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Requesting the exclusion of Alaska from federal gun control legislation and regulation.

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

WHEREAS the right of the people to keep and bear arms is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America; 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 adequate penalties for the commission of crimes with a dangerous weapon already exist in our state law; and

WHEREAS each individual has a natural right to protect his or her life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness, and the ownership of firearms is an extension of this right;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, recognizing the subsistence and other needs of its citizens, respectfully requests that Alaska be excluded from federal legislation and regulation which would prohibit or limit the use of firearms.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States; the Honorable Griffin B. Bell, Attorney General of the United States; the

Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; 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.