18. We can't buy cigarettes until 19, now you want to go to 21. What with existing Obamacare, parents can have on their health insurance their "children" up to age 26!

So, what is an adult? Do we change criminal law to 21 for prosecution and only prosecute in Juvenile courts up to 21? Do we increase voting age back up to 21? Or do we, as with forthcoming legislation, allow 16 year old's to apply to vote? When do we consider that a person can make valued decisions or to make wrong decisions whereby they are responsible for those decisions?

I am 68 years old and I can assure you all that I made some very good decisions in my life, pre and post 18. I also made some bonehead decisions in my 68 years! Do we trust our adults or not? Or are we so concerned that an adult will make poor decisions that we change the rules at a whim? Does that in the future go for 65 and above because we make decisions that the WOKE don't like and call us unable to make the "right" decisions? Thus removing our voting rights? When and where does this stop?

Please, when this comes for a vote on the floor, vote no and for recognizing adult responsibilities at one age, 18!

Mike Coons