

Stuart Relay

From: Elizabeth Hanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 7:58 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 89 Extreme Risk ("Red Flag") Law

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I am writing to you as a mother of 4, grandmother of 8, school psychologist and counselor, Christian educator, and spouse of a Lutheran pastor. My husband and I now live in Homer, but have lived in Alaska for nearly 48 years, including Ketchikan, Shishmaref, Anchorage, Nome, and Wasilla. We moved to Shishmaref in 1978 following a series of teen suicides. I saw the photos on the walls: young people in their coffins next to pictures of them as babies, toddlers and busy kids. Years later, in the Mat-Su Borough School District, I was part of the "Crisis Response Team". Evening calls from our Student Support Services director or a principal made my gut knot up. Sometimes accidents, but too often a student or parent suicide- almost always a gun. We sat vigil in homes, in school hallways with tearful or silent kids, I shared prayers with staff and my own children, and explored death and dying questions with children as young as Kindergarten. A principal and school nurse volunteered to mop up the splattered blood and brains. I could not. Some things you can't forget.

I love our state, but our gun violence statistics make me sad and angry! Lives cut short, their talents wasted. Families broken, families recovering, but never the same.

People of all ages suffer from depression. They don't know that depression is common, usually temporary, and treatable. Some deaths (like many school shootings) are caused by angry youth. Sometimes they've been bullied or harassed. Some have been abused. Some deaths happen when we leave lethal firearms in places where curious children can play with them. Young kids love to copy big people and use tools!

This year Alaska ranks #3 in gun suicide rates. We're 5th in overall firearm deaths (per capita) and firearms rank the 2nd leading cause of death for Alaskan children and teenagers (right behind poisoning). Alaska continues to be #1 for men murdering women (at 5X the national rate) with guns the weapon of choice in 44% of those murders. These stats should make all Alaskans feel depressed and maybe angry, **but...**

We have the opportunity to **SAVE MANY LIVES** by implementing these **2 interventions**:

1) Please support House Bill 89, introduced by Rep. Andy Josephson. It would enact an **Extreme Risk Protection Order** for Alaska. Extreme Risk Protection Orders protect suicidal, mentally ill, and potentially violent people (of all ages) from easy access to lethal guns by removing the weapon/s for a period of time. It is a **temporary** but effective way to prevent unnecessary death to self or others. This process is **time-restricted** and can be **appealed** before a judge. 21 States have put this intervention into law and are seeing **measurable reductions** in gun deaths.

2) **Secure Gun Storage** greatly reduces both accidental and impulsive shootings, especially among children and young people. Many suicides by teens (and sometimes adults) are spur-of-the-moment acts, frequently fueled by drugs or alcohol. Suicidal people do not think about how things could improve in the future. Putting **time between the thought and the act** is one way to reduce tragic deaths. Secure gun storage can buy time for help to reach the hurting person.

I invite you to learn more about these two very doable and affordable ways of reducing gun deaths in Alaska. Let's join the other 21 states and start turning our gun violence statistics **away from the worst** in the nation to a **future of hope** for ALL Alaskans!

For those who suffer hurt and loss,

Elizabeth Hanson, NCSP (retired)
[REDACTED]

Homer, AK 99603

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From: carol race [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 7:36 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 89

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Please support HB 89 and make Alaska safe !

Thank you,

Carol Race

Juneau, Alaska

[REDACTED]

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Stuart Relay

From: Samantha McNelly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 7:01 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support for HB 89

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Hello,

I am writing to you today to strongly voice my support for HB 89, the Extreme Risk Protection Order law, and to ask you to support this proposed legislation, as well. We all know that Alaska has some of the highest rates of suicide and domestic and intimate partner violence in the United States. Having immediate access to firearms can significantly increase a person's risk of lethality during such crises, not to mention other forms of gun violence that are also common throughout our state. Alaska's rate of gun deaths is nearly double the national average, and this statistic alone should cause all of us to ask what we can do—today—to change this reality.

The proposed Extreme Risk Protection Order legislation can help all Alaskans to be safer from future episodes of gun violence, whether they be linked to suicide or interpersonal violence. The ability to *temporarily* remove firearms from individuals who are showing signs of harming themselves or others is a prudent public safety measure with a tremendous potential to reduce firearm lethality, and I urge you to strongly support this proposed legislation. All Alaskans deserve to exist in safe communities, and we can support this basic right to safety by temporarily limiting access to firearms for people experiencing an acute crisis.

I thank you for your efforts to promote public safety across Alaska, and ask you to further stand up for the health and safety of our communities by strongly supporting HB 89.

Thank you,
Samantha McNelly
Anchorage, District 15-H

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From: Debbie S. Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 5:45 PM
To: Rep. Rebecca Himschoot
Cc: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Fwd: HR 89 Extreme Risk Protection Order: Vote yes

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From: Debbie S. Miller [REDACTED]
Subject: HR 89 Extreme Risk Protection Order: Vote yes
Date: March 12, 2025 at 1:42:43 PM PDT
To: Representative.Rebecca.Himschoot@akleg.gov

Dear Rep. Himschoot,

I know you're having an incredibly busy week with HR 69! I hope you reach a good compromise that benefits all of Alaska's students and schools. Thank you so much for all your hard work tackling the flat funding issue. Maybe this will be the year that the Legislature will unite for the benefit of public education and future generations.

Tomorrow the House State Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on HB89, the Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) bill. I wanted to send you a brief note saying that I, and many others, support this bill that allows the court to temporarily remove guns from a person showing warning signs that they are a threat to themselves or others. This "red flag" law can certainly help curb the firearm shootings that are one of the leading causes of death for children and teens. Nearly half of the states in the U.S. have red flag laws that help save lives.

Coupled with this, it would be wonderful if Alaska could adopt a safe gun storage law. If firearms are secured and stored properly, the risk of someone accidentally picking up a gun is eliminated. A few decades ago, Australia adopted a safe gun storage law for the entire country which has saved countless lives.

We know that the stricter the gun safety laws, the more lives are saved and there are fewer cases of guns falling into the wrong hands. Why not help make Alaska safer with less gun violence and fewer gun deaths?

I think about Kenneyon Baker, a 16 year old who was shot to death on the sidewalk in front of his house in Anchorage in October. There have been no arrests as yet, but you have to wonder was this another kid who got easy access to a gun? Or the young child in Sitka who got a hold of an AK-47 and fired rounds of bullets through a wall. Safe gun storage

should be promoted and there should be a mandate for storing guns safely when an individual purchases a gun.

All the best and thanks so much for your dedication,

Debbie

Debbie S. Miller



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From: Crystal Bourland [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 3:51 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support HB 89

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Please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to *temporarily* prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives. As a social worker deeply committed to suicide prevention efforts, these laws are key in helping reduce suicide and violence against others.

Sincerely,
Crystal Bourland
Juneau, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Hunter Meachum
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 12:35 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: FW: HB 89 Hearing, 3/13/25

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From: Diane DeSloover [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:32 AM
To: Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 89 Hearing, 3/13/25

March 11, 2025

Dear Representative Hannan,

Thank you to the members of the State Affairs Committee for holding a hearing this week on HB 89, a lifesaving Extreme Risk Protective Order bill.

Alaska has the third highest rate of suicides in the nation and the fifth highest rate of gun deaths overall, yet it is shocking that Alaska has none of the following laws that other states have to address gun violence:

NO background check law for privately sold firearms

NO concealed carry permit law

NO secure storage law

NO law to prohibit bump stocks

NO ghost gun regulations

NO high capacity magazine restrictions

NO law to require childproofing features on new gun models

NO law prohibiting guns on the grounds of this state capitol or at public rallies

and the list goes on and on. We must recognize that failing to regulate guns or gun ownership puts Alaskans at grave risk and gun restrictions are within constitutional bounds.

HB 89 is a **proactive, due process protected step** toward preventing gun deaths. Law enforcement officers want an extreme risk protection order law so they can offer families a lifeline in their time of crisis and prevent tragedy. A law like this is already in place in 21 states and the District of Columbia. In 2018 a survey was done by Alaska Survey Research titled “Alaska Attitudes Toward Gun Ownership and Regulation.” This survey determined that support for an extreme risk protection order law showed significant support statewide – 84%! That is quite a mandate! I am asking you to give Alaskans the protection they want. Vote to pass HB 89.

Sincerely,

Diane DeSloover


Juneau, AK 99801

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From: maria crawford [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 12:30 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support for HB 89

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Greetings Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I am a constituent of Rep. Fields and I am writing to you in support of HB 89, the Extreme Risk Protection Order law.

Allowing family members or law enforcement the tools to intervene quickly, with due process, to temporarily remove firearms from someone when they are showing warning signs of hurting themselves or others has been proven to save lives. Twenty-one other states have already enacted Extreme Risk Protections Order laws, and they have seen results in diffusing high risk situations and lowering the rate of suicide death by firearm as much as 7.5%.

Alaska has the third highest rate of gun suicide deaths in the U.S., with 71% of Alaska's gun deaths are suicide by a gun. Show that you care about Alaska's well being in adding just another tool to the toolbox to help save lives. Lending your support to HB 89, will increase safety not only for our neighbors experiencing mental health challenges or witnessing warning signs of dangerous behavior, but for all of us who call Alaska home.

Sincerely,

Maria Crawford
(she & her)

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99501
[REDACTED]

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From: Cindi Lagoudakis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 10:50 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support for HB 89

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Re: HB 89

I am writing to urge you to support this bill, which is a reasonable tool for protecting Alaskans from gun violence.

I am not opposed to responsible gun ownership and use. I am a gun owner, and have used a gun for hunting. For years I was required to carry guns during my field work with the US Forest Service. For several years I also participated in a recreational shooting team at the Juneau Gun Club, which I very much enjoyed.

However, my family has been impacted by gun violence more than once--by suicide, by the accidental shooting and death of a 14 year old family member when a childhood friend found a gun he didn't realize was loaded, and an accidental discharge of a loaded gun that killed one of our daughter's friends as he exited a vehicle. You might think these are isolated incidences, but unfortunately, they are not. The United States has a terrible record when it comes to gun violence. Alaska ranks 4th in the rate of gun deaths, and 2nd as the state with the highest number of gun suicides.

Recently in my own community, a distressed and mentally impaired individual accidentally fired off a loaded gun at our local radio station, endangering but thankfully not hurting the station manager or staff.

HB 89 Gun Violence Protective Orders is proposed as a tool for keeping guns from individuals who pose a risk to themselves or others. I urge your support of this bill, which is a reasonable and practical strategy in working to reduce gun violence. This is not an anti-gun bill. It is an anti-violence bill. We don't have a problem suspending driving privileges for those incapable of driving safely, thereby endangering themselves and the public. It should not be controversial to do the same for firearms.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 89 Extreme Risk "red flag" law, and help keep our friends, family and ALL Alaskans safe.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cynthia Lagoudakis

[REDACTED]
Petersburg, AK 99833

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From: Brandon C. Brooks [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 10:46 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Cc: Rep. Jamie Allard
Subject: Support HB89

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Representatives of the House State Affairs Committee,

I am writing in full support of HB89.

First and foremost, I am a resident of Eagle River, House District 23 and I am a gun owner. My experience with firearms over 27 years in the Marine Corps as an enlisted Marine and an officer, drilled into me that firearms are tools that require clear presence of mind to use and possess. While access to firearms is a right we have as citizens of the United States, there are reciprocal responsibilities to society that must be honored as well. These responsibilities lie in your hands as legislators.

Extreme Risk laws are a temporary tool to prevent tragedies. They are not permanent bars, they are not gun grabs, and no more an infringement than the legal prohibition on possessing firearms while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, even if legally prescribed.

In many instances of gun violence and especially with suicides, there are clear warning signs that the shooter posed a serious threat to themselves and others before the shooting. Extreme Risk laws, allow loved ones and law enforcement to intervene in order to **temporarily** prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. I have lost more friends to suicide than to combat during my 27 years in the Marines spanning Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Horn of Africa, and the Balkans. If I were in crisis I would want this safety net. Firearms are ruthlessly efficient at killing and sadly over 90 percent of suicide attempts with firearms, end in a fatality.

Extreme Risk laws provide a responsible, legally managed tool to prevent tragedies while upholding the due process so crucial to our legal system and society. Put the right safeguards in the hands of law enforcement and the community. Pass this law.

Respectfully,
BC Brooks (LtCol, USMC, Ret)
Eagle River, AK.

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From: Teri Inch - she, her, hers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 12:35 AM
Subject: Please support HB 89. to save lives

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Do not let NRA control Alaska with smokescreens and illegitimate issues.

NRA says *this would permit the government to seize firearms based on weak and nebulous standards of evidence.* - Just not true. Since this bill is modeled after restraining orders the process is tried and true. Additionally other states have implemented this process so it is not unusual or untested. This is just a smokescreen statement that NRA is using to fool you. Don't be fooled.

NRA says *If passed, this bill would implement ex-parte hearings that would suspend an individual's Second Amendment rights without due process.* - If a gun owner doesn't do anything stupid, or harm (or threaten) others, or harm (or threaten to harm) themselves then there is nothing for them to fear. Don't be fooled to think this is a legitimate issue.

NRA says *In addition to violating due process, this bill would also require individuals to petition the court for the return of their property once the order has been vacated.* - Just like restraining orders this is true. The lives saved far outweigh an inconvenience. Don't be fooled because this is not a legitimate issue.

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To listen is to lean in, softly, with a willingness to be changed by what we hear. -Mark Nepo
Teri

Stuart Relay

From: Ulla Pedersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:06 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Red flag

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Dear House State Affairs,

Please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives

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From: Amanda Bremner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 7:14 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 89 - Extreme Risk Protective Orders Will Save Alaskan Lives

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Hello,

I'm writing to urge your strong support for House Bill 89, which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) law for Alaska.

Alaska faces one of the nation's highest rates of firearm suicide and gun violence. In countless tragic cases, clear warning signs of crisis were present before lives were lost. HB 89 provides a critical, life-saving intervention by:

- Creating a judicial process with strict due process protections
- Allowing temporary removal of firearms from individuals in acute crisis
- Requiring clear evidence of danger to self or others
- Including criminal penalties for false reporting

Twenty-one states have already implemented similar laws with proven results:

- Connecticut saw a 14% reduction in firearm suicide rates
- Indiana documented a 7.5% decrease in firearm suicides
- Studies in California found that ERPOs prevented at least 21 potential mass shootings

For our families, veterans in crisis, and communities across Alaska, this bill represents a balanced approach that respects Second Amendment rights while creating a vital tool to prevent preventable tragedies.

I ask you to stand with law enforcement, mental health professionals, and the majority of Alaskans who support this common-sense measure. Please vote YES on HB 89.

Thank you,
Amanda Bremner
Lifelong Alaskan

Stuart Relay

From: Cortney Bates [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 7:02 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Please Support HB 89

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Hello,

I am writing to request that you support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska.

In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives.

Thank you,

Cortney Bates

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From: Mark S. Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 5:27 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 89

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Dear House State Affairs Members,

I urge your support for HB 89, the extreme risk protection legislation.

My wife and I are currently traveling out of state and have a scheduling conflict on the day of your hearing, so I won't be able to testify in person or telephonically. In my files at home, I have a published, peer reviewed study showing that extreme risk protection laws in other states have saved many lives.

I know some gun rights supporters allege that these types of laws are unfair to "law abiding citizens". I would ask them to give a complete definition of the term "law abiding".

Does it include people who threaten others after drinking too much alcohol? Does it include people who have a history of domestic violence arrests?

I had a situation a few years ago with a family member who had been diagnosed with depression but tended to self medicate with street drugs. We had court approved domestic violence protective orders against this person spanning two different years.

One time, I accidentally encountered that person at a local store and he threatened to "put a bullet in my head". That is the type of person I would expect to be subject to this type of legislation.

I also have seen studies showing that extreme risk protection laws can help reduce suicides.

In order for this legislation to apply to someone, a judge must be convinced that the person is an immediate threat to self or others.

We know from experience that just trying to get a judge to approve a domestic violence protective order against someone is not always easy. They typically want to see convincing evidence that the person is a serious threat. I assume a similar high expectation for evidence would be required by judges before using this law to take guns away from someone.

Thank you for considering my comments

Sincerely,

Mark S. Johnson
Juneau, Alaska
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 4:48 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: i SUPPORT House Bill 89

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I support sensible gun legislation.
I support HB 89.
It is difficult to believe anyone is voting against this.

Penny Goodstein
district House precinct 11-235

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 4:43 PM
To: Rep. Ashley Carrick
Cc: House State Affairs; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Odette Edgar Testimony re HB 89, Gun Violence Protective Orders, March 13, 2025

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Dear Chair Ashley Carrick and members of the
House State Affairs Committee,

My name is Odette Edgar; I live in Juneau.

I'm testifying in support of HB89. It provides three temporary means to curb gun violence by removing guns from a person who is a danger to themselves or others. Police officers or family members can file for the protective orders.

When I was growing up, one of my parents suffered from severe bouts of depression. Several times, she threatened to kill herself with a gun; fortunately, she never followed through. But it was a terrifying threat to live with.

Under HB89, any removal of weapons must be approved by a judge only after considering sworn testimony. In the Gun Violence Protective Order, which can run 60 days, the gun owner must be notified 10 days in advance of a hearing and given the opportunity to refute the testimony. If a gun owner surrenders the weapons to the police, they must be given a receipt, and the police must return the guns when the order expires. The other two orders last 72 hours or 20 days.

Here are some of the factors a judge would consider before approving an order to remove guns:

- recent threats to self or others,
- a pattern of violent threats in the past 12 months,
- reckless brandishing of a firearm,
- history of use or threats of physical violence,
- stalking,
- evidence of drug or alcohol abuse, and
- prior arrest for felony or violent crime.

This is a chilling list of behaviors. I can imagine the trauma of the family that is dealing with this scary scenario. If HB89 does not pass, the police have no legal way of protecting the family or their loved one.

Please pass HB89. Thank you for allowing public testimony on this bill.

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From: Sally Donaldson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 3:17 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: HB89 Comments

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Hello House State Affairs Committee Chair and members,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on HB89. I am Sally Donaldson from Juneau, speaking in support of the bill.

I feel strongly that we as citizens of Alaska, and you as lawmakers need to take steps to lower gun deaths in our state. 21 other states have enacted laws similar to the bill before us. Gun deaths have been reduced in many of those states.

As a Juneau School District counselor for 22 years, I knew far too many children who died from gunshots, many taking their own lives. In most cases, loved ones are aware of children and family members who suffer from depression, alcoholism, and who may have access to firearms. With a bill such as Representative Josephson's, someone could intervene in a situation where someone is a danger to self or others.

Please see that HB89 passes out of committee. I would like to see Alaska improve our record of being one of the worst states in enacting gun laws. Please let's not have another 176 people die this year when friends, family, community members know they are at risk and have access to a firearm.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter,
You can make a difference!

Sincerely,
Sally Donaldson
Juneau, AK 99801

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From: Gordon Williams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 3:12 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support for HB 89

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Honorable Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the passage of HB 89 (Extreme Risk Protective Orders). The bill has provisions that are the same or similar to those in place in the 21 other states which have Extreme Risk laws in place. Those states include Indiana and Florida.

I am a lifelong Alaskan who has hunted since I was 10 years old and owned guns since I was old enough to do so. I recognize the importance of gun ownership to many, many Alaskans. I also recognize the dangers that can accompany their use and the responsibilities that come with ownership. HB 89 provides a much needed and appropriate tool to help address suicide and gun violence issues.

Those who oppose adoption of extreme risk laws often go quickly to arguments that there are second amendment issues and that the laws do not provide for due process. Neither of those is true. The restrictions of gun possession/ownership that are outlined in HB 89 and the laws of the other states are not in conflict with the second amendment because of due process provisions involving law enforcement, the court system, proper notice, and review. I encourage all members to carefully read and fully understand the sections of the bill that lay out the processes.

Alaska has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation as well as high levels of domestic violence. Statistics on suicide highlight how lethal guns can be. While the vast majority of those who survive a first a first suicide attempt do not make a subsequent attempt, that scenario is not the case with guns as first attempts are successful about 90% of the time. Having the ability to temporarily restrict access to guns for those that are demonstrating suicidal tendencies can be critical in allowing them to get the help they need. With regard to domestic and related violence, restricting access to guns in verifiable situations can help prevent trauma and tragedies for all who are involved.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 89. It is not anti-gun legislation, it is reasonable protection for Alaskans that is in concert with the responsibilities of gun ownership and use. In implementing an extreme risk protective order system, we will have the benefit of analyzing and utilizing what is working well in other jurisdictions.

Gordon Williams
Juneau

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From: Kathryn K Bausler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:57 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Yes on HB 89

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To: Members of the House State Affairs Committee

"Please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives."

Katie Bausler

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: vicki campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:53 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Gun Sense advocacy

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From: Janell Meade [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:43 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 89

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Janell Meade, Rn

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From: Jesse Higdon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:32 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support for HB 89

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From: Mary McDowell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:04 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elxie Moore
Subject: Please support HB 89 - "Red Flag Law"

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Dear Representatives,

I urge you to support HB89, creating a "Red Flag" law in Alaska, as 21 other states have already done. This is a simple, common sense approach to providing a legal process that would keep Alaskans safer by temporarily disallowing a person who poses a serious risk to themselves and/or others from accessing firearms.

In this state with the highest suicide rate in the U.S., enacting this bill is probably the simplest, most effective action you can take to prevent deaths by suicide in Alaska, as well as a number of other injuries and deaths due to gun violence. The people whose access to guns would be temporarily suspended by this law need help, not guns, at that difficult time in their lives. Having this law on the books can help keep our citizens who are in a mental health crisis, and the people around them, alive.

If I, or a member of my household, or a neighbor or co-worker, has a mental health crisis that would put me or my loved ones at risk of being injured or killed by the guns that I/they could access during that crisis, I would be very grateful for the protection provided by having this law in place. Conversely, I would be devastated and outraged to lose a loved one if our legislature had failed to pass this, or our governor had failed to sign it, when it was before them.

PLEASE take this small step toward protecting the Alaskans whose lives you will be saving by passage of this bill.

Sincerely,
Mary McDowell
Juneau, AK

Stuart Relay

From: Sara Sturgeon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 12:19 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support for HB89 is needed now!

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of House Bill 89 (Extreme Risk Protection Order). I am a constituent of Rep Matt Clayman's and a very concerned resident of Alaska. Our state has one of the highest gun suicide death rates as well as one of the highest rates of gun deaths overall. This is not a statistic to be proud of - but certainly one that all Alaskans should be alarmed by! We desperately need our lawmakers to prioritize gun violence and suicide in Alaska. That starts by passing HB89 which would allow for temporary intervention for persons in crisis to have their access to firearms removed by their household members or by law enforcement. THIS WILL SAVE LIVES! Implementing this law can aide in prevention of firearm suicides, homicides, domestic violence, mass shootings and school shootings because it provides an avenue to intervene on warning signs BEFORE they become tragedies. It is just common sense to put some time and space between someone in crisis and their access to a firearm.

I strongly urge Alaska's lawmakers to follow the lead of 21 other states and Washington DC by passing an extreme risk law in Alaska.

Thank you for dedication to Alaska's safety,

Sara Sturgeon

Stuart Relay

From: Claire Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:43 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support for HB 89

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Dear hard working Alaska Legislators,

Please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives.

We all know about heartbreaking violent scenarios over and over again in Alaska.
Let's keep trying to save lives.

Warm Regards,
Claire Richardson
Juneau, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Westley Cheryl R [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:32 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 89 Comments

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Thank you for hearing this legislation. Here are my comments:

My name is Cheryl Westley, I live on the East side of Anchorage in District 21. I write in support of HB 89, the Extreme Risk Protection Order introduced by Andy Josephson.

I recently heard a friend say “Everyone has fear. We are all afraid of something, we just fear different things.” I fear for my grandchildren at school, a place that should be safe, but sometimes is not. I fear for my senior friends confronting health issues of aging and grasping for ways to end their suffering. I fear for anyone who is confused about the benefits of living as opposed to stopping their pain in the current moment. I fear for vulnerable people in relationships with violent partners. My fears include the issue of gun violence.

The good news is there are warning signs to recognize. Signs that say “this person is a threat to themselves or others.” I think HB 89 is written to make sure that situations of extreme risk don’t become fatal. The law provides a way for loved ones and law enforcement to use appropriate DUE PROCESS protections to quickly step in and temporarily remove guns from a person showing the warning signs of suicide or seriously threatening others.

The Second Amendment of the US Constitution includes the right to bear arms, which is now interpreted as an individual right. Yet there can be laws created to protect the public and individuals from harm from firearms. HB 89 is one of those laws that respects the Constitution AND provides a legal process to protect against gun violence. There are currently 21 other states and the District of Columbia who have this type of law in place and have documented benefits from it.

I encourage you to support HB 89. Thank you.

Stuart Relay

From: Mary-Claire Bernstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:02 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Coming legislation

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Please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to *temporarily* prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save Lives

Sent from Mary-Claire's iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Ann Gifford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:53 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 89

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Dear House State Affairs committee members,

Gun deaths in Alaska are disastrously high – our gun rate is nearly double the national average and our gun suicide death rate is the third highest in the nation. Guns are the second leading cause of death for children and teens in Alaska. This epidemic of gun violence urgently needs your attention.

Please support HB 89, which would give family members and law enforcement officers a tool to intervene when a person is in crisis by temporarily restricting their access to guns. So far, 21 states and the District of Columbia have adopted similar laws. Experience shows that these laws work. Both Connecticut's and Indiana's laws have been in place long enough to show statistical results – in Connecticut, a 14 % reduction in gun suicide rates; in Indiana, a reduction of 7.5 %.

Providing this means to help people in crisis survive that crisis without shooting themselves or others has significant potential to save lives. Please vote to pass this bill. Sincerely, Ann Gifford

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Ann Gifford
Juneau, Alaska
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Judith Cavanaugh [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:37 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 89

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I urge you to please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska.

In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to *temporarily* prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms.

Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives. As a now retired ER Nurse, who worked at Bartlett Hospital for more than 20 years, I saw so many people in temporary situations that presented a clear danger to themselves and others, loved ones as well as strangers.

To me, it just makes sense to protect the public in these extreme situations.

Thanks for your work on this and on so many issues important to Alaskans.

Best regards,

Judy Cavanaugh 2521 David Street Juneau, AK 99801

Stuart Relay

From: Joyanne Bloom [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:26 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB89

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Dear Representatives,

"If only we could have stopped the gun tragedy from happening." With Extreme Risk Protective Orders we can! Please, please support HB95 to reduce gun violence in Alaska.

Thank you for representing me and most other Alaskans on this issue,
Joyanne Bloom

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Joyanne Bloom
[REDACTED]
Juneau, Alaska 99801
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Laura Lucas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:20 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: In support of House Bill 89

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Please support of HB 89.

Every time I read about an incidence of gun violence in Alaska where there was clear evidence of the perpetrator being in crisis beforehand, I wonder if we had a Red Flag law it could have been prevented.

This bill would provide an important opportunity to save Alaskan lives.

Laura Lucas

[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

Stuart Relay

From: Mary Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:10 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Suppor HB 89

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Please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives.

Mary Miller
Juneau, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Marina Lindsey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:05 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Please support HB 89

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Honorable Representatives,

Please support HB 89 to establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. Alaska already has an alarming suicide rate and we don't need more school shootings in this country. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives.

Thank you for taking tangible action to save lives in our state by supporting HB 89.

MARINA LINDSEY

[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Lynda Giguere [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:51 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 89

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of House Bill 89, which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order (red flag) law for Alaska.

Twenty one states have passed in 21 states and have saved lives. HB 89 provides a due process, with the court's involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms.

Please support HB 89.

Sincerely,
Lynda Giguere
[REDACTED]
Douglas, Alaska 99824

Stuart Relay

From: Emily Kane <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:39 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 89

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Please SUPPORT this important red flag law, which will save many many Alaskans (especially women and children) from serious harm and even death, and also save perpetrators from going to prison. It is time to realize that keeping guns out of hands of known offenders does not infringe on second amendment rights. Ultimately your higher duty is to keep Alaskans safe.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Dr. Emily Kane

[REDACTED]
Juneau AK 99801

[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: jetta whittaker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:24 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support for HB 89

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Please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to *temporarily* prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives. Alaska needs this!

Jetta Whittaker
concerned voter in Juneau AK

Stuart Relay

From: Luann McVey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:20 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support HB 89 - Red Flag laws save lives!

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Dear members of the Alaska House State Affairs Committee,

Please support HB 89, which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order (Red Flag) law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a clear due process, with court involvement, to ***temporarily*** prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives.

Thank you for considering my message.

Luann McVey
Retired Alaskan teacher
[REDACTED]
Douglas, Alaska. 99824

Stuart Relay

From: Suzanne Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:02 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: HB 89

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Dear Alaska Legislators,

I am writing to ask you to please support HB 89 which would create an “Extreme Protective Order Law” for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence there are clear warning signs of a crisis or threat. HB 89 would create due process, with court involvement to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Please support this bill. Twenty-one state have passed this type of law and they save lives.

Thank you!

Suzanne Cohen
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

Stuart Relay

From: Elizabeth Figus [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:59 AM
To: Rep. Elexie Moore; House State Affairs; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story
Subject: Please support HB49

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Hello,

I am a Juneau resident and a gun owner. I am writing to urge you to please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska.

In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms.

Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives.

I have lost a loved one to suicide-by-gun, and I know the issues are complicated. Keep in mind that these types of laws also need to be paired with improved crisis Healthcare for our residents as well. This type of gun law is a first step in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Figus
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Jane Hale [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:51 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: HB 89

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Jane Hale
Juneau

Stuart Relay

From: Colleen Thornton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 5:17 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 89

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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to urge you to pass HB 89. I am a Physician Assistant working to improve the health and well-being of Alaskans grappling with a cancer diagnosis, a population at higher risk for suicide than the general public. I am also a mother to three small Alaskans. I want a safer community for my children to grow up in.

Alaska has the third highest rate of gun suicide deaths in the country and the fifth highest rate of gun deaths overall. We need our lawmakers to prioritize preventing gun suicide and violence in Alaska.

Please vote to pass HB 89, to establish an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) law for Alaska. HB 89 empowers loved ones and law enforcement to intervene to *temporarily* prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. This law can help de-escalate emergency situations and is a proven way to intervene before gun violence takes more lives.

Thank you,
Colleen Thornton PA-C
Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Cathleen Rolph <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 12:41 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Please Pass HB-89 (ERPO) to Save a Life

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Dear House State Affairs Committee,

As president of The League of Women Voters of the Kenai Peninsula, I am writing to urge you to support House Bill-89, an Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) for Alaska sponsored by Representative Andy Josephson.

After over eighty hours of intense data driven study and research, a position on Gun Safety was adopted June 17, 2024, by the Alaska League of Women Voters, which some of our local (Kenai Peninsula league members helped to write.

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska finds that the safety and health of its citizens are threatened by a lack of safe gun ownership laws. The League recognizes that many Alaskans value and rely on firearms for hunting and personal protection and respects the right of Alaskans to own and use guns. However, firearms cause very high rates of death and injury in our state, particularly among children and teens. Therefore, the League believes the state government should adopt common-sense gun laws that will save lives and reduce injuries, and supports the following with an emphasis on public safety:

- Safe storage, including gun locks
- Annual licensing fees to be used for gun safety education
- Required permit to conceal carry
- Background checks to purchase
- Gun-free school zones
- **Red flag laws known as extreme risk legislation**
- Parental liability
- Regulation of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines

HB-89, an Extreme Risk law, is a bill that would only be a tool for preventing firearm suicides, homicides, mass shootings, and school shootings, because it provides a way to intervene before extreme warning signs become tragedies. It would allow law enforcement officers to seek a court order to **temporarily** remove firearms, when the officers or family members see signs that a person in crisis could cause harm to themselves or others with a firearm. The removal is only temporary, and the person in crisis can dispute it.

There is no freedom if we daily live with the possibility that someone with lethal weapons will have a personal crisis and decide to solve their personal crisis by taking their own life or the life of others.

Please pass HB-89 and join 21 other states that passed this bill.

It may be just the pause someone in crisis needs to reconsider and prevent a tragedy.

Sincerely,

Cathleen Rolph

President- League of Women Voters of the Kenai Peninsula

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Stuart Relay

From: Mary Hausler [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 4:54 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support HB 89

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"Please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives."

Stuart Relay

From: Patricia Owen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 3:35 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Andy Josephson
Subject: Pass HB 89

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Representative Carrick and members of the committee:

I urge you to pass HB 89 that would establish an Extreme Risk Protection law in Alaska.

As a lifelong Alaskan, mother and grandmother of children who live in Alaska, I am very concerned about the rate of gun violence and gun suicide in Alaska, and my family has been personally affected by this tragedy.

This law could effectively intervene and prevent gun suicide, which happens on average every three days in Alaska. As you know, regrettably Alaska has the second highest rate of gun suicide in the United States. This law is common sense and can avoid tragedy by temporarily removing firearms in a crisis situation while still allowing for due process. If passed it could save lives as it has done successfully in 21 other states and Washington D.C.

Thank you for finally addressing this important issue!

Patty Owen

Juneau, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Rachel Samuelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 3:07 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: In support of HB 89

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Hello Representatives,

I am writing in support of HB 89, the extreme risk or red flag, bill. As a physician, parent, and lifelong Alaskan, I have many reasons to support this bill:

1. We know it can decrease suicide rates. **I have a patient who was recently suicidal and had a loaded gun.** It is only by the grace of god that they did not use this gun to end their life, but had we had this law in place, this would have been a much safer situation
2. **I have 2 children at Kincaid Elementary in Anchorage,** and every day I drop them off with a little nagging feeling in the back of my head about "what if...active shooter." It would provide a measure of comfort to know that there may be one level of protection from a psychopath, rather than none at all.
3. **I love Alaska, and want to decrease gun deaths.** Studies have shown that these extreme risk laws in other places (21 other states in fact!!!!) decrease gun deaths.

Please please please protect our children and most vulnerable community members by passing this important bill.

Sincerely,

Your gun owning neighbor who just wants to be a little safer in this scary world,

Rachel Samuelon, MD
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99502

Stuart Relay

From: Therese Lewandowski <thereselew@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 3:02 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Genevieve Mina
Subject: HB 89, Gun Violence Protective Orders

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To: House State Affairs Committee Members and Sponsors - Representatives Josephson, Hanna and Mina,

I urge you to support and pass this Gun Safety bill through the Committee.

The Alaska Gun Rights group believes that there should be no compromise to keeping and bearing arms, that these rights are granted by God.

God did not grant their right to own and carry weapons. If God did, maybe they can present a document showing such permission.

Our right to “keep and bear arms,” the 1791 Amendment to the Constitution which is prefaced by “a well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state...” was intended to make sure our newly formed government would not be easily infiltrated by kingdoms such as Britain at that time. We all know that history, right?

Gun rights groups use that to defend gun manufacturer’s and gun trader’s **profits**.

They are using that to defend the ownership of assault weapons whose only use is to kill or injure as many as possible in the shortest amount of time. Unless one is planning to commit a mass murder, I don’t understand such ownership and firmly believe they should be banned. Further, they use this right to defend walking about with a loaded gun on their body.

Written in the Declaration by the Representatives of the US, as signed by John Hancock, which we all know as well, is the statement that these truths held “to be self-evident” include Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Those truths are in direct conflict with people who walk about with assault weapons or loaded guns.

I grew up in Detroit, the only people with guns were police officers and gangs. Not including those who hunt and who do not carry their hunting rifles about.

To gun rights groups I say – don’t be worried that gun safety will take your rights away. They won’t, they will only make us safer. Your loved ones, your neighbors, your community members, you.

HB 89 is a gun **safety** bill. It is a **temporary** protective order to **temporarily** remove guns from a person who is in crisis of killing themselves or is an imminent danger to others. We know the domestic violence stats in this state. We know the suicide stats. It’s horrible.

Twenty states currently have ERPO (Extreme Risk Protective Orders) laws. In Connecticut alone, once enacted, it was found that for every 10-20 orders issued a life was saved, and interventions following contributed to prevention of future shootings. <https://www.bradyunited.org/resources/issues/extreme-risk-laws>

Research does show that the effectiveness of ERPO laws can be limited due to a lack of education or awareness of these laws. An effort should also be made to put out signage and PSAs similar to suicide prevention publications.

Lastly – I am **opposed to Senator Hughes’s HB 3 to authorize school employees and volunteers be armed**. That has been proven to not be effective, it does not deter assailants, and it puts the burden on people there should be no such burden on. Teachers are there to concentrate on teaching, not shooting.

Please pass HB 89 out of committee. Alaska ranks 40 by Everytown for Gun Safety for gun safety laws. It is a national failure. <https://www.everytown.org/press/everytown-for-gun-safety-safety-releases-2024-gun-law-rankings/>

Most sincerely,

Therese Lewandowski

Stuart Relay

From: Larri Spengler [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 10:17 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: please support HB 89

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Greetings:

Please support HB 89 which would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order ("red flag") law for Alaska. In many instances of gun suicide or gun violence, there are clear warning signs of crisis and serious threat. HB 89 provides a due process, with court involvement, to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. Extreme Risk laws have been passed in 21 states and they save lives.

Thank you.

Larri Spengler

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Larri Irene Spengler

[REDACTED]
Juneau, Alaska 99801
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: Rochelle Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 9:50 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Support for HB 89 Extreme Risk Law

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To the Members of the House State Affairs Committee:

I am a resident of Anchorage writing in support of House Bill 89, the Extreme Risk Protection Order law. This law would be a crucial tool for families and law enforcement to use to use to prevent gun violence and suicide in our state by temporarily restricting firearm access through due process of law to those who are showing evidence of harming others or themselves.

Alaska has the third highest rate of gun suicide deaths in the nation, and 71% of Alaskan gun deaths are suicides (everystat.org). Our youth are struggling, and surveys show that one in five Alaskan high schoolers has attempted suicide in the last year, and half say they have easy access to a loaded gun (2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey). My husband is a pediatrician in Anchorage who frequently counsels suicidal teens, and our family has been impacted by firearm suicide, which has affected our close relatives for decades. If HB 89 becomes law, family members who are concerned about their loved ones showing signs of suicidal ideation can appeal to a judge to have their guns taken away until the danger has passed, putting critical time and space between a person in crisis and lethal means.

Extreme Risk laws are in place in 21 states plus Washington DC, and have resulted in a 14% reduction in firearm suicide rates in Connecticut and a 7.5% reduction in Indiana over ten years. This tool will save lives in Alaska without infringing on people's Second Amendment rights.

As a mother of three school-aged children, I also worry about the threat of gun violence on school grounds. School shooters often display warning signs before acting, and HB 89 would provide a way for family members and law enforcement to intervene before the unthinkable happens. We've got to use every tool available to protect our kids.

I hope you will support and advance HB 89, and I thank you for opening up this important conversation in your committee.

Thank you,
Rochelle Parker
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99502

Stuart Relay

From: Emily Becker [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:16 PM
To: Rep. Genevieve Mina; Sen. Forrest Dunbar
Cc: House State Affairs
Subject: support for ERPO bill

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Greetings,

I am writing to express support for HB89, Representative Josephson's Extreme Risk Protection Order bill. Emerging research on the effect of ERPO laws is very promising. Given our state's high suicide rate, this bill could be a very effective tool to prevent tragedy. Please give it your full consideration.

Thank you,
Emily Becker
Anchorage

Stuart Relay

From: Marian Clough [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:15 PM
To: Representative.Ashley.Carrick@leg.gov; Representative.Andi.Story@leg.gov; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore; House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Sara Hannan; Sen. Jesse Kiehl
Subject: Support for HB 89

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Dear Chair Carrick and Members of the Alaska House State Affairs Committee:

I am Marian Clough, have lived in Alaska for 42 years, and am a grandmother and a gun owner testifying today in Support of House Bill 89.

Thank you for scheduling a hearing on HB 89: a bill to establish an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) or a Red Flag law in Alaska.

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An ERPO law will save the lives of Alaskans by reducing suicides and gun violence. I urge you to base your consideration of HB 89 on facts and the truth.

Thank you for your public service and your hard work as an Alaska State Representative.

Sincerely,

Marian Clough

Stuart Relay

From: Carolyn Stone [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 7:43 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB89

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That is just one of many sources that indicate how these laws save lives. Alaska has one of the highest rates of gun suicide in the country. It is a shame to do nothing. Thank you for your service.

Respectfully,
Carolyn Stone
[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99508

Stuart Relay

From: April Rochford [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 5:14 PM
To: House State Affairs; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Rep. Alyse Galvin
Subject: HB89

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Respectfully,
April Rochford
99503

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Stuart Relay

From: Laura Fleming [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:39 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Written Testimony for HB 89 Extreme Risk Law for Alaska

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Dear Members of the House State Affairs Committee:

Thank you for holding a public hearing to consider House Bill 89, which would enable Alaska to join other states in reducing the number of lives being lost to gun violence, including suicide.

House Bill 89, relating to Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPOs), can prevent deaths by firearms, including reducing the number of deaths that result from suicide. In Alaska suicide comprises 71% of firearms deaths. It is often the case in instances of mass shootings and other gun violence incidents, that the person wielding a firearm was showing clear signs of trouble before an incident takes place. These warning signs, if they are observed by a family member or a member of law enforcement, can enable law enforcement to seek a court order to temporarily block an individual's access to firearms, thereby reducing the likelihood of gun deaths. And the bill, without question, provides for due process.

Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia have adopted ERPO laws. Florida was a leader in adopting ERPO legislation and many other states have followed suit because such laws are an effective tool to save lives.

It is a sobering statistic that firearms and poisonings are tied for second place as the leading cause of death for Alaska's children (up to eighteen years old), but we can be encouraged that there are proven methods such as HB 89 to reduce firearms deaths for children as well.

Many Alaskans have firearms, and they are widely used for sport and subsistence; they are a part of the fabric of Alaska life. This bill does nothing to alter that. But just because many of us Alaskans own guns doesn't mean we have to stand idly by while lives are lost. It doesn't mean we are proud to have the fifth highest rate in the country of death by gun. You have the power to take action that will change this shameful statistic.

Please give this proposed measure due consideration, and allow it to move forward for consideration by your colleagues in the Alaska House of Representatives. Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Fleming
Juneau, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Samuel Broder [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:15 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support for House Bill 89 and Reasonable Protections Against Gun Crime

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Dear Members of the Alaska House State Affairs Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 89, which addresses important issues related to gun violence protective orders.

I am supportive of the provisions in House Bill 89 that aim to establish a program regarding gun violence protective orders and creation of a central registry for protective orders. These measures are essential for ensuring the safety of our communities and preventing gun-related incidents. By providing reasonable protections against gun crime, we can take meaningful steps towards reducing violence and protecting the lives of Alaskans.

As an emergency physician, I have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of gun violence on individuals and families, in addition to the physical devastation that occurs to the bodies of the victims. I have seen the physical and emotional trauma that victims of gun violence endure, and I am acutely aware of the long-term impact it has on their lives. I have heard the last words of victims of gun violence countless times. "I can't breathe" is one that comes to mind that I've heard a few times. I see their faces. I've notified their families. These experiences have strengthened my belief in the necessity of reasonable protections against gun crime to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities. While the victims themselves had second amendment rights, they also have the right to not die breathless, afraid and in pain. There have been horrific tragedies in the last few months in Anchorage related to gun violence.

As a citizen, father, physician and gun owner, I urge you to support House Bill 89 and to continue working towards policies that promote the safety and well-being of our citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Samuel Broder
Eagle River

Stuart Relay

From: Victoria OConnell Curran [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 6:47 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Written Testimony for Hearing on HB89 - Please support this bill

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Hello Chairman and committee members,

I am unable to testify during the hearing because of a previous appointment. Please support HB 89. I appreciated being able to talk with my representative, Rebecca Himshoot, earlier this month about HB89, an Extreme Risk Protective Order Bill. I have lived in Sitka for 45 years. My two daughters were born and raised here and now I have two granddaughters, one in kindergarten and one in preschool. I worry every day about potential gun violence at school. I know several people here who have restraining orders against their abusive former spouses but these men are allowed to keep their guns even when in crisis. We have had 4 young men, including a student, commit suicide since July. Please support this reasonable approach to reduce gun violence in our state! Florida enacted an ERPO law AFTER Parkland. Do we have to have another Parkland here to realize that part of the job of government is to protect the most vulnerable? I know I don't have to remind you all that the first mass shooting at a school was in Bethel, Alaska in 1997. We continue to have a huge toll by gun deaths here, third in the country for gun suicide and the 5th highest rate of gun deaths overall. This measure provides a temporary intervention to de-escalate emergency situations and protect Alaskans. The data supports the fact that ERPO laws work, reducing gun deaths. Please support this bill.

Thank you for considering this request,

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Tory O'Connell Curran
Grateful to live on *Língít Aaní*

Stuart Relay

From: Jan Caulfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 5:57 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: SUPPORT for House Bill 89 - House State Affairs Committee

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Representative Carrick and Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I am a 46 year resident of Alaska and a parent, and I thank you for hearing HB 89, a bill that would establish an Extreme Risk Protective Order or "Red Flag" law for Alaska. I strongly support HB 89, that would give caring family members and local law enforcement a due process tool through the court system, that could just temporarily remove firearms from a person in crisis that is showing signs of harming themselves or others. The Office of Veterans Affairs, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and other suicide prevention organizations recognize the importance of ensuring guns cannot be readily accessed when there is a mental health crisis. Twenty-one states (including the states of Florida, Indiana, Virginia) and DC have adopted Extreme Risk legislation, as they have recognized that having this focused tool will prevent firearm suicide, mass shootings, and school shootings – and save lives. A 2018 study of Connecticut's Extreme Risk law found that the law was associated with a 14% reduction in firearm suicide rates, and ten years after Indiana passed its Extreme Risk law, the state's firearm suicide rate decreased by 7.5%.

I want to broaden my comments from this single bill, to implore you as Legislators to have serious conversations about gun safety and gun harm in Alaska and to be open to developing and supporting solutions that will save Alaskans' lives. Alaska's firearm death rate is the 5th highest in the country and is more than double the national average. Alaska has the 3rd highest rate of gun suicide deaths in the country. Very tragically, firearms are one of the top two leading cause of death for Alaska's children and teens, and 55% of those deaths are gun suicides.

This is a recognized public health crisis – and it is beyond time for the Legislature to act to prevent more gun deaths and injuries in our state. I implore you as Legislators to start taking our gun injury and death statistics seriously – and to work on solutions that would be effective and a good fit for Alaska.

HB 89 is intended to lower the deaths from firearms in our state – especially saving the lives of vulnerable youth and adults that may be suffering a mental health crisis. It is narrowly focused and carefully crafted, to ensure that gun safety exists alongside gun rights.

Please vote to move HB 89 forward, so that the Alaska State Legislature can meaningfully address this public health crisis in our state through this common sense gun safety law.

Thank you,

Jan Caulfield
Juneau, AK 99801

Stuart Relay

From: carolyn V Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 3:22 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 89 - Guns

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To the House State Affairs Committee:

I expect you may have more information on this issue than most people in Alaska. It is obvious that Alaska is not the only state with these issues and we are not done with this in the short or long haul.

In my career of some 65 years in general medicine, residencies, emergency rooms, public health and two specialties, I have dealt with my share of violence, suicides, deaths, injuries, self-harm, substance abuse and other deaths/injuries from guns.

I ask that you give careful attention to what we already know. We can be proactive with this health, social, political, educational, personal and collective problem in Alaska.

We just have to choose to do so for those who can't or won't choose. I hope you can assist with a pro-active direction for HB 89.

Please let me know if you have further questions or I can provide other information. Thank you for this consideration.

carolyn V Brown MD MPH
[REDACTED]
Douglas Alaska 99824-5211 USA

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Stuart Relay

From: Jeanne Rynne [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 1:10 PM
To: Jeanne Rynne
Subject: Please Support HB 89

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I support this legislation to establish an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) law in Alaska. In many instances of gun violence — including suicide, mass shootings and intimate partner violence — there are clear warning signs that the person poses a serious threat to themselves or others. ERPO laws, which are currently in place in 21 states and Washington, DC, are designed to defuse situations of extreme risk. These laws provide life-saving due process to intervene quickly to temporarily remove guns from someone who is displaying warning signs that they are considering suicide or pose a serious threat to others. An ERPO law will save the lives of Alaskans by reducing suicides and gun violence. A 2018 study of Connecticut’s ERPO law found that the law was associated with a 14% reduction in firearm suicide rates, and ten years after Indiana passed its Extreme Risk law, the state’s firearm suicide rate decreased by 7.5%.

Please help make Alaska safe from gun violence.

Thank you,

Jeanne Rynne
Douglas, AK

Stuart Relay

From: Lin Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 8, 2025 11:14 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 89

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Dear Representatives:

When I was in college, my mother had a sudden psychosis. First sign, strange calls and postcards. My dad thought nothing of it.

When I bused home for visit, was horrified to see how changed she was. Scary everything CB. I called our minister who recommended I call the police.

Then my mother grabbed my father's loaded hunting rifle, always kept unlocked & available in his clothes closet. She marched through the house, eyes wide, screaming. She had become very paranoid and said she would kill my father.

I called the police and our minister.

My mother eventually handed rifle to our minister. She was led away to inpatient psychiatric ward where she got treatment for a month. They tried shock treatments but those did not work and she had another paranoid episode and long hospital stay. Very traumatic for my family.

HB 89 could have helped. It's a common sense way to protect families and loved ones suddenly ill.

Thank you for considering these ideas.

Lin Davis
34 year Douglas resident.

[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99802

Stuart Relay

From: b farris [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:07 PM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore
Subject: Gun sense law

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I am writing in support of HB 89. Studies show that extreme risk gun laws are some of the most important powerful tools for preventing shootings and suicide by gun. This law can create warning signs before things escalate and cause irreversible tragedy. There are already many states that have extreme risk laws. I believe it is important that Alaska also has this law since we have so many guns in this state currently.

Thank you.
Barbara Farris

Stuart Relay

From: Marian Clough [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 7:01 PM
To: Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Ky Holland; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore; House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Sara Hannan; Sen. Jesse Kiehl
Subject: HB 89

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An ERPO law will save the lives of Alaskans by reducing suicides and gun violence – aren't we worth it?

Thank you for your public service and taking into consideration my request for a hearing.

Sincerely,

Marian Clough

Stuart Relay

From: Tina Seaton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 9:38 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 89

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Dear Representative,

Thank you for serving in the legislature!

I am very much in favor of HB89, the red flag law, also called an Extreme Risk Protection Order law. Alaska has the third highest rate of gun suicide deaths in the country. We should be working to prevent those unnecessary deaths!

A few years ago my dad was on a medication that made him really depressed, so much so that we decided we should remove his guns from the house to keep him safe. We were able to do that without his knowledge, but that is not an option for many families. I also know someone who's husband was bipolar and ended up shooting himself.

We need solutions to cut the number of accidental deaths and suicides!

I think it is terrible that we must lock down the schools. We should be working to PREVENT suicide and school deaths by allowing family members who recognize signs of severe depression to ask that a gun be removed from a household.

Please support HB89.

I would also heartily support secure storage legislation if any comes across your desk.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tina Seaton

[REDACTED]
Homer, AK 99603