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Dear Committee Members:

My husband and I own 14 guns. We hunt to provide food for our family. We believe in common sense gun laws and we are opposed to House Bill 61. This law does not make Alaskans safer during a disaster and likely would have the opposite effect. As I read it is a narrowing of existing Alaska law and would allow individuals or special interest groups to act as the legal enforcers of this state law, through civil suits. It is ridiculous to mandate that a prevailing plaintiff would be due punitive damages of a minimum of three times their actual attorneys' fees, plus repayment of court and attorney fees. This bill seems to prevent common sense steps to provide for public safety and ensure peace during a disaster . We have much more pressing issues to address in our state, drop this please.

As gun owners we ask you to oppose HB61.
Thank you,

Victoria OConnell Curran and Richard Curran

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