

Dana Strommen

From: karyn.wise@acsalaska.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 9:53 AM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: HB 35

Representative Ramras,

Thank you for your sponsorship of HB 35. I support this legislation and would like to see it become law. Our minor children are legally prohibited from making major life decisions for good reason, and choosing abortion is a major life decision, regardless of which side of the abortion question a person is on. Passage of this bill will actually protect minors from coercion by others who have no moral, legal, or financial responsibility for their well-being or protection. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Karyn Wise

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From: Steven Veldstra [dblm@xyz.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 9:17 AM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: HB 35

Representative Ramras,

I would like you to know that I support HB35. It is very important that parent have the right to be involved in the medical decisions of their underage children.

Thank you for your time

Steven Veldstra



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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in support of HB 35. As parents of minor children, including two daughters, we are horrified at the thought of one of them going through the physical, mental and emotional trauma of abortion, and at the idea that they now have every right to discard one of our grandchildren without so much as our knowledge. Parents have every right to be involved in the medical care of their children, especially in decisions involving so much physical risk and emotional baggage. This law has been introduced to correct a grave, terrible wrong in our legal system, one which paves the way for destroying relationships, families, and preborn children.

Mark and Carolyn Sorvoja
 Eagle River, Alaska

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Signed:

From: Mark Sorvoja [msorvoja@gci.net] _____
 Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 8:29 AM
 To: LIO Anchorage _____
 Subject: HB 35

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for hearing bill HB35. Please vote YES on the bill. Parents should be involved in ALL medical decisions for their minor children.

With much gratitude,
Kathy Murray

Signed: _____

From: Kathy Murray [seedtothesower@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 4:59 AM
To: LIO Anchorage
Subject: Vote YES on HB35

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Please accept this in lieu of direct testimony.

To the Alaska House of Representatives,

My name is Karl von Lührte. Let me take the brief opportunity to thank you for hearing House Bill 35. As a parent of both a son and daughter, I would like to express my firm conviction that as a parent I should have the right to be involved in ALL medical decisions that involve my children until they reach majority age (18).

I am asking for your support to this bill to ensure that all Alaskan parents' rights are protected with respect to medical decisions for their minor children.

Our children are the foundation for the future; please help us give them every opportunity to succeed. Transparency and communication will build a better future, not secrecy and deception.

Respectfully,
//SIGNED//
Karl & Tonia von Lührte
Eagle River
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Signed: _____

From: Karl [knt@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 9:59 PM
To: LIO Anchorage
Cc: lorareinbold@yahoo.com
Subject: House Bill 35

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To Members of the Legislature,

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

I have been an attorney and resident of the State of Alaska since 1969.

Since I am sure that the public hearing on this bill will be very crowded, I wanted to submit my brief testimony on this bill by email. I thank you for the appropriate distribution of this email.

I support parental notification/consent for the performance of an abortion on one of their children. Parental consent is required for any other medical procedure performed on a minor child. An abortion is a serious medical procedure, with particular emotional overtones. There is no reason that parental notification and consent should not be required as it is for ordinary medical procedures.

In the rare case where the matter cannot be dealt with between the parents and the child, HB 35 provides for judicial intervention. Whether or not you believe that the judiciary should be allowed to interfere in the intra-family relationships, this judicial oversight provision will help when HB 35 is enacted and then if it is challenged in Court.

In summary, I support HB 35. Thank you.

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From: Lori Siebe [lories7@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:23 AM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; representative_john_coghill@ligis.state.ak.us; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Max Gruenberg
Subject: I Oppose State House Bill 35

Thank you for your time. I was fortunate to testify on the phone Monday and appreciate the opportunity to do so. While waiting to speak I listened to those who spoke before me and heard alot of important input from people who are also against this bill.

I oppose House Bill 35. You can not force children to talk to thier parents. I mentioned the case of Becky Bell in Indiana, she died from complications from a back alley abortion because she did not want her parents to know she got pregnant, she did not want to disappoint them. She was close to her parents, they were supportive and loved her, she died. This bill doesn't only hurt girls in situations of, incest and abuse it hurts all of them.

If a girl is going to talk to her parents about an unwanted pregnancy it isnt going to be because of a law.

This bill is not to determine the legality of abortion in the state of Alaska, it is legal. I feel some of the legislators seemed determined to discuss that issue and even tried to sway those giving testimony to their way of thinking.

I also found it very disrespectful when a Representative emplied that Doctors like Dr. Whitefield, who are advocates of quality womens health care, who offer women options and excellent medical services be questioned about thier financial motives. Dr. Whitefield delivered my daughter under challenging circumstances and was a very caring profesional who did a wonderful job bringing her safely into the world.

I think you need to keep your discussion to the direct implications of this bill and not try to bring in to it your beliefs about the rights or wrongs of abortion. That is not the discussion. Again thank you for your time and please vote against HB 35.

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From: Aimee Kopp [yukonaimee@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 8:14 PM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: HB35

Please support bill HB35 to protect the rights of parents and the safety of children and youth.
Thank you,
Aimee' Kopp
Houston, AK

"Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." 1Peter 1:8-9

Dana Strommen

From: Nicole Kirk [NicoleKirk@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 7:07 PM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: I Support HB35

Representative Ramras,

Please support House Bill 35. It is important that Alaskans re-establish their fundamental right to oversee the health decisions of their children. This bill is about the fundamental right of parents to be involved in the medical decisions of their underage children.

Sincerely,

Nicole Kirk
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Dana Strommen

From: Ben Hastings [hastings_ben@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 6:25 PM

To: Rep. Kyle Johansen; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Woodie Salmon; Rep. Mike Kelly; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep. John Coghill; Rep. John Harris; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Pete Petersen; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Harry Crawford; Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Berta Gardner; Rep. Mike Doogan; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Bob Buch; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Richard Foster; Rep. Reggie Joule

Dear Representative,

I have been a resident of Alaska for 17 years and I would like to voice my vehement support for the parental consent bill currently being debated in the Alaska House. Our nation is in urgent need for our leaders to stand straight and defend families. When families are broken down, society breaks down. Parents must be given the right to guide their children and protect them from making the mistake of taking away the life of their baby.

Sincerely,

Ben Hastings

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Dana Strommen

From: amhjgd@alaska.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 5:52 PM
To: Jane Pierson
Cc: Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep. John Coghill
Subject: Opposition to House Bill 35

To the House Judiciary Committee
c/o Ms. Jane Pierson,

Re: Opposition to House Bill 35.

I am writing to you to express my opposition to House Bill 35. I am the mother of a 14 year old girl. Although I communicate with her about sex and the consequences of unprotected sex, I also know that she is a teenager. I would hope that she would communicate with us if she became pregnant, but a frightened teenager may not communicate if they think that mom and dad might be angry. Even though she knows she can talk to us, we cannot force her to. There are many teens who cannot talk to their parents so do not even have that choice. I want my daughter to know that she has choices. I also do not want any young girl to be forced to navigate the legal system - nor do I want any teen to feel they have no choice but to try to get a back alley abortion. Kids health needs must come first. No legislation can force kids to communicate with their parents or parents to communicate with their kids. House Bill 35, by requiring a minor to obtain parental consent for an abortion, will result in unnecessary health risks to teenage girls.

Thank you,

Janet Daley
Fairbanks, Alaska

Jane Pierson

From: LIO Fairbanks
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 8:01 AM
To: Jane Pierson
Subject: FW: Vote Yes on HB35, Parental Consent Bill

From: Karen Karlen [alaskakarlen@alaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 7:28 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Vote Yes on HB35, Parental Consent Bill

To Whom It May concern:

Thank you for hearing HB35.

Parents have a right to be involved in ALL medical decisions that involve their minor children.

Please vote yes on HB35.

Sincerely,

Karen Karlen
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Fairbanks AK 99712
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Jane Pierson

From: LIO Fairbanks
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 8:01 AM
To: Jane Pierson
Subject: FW: Vote YES on HB35

From: Kathy Murray [seedtothesower@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 5:00 AM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Vote YES on HB35

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for hearing bill HB35. Please vote YES on the bill. Parents should be involved in ALL medical decisions for their minor children.

With much gratitude,
Kathy Murray

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From: Deborah Brollini [deb_brollini@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 11:06 AM
To: Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom

I am not going to be able to testify regarding parental consent. I am at home with my kids for spring break. I did watch a portion of yesterday's testimony. Questions I have:

- My daughter cannot go on a field trip with ASD, or when she was in private school without my consent. My daughter cannot go to Providence without my consent. My daughter will be 13 in August, and how can she receive a major medical procedure without my consent? How is that okay?
- Major complications with an abortion with my daughter who is going to pay for future medical issues? My child commits a crime... I am responsible for the damage my child commits. My daughter is hospitalized for infection from a bad abortion without my consent; who is going to pay for it?

These are my questions I have for the Dr. who is going to testify and examples.

Thank you.

Deborah Brollini

Dana Strommen

From: Maggie Yngve [myngve@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 10:05 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Kyle Johansen; Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: House Bill 35

Dear person in position of responsibility and power subjected to higher moral calling,

Alaskan parents and families are relying on you this session to vote "NO" on House Bill 35 (Parental Consent and Notification).

As a female Alaskan resident and voter, I believe it is your duty on a personal level, and a professional level to hear my concerns and act upon them. For this reason, I have taken time out of my intensely homework laden collegiate existence to compose this letter to you. Please do not simply ignore it, since you know as well as I do that your duty is to your constituents, which I am one of. Thus I am here to share my concerns and voice my disapproval of HB 35.

In Alaska, for the most part, teens and parents have decent communication. However, there are also a great deal of broken families held together only by the necessity for financial codependence. Unfortunately it is in these families that the parents are often so focused on themselves that the children are left by the wayside as the "adults" attempt to battle out their differences and become increasingly embittered. It is in these types of situations that kids are often NOT given the proper sexual education, NOT offered birth control, and NOT given the understanding that would allow a woman to make the right decision-- a decision NOT made to appease parents or save face for the family.

Parents tend to NOT see the desperation in these situations of unwanted pregnancy, and often the child is brought into the world to a mother who feels as though she was robbed of an adolescence and grandparents who seem to think they can raise a girl to be a mother in 9 short months, while they failed to raise her to be a responsible young adult in 16 years. You do see the problem...

In a home where communication is not possible, desperate Alaskan teens will take desperate measures. Instead of navigating a crowded courthouse and running the gauntlet of public humiliation, not to mention the scorns of radical Christian fundamentalists or face a judge in rural Alaska that she may be related to, I am worried that our Alaskan daughters will delay speaking to anyone about a pregnancy, will delay seeking medical services, resort to an unsafe or back alley abortion, or even contemplate suicide.

Us daughters don't need HB 35. We need proper sex education, free no-questions asked quality birth control, counseling and quality medical care without delay.

I feel that this issue runs a little too close to the hearts of some of our lawmakers, and they will not be making decisions for the public as much as they will be making decisions because they selfishly cannot imagine being unable to dictate their daughters' next 20 years. I feel that family issues--personal issues--should be left out of state law. While I am not elected to exercise discernment and power, YOU are and it is YOUR duty to do what is right in an objective perspective, and that is to allow women as much freedom as possible in their decisions.

Teens in troubled families, and in rural Alaska, where health care access is already an issue, are truly at risk. Politicizing the abortion debate at the expense of the health and safety of Alaska's teens is not good policy.

vote "NO" on House Bill 35. Please help keep our teens safe. Thank you.

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Peace,

Maggie Yngve

Dana Strommen

From: Erik Lie-Nielsen [gnarlyerik@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 12:56 PM
To: Rep. John Coghill
Cc: Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Mike Kelly; Rep. John Harris; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: HB 35: Shame on You!

Shame on You!

When will you party-line dinosaurs learn that the public does NOT APPRECIATE your meddling in matters of a private medical nature, or of an individuals' sex or sexuality? We do not appreciate your efforts to foist your misguided opinions or standard on everyone else. You bring to mind those self-righteous missionaries who destroy cultures all over the planet with their shameful excuses in the name of 'morality'. You fool no one with all your high sounding phrases for the purpose of this bill. Everyone one can see its true reason. At least you ought to be honest about it.

Utterly contemptible!

You have much more important issues to deal with rather than attempt to legislate to the detriment of our young people. Is there any wonder that the public holds partisan legislators in such contempt?

Shame on you and the horse you rode in on! This one will bite you as it well should. Voters will deal with you appropriately for your busybody meddling in due course.

Very sincerely,

Erik Lie-Nielsen