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Hello Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I am a volunteer with the Anchorage Chapter of Moms Demand Action, and I strongly oppose House Bill 61. To me, it does not make any sense to restrict a government's ability to make decisions in the interest of public safety in a disaster situation when there are so many unknowns to consider. New restrictions on use or possession of firearms may be necessary to protect public safety during an emergency — for example, if a shelter is established in a place that doesn't currently prohibit guns, the government may need to add a restriction to protect people there. As a mother of young children, I would be concerned about the safety of families who might be living in these crowded, high-stress situations if guns were allowed unchecked.

This bill is an unnecessary broadening of Alaska's preemption law that already prevents local authorities from overriding state policy on firearms and it would expose the State to costly lawsuits. Please vote down this bill.

Thank you for your time.

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