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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

Requesting the United States Congress to reject gun legislation.

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### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the United States Congress has already passed numerous firearms Acts; and

WHEREAS these Acts already provide sufficient protection against the criminal element with regard to firearms; and

WHEREAS further legislation to restrict the possession of firearms would as a practical matter have no deterrent effect on the acquisition of firearms by criminals; and

WHEREAS the only result of further legislation in this field would be to greatly inconvenience the lawful citizen and infringe upon his right to bear arms; and

WHEREAS the enactment of legislation to restrict the possession of firearms would open the door to a black market in guns, promote graft and corruption, and thus increase, not diminish, crime; and

WHEREAS over-reaction to tragic events in this nation often leads to the enactment of poorly considered legislation which does not go to the root of the problems leading up to the tragedy and more often than not places insupportable burdens on the innocent public at large;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to reject any legislation at this time which would restrict in any form a person's right to possess firearms.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.