

Chair Jama and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of SB 243. As a former Alaskan and commercial fisher person, I see the usefulness of guns as tools. When bringing a lively 150 pound halibut onto a small fishing boat, it was useful to be able to shoot it before it landed. I appreciated the venison that was shared with me. Guns were useful tools

As someone who was a middle school counselor when Columbine occurred, I saw how guns had become not just tools but symbols used to hurt and terrify. As someone who has worked with young people and veterans for 50 years, I know that the first question I ask when confronted with someone who is potentially suicidal is "do they have access to a gun?"

Common sense gun laws such as those in this bill do not prevent people from using guns. They ask people to give up some convenience in exchange for a safer, less threatening society.

Thank you for your service,

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