

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Labor and Commerce, Judiciary

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to end the abuse of tort laws against the firearms**  
2 **industry.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** citizens have a right, protected by the Second Amendment to the United  
5 States Constitution, to keep and bear arms; and

6 **WHEREAS** lawsuits that seek money damages and other relief for the harm caused  
7 by the misuse of firearms by third parties, including criminals, have been commenced against  
8 manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and importers of firearms that operate as designed and  
9 intended; and

10 **WHEREAS** the manufacture, importation, possession, sale, and use of firearms and  
11 ammunition in the United States are heavily regulated by federal, state, and local laws,  
12 including the Gun Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act, and the Arms Export  
13 Control Act; and

14 **WHEREAS** businesses in the United States that are engaged in interstate and foreign  
15 commerce through the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, distribution, importation, or  
16 sale of firearms or ammunition to the public that has been shipped or transported in interstate

1 of foreign commerce are not, and should not, be liable for the harm caused by those who  
2 criminally or unlawfully misuse firearm products or ammunition products that function as  
3 designed and intended; and

4 **WHEREAS** thirty-three states have passed legislation protecting firearms and  
5 ammunition manufacturers, and legislation in the United States Congress supporting this  
6 measure has broad bipartisan support;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United States  
8 Congress to pass legislation to end the abuse of tort laws against the firearms industry.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President  
10 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States  
11 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;  
12 the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis  
13 Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Tom DeLay, Majority  
14 Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of  
15 the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa  
16 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
17 the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, Governor of  
18 Alaska.