

As a commercial fisher in Alaska, a gun was an important tool. Shooting a 150 pound halibut before bringing it aboard our boat stopped it quickly from breaking things apart as it flopped its powerful tail.

As a clinical psychologist working with young people, veterans, and families, the first question I asked when I worried that someone might be suicidal is "Do they have access to firearms? Are you sure they cannot get ahold of a gun?"

Guns are valuable tools, but they are lethal. Whether it is a domestic violence situation or someone thinking of taking their lives, quick access to a gun eliminates the chance to have second thoughts. You are hearing all the statistics. Safe gun storage is essential. Please support this bill.

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