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Senate Education Committee
C/O Senator Mike Dunleavy, Chair
State Capitol Room 11
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Senate Bill 174

Dear Senators Dunleavy, Huggins, Giessel, Stevens and Gardner:

I am writing on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) to express opposition for SB174 that if passed, would allow firearms on our university campuses. Each semester Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) has approximately 170 KPBSD students taking college level courses for dual credit. In addition, over the next six months KPC will host more than 200 high school age students for various college orientation programs. It would be disconcerting to know that KPBSD students, most of whom are minors, might be attending classes with armed classmates.

The safety and welfare of our students is my number one priority. As such, I am concerned that the movement by my students from a gun free high school to a campus with armed students may offer a situation that is difficult to monitor. Finally, arming college students while they are on campus, and, or, living in the dorm in my opinion creates a volatile situation.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Sincerely,

Sean Dusek
Superintendent of Schools