



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

Requesting the exclusion of Alaska from federal gun control legislation.

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

WHEREAS other states do not share the unique problems of Alaska relating to the possession of firearms; and

WHEREAS the possession and responsible use of firearms in Alaska has long been established; and

WHEREAS for many persons in Alaska the utilization of firearms is a necessity in their day-to-day living to provide for a subsistence way of life; and

WHEREAS many persons in the state engaged in outdoor recreational activity must carry firearms for their own protection; and

WHEREAS these circumstances are not shared by other states for which strict gun control and registration may be very appropriate; and

WHEREAS adequate penalties for the commission of crimes with a dangerous weapon already exist in our state law;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, recognizing the subsistence needs of its citizens and in furtherance of its regulatory scheme, respectfully requests that Alaska and other states with comprehensive laws and regulations regarding the use of firearms be excluded from federal legislation which would prohibit or limit the use of firearms.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable

Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States; the Honorable Carl Albert, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable James O. Eastland, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Edward Levi, Attorney General of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.