

**Jane Pierson**

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**From:** LIO Fairbanks  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2009 8:37 AM  
**To:** Jane Pierson  
**Subject:** FW: HB35,Parental Consent Bill

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**From:** Torie Pendleton [pens4jc@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2009 8:12 AM  
**To:** LIO Fairbanks  
**Subject:** HB35,Parental Consent Bill

Thank you for hearing this bill.Please vote yes to this bill and keep parental rights intact.

Sincerly,

Torie Pendleton  
Eielson AFB, Ak 99702

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." 🕉 Hebrews 11:1

**Jane Pierson**

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**From:** LIO Fairbanks  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2009 9:54 AM  
**To:** Jane Pierson  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** cindy lewis [emmagees@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2009 9:44 AM  
**To:** LIO Fairbanks  
**Subject:**

Thank-you for hearing the HB35 Bill! We believe that parents have the right to be involved in All medical decisions that involve minor children! We are e-mailing you, to encourage you to stand with us and vote YES on the HB35 Bill. Thank-you for your time. Ray and Cindy Lewis, P.O. Box 293 Ester, Alaska 99725 Thanks again!

**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** peacemkr [peacemkr@wildak.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 11:37 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** HB 35

Greetings from the interior,

My name is Maureen Henry. I would like to thank you for hearing this bill. I believe it is the parent's right to be involved in all their children's medical decisions. Please vote YES on HB 35.

Cordially yours,  
Maureen Henry

## Dana Strommen

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**From:** housemajority\_email@housemajority.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 9:58 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** thank you

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correspond with the author Hit 'Reply' or 'Forward'.  
Then change the TO: address to stephanieschurter@yahoo.com If suspected Spam please  
forward to: support@housemajority.org  
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From: stephanieschurter@yahoo.com

I hope this is going to the right person. I participated in the 3/11/09 hearing regarding  
house bill 35 from my home in Anchorage. I forgot to state my overwhelming gratitude to  
have the chance to speak my opinions and beliefs and to be afforded that chance while  
staying in the privacy of my own home and caring for 3 children. I am truly blessed to be  
in this country and to be able to speak freely. Thank you for your time and consideration  
on this huge subject. My hope is that the decision will be made to grant parents the  
rights to have control over all medical care given to their children and that in regards  
to the other issues brought up such as issues of abuse and incest that other resources  
will be sought out and planning committees created to meet the needs of those girls in  
desparate situations. Crisis Pregnancy Center has a program that helps place a vulnerable  
pregnant teen into a caring home that will support her throughout her pregnancy and up to  
6 weeks after the child is born. Just an example of a way to address the needs of the teen  
without undermining the authority of all parents in this great state.  
Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Stephanie Schurter

~ Stephanie Schurter  
Zip Code: 99515

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**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** GIRDWOOD REALTY [nicole@girdwoodrealty.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 5:56 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** Children have a Right to Be Protected by their Parents

Representative Ramras,

Having an abortion is a life-changing event with serious physical and emotional consequences for a minor child. By passing HB35, you are assuring that children remain under the protective umbrella of their parents. It is the parents, not Planned Parenthood or the ACLU, that have the child's best interest in mind. Who is best to guard the minor girl who thinks abortion is the only answer: the sperm donor, Planned Parenthood, or the ACLU? THE PARENTS!! Also, parents are the ones held legally accountable for their child's well-being.

The Supreme Court has maintained that parents possess a fundamental and constitutional right to direct the upbringing of their children. "Those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations." 1925 The Supreme Court, *Pierce v. Society of Sister*

Those who oppose HB35, are attacking parental rights and the fundamental child-parent relationship. The role of parents in a child's life is an irreplaceable one – instituted for the well-being and protection of the child!

Please support the right of minor children to be protected by their parents and the right of the parent to protect their children before receiving an intrusive medical surgery that kills the child's unborn baby. Vote Yes on House Bill 35!

Scott Kirk  
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Attn: House Judiciary Chairman Ramras and Committee Members

There are approximately 1,200,000 abortions committed in the U.S. each year, and about 20% of those are committed on teens. That equates to about 240,000 teen abortions.

The pro-abortion Alan Guttmacher Institute estimates that approximately 40% of teenage abortions take place without parental involvement. (about 100,000) As a result, these teens' parents have no advance warning about the physical or emotional complications their children may experience. When the abortion causes subsequent emotional reactions that are not understood...such as depression, anger, and substance abuse...parents may react with anger and confusion, exacerbating the problems of the teen and her family.

The cost of such concealment can be deadly. Both 16-year-old Erica Richardson of Maryland and 13-year-old Dawn Ravanell of New York died from complications after they had abortions without telling their parents. Sandra Kaiser, a 14-year-old St. Louis girl with a history of psychiatric problems, committed suicide three weeks after her half-sister took her for an abortion without telling Sandra's mother.

Sadly, abortion advocates continue to fight laws that could help prevent tragedies like these.

Teenagers are more likely to report higher levels of feeling misinformed in pre-abortion counseling, and less satisfaction with abortion services and also, greater post abortion stress. They consider the abortion procedure itself to be stressful and associated with feelings of guilt, depression, and a sense of isolation.

Teenage abortion has been linked to a number of physical and psychological problems:

- 1). including drug and alcohol abuse.
- 2). Suicide or suicide attempts (studies show aborted teens are 2-4 times more likely to commit suicide)
- 3). In a study of teenage abortion patients, half suffered a worsening of psychosocial functioning within 7 months after the abortion. The immediate impact appeared to be greatest on the patients who were under 17 years of age and for those with previous psychosocial problems. Symptoms included: self-reproach, depression, social regression, withdrawal, obsession with need to become pregnant again, and hasty marriages. Teens are more likely to develop psychological problems, and are generally in need of more counseling and guidance pertaining to their abortion than adult women who obtain abortions. Aborted teens are nearly 3 times more likely to be admitted to mental health hospitals compared to adult women who've obtained abortions.

4). Teenage abortion patients are up to twice as likely to experience cervical lacerations during abortion compared to older women. (12.5% of first trimester abortions require stitching for cervical lacerations) Cervical damage is also caused because in order to commit the abortion, the cervix must be stretched open with a great deal of force. There is almost always microscopic tearing of the cervix muscles and occasionally severe ripping of the uterine wall, also. The cervical damage which results during the abortion frequently results in a permanent weakening of the cervix, and therefore an incontinent cervix, which causes the premature delivery of subsequent babies.

5). Teens are at higher risk for post-abortion infections. And because teens are less likely than adults to take prescribed antibiotics for infection, they are at greater risk for infertility, hysterectomy, ectopic pregnancy and other complications.

6). The abortion/breast cancer link is yet another injurious factor. The risk of breast cancer almost doubles after one abortion, and rises further with two or more abortions. As of 2006, 8 medical organizations recognize that abortion raises a woman's risk for breast cancer.

A pregnant teenager is in the most vulnerable time of her life; and in the most vulnerable situation she'll likely ever face in her entire lifetime. She's fearful, and uncertain, and in a fragile state of mind. There is no other time that she needs her parents more. To remove her parents involvement from the most life-changing decision she'll ever make, is beyond understanding. Parents, overwhelmingly, give loving guidance and solid advice to their children, especially in crisis situations.

And for the Courts, Planned Parenthood and others involved in the abortion industry, to believe that an underage child can bear the full burden of an abortion decision, and weight of guilt from that decision, along with life long damages incurred from the abortion, is simply outrageous and completely irresponsible. The Courts are designed to protect the people, not to contribute to their destruction.

It is the business of legislators to enact laws that will protect the citizens. And I applaud those of you legislators who are supporting this bill. It is good legislation and on behalf of myself and the tens of thousands of pro-life members of Alaska Right to Life, ask that the bill move forward. Thank you for hearing us.  
In His service,

Karen L. Lewis  
Executive Director  
Alaska Right to Life

\*Legal abortion is reported as the fifth leading cause of maternal death in the United States, though, in fact, it is recognized that most abortion related deaths are not officially reported as such. \*Kaunitz, "Causes of Maternal Mortality in the United States," Obstetrics and Gynecology, 65(5) May 1985.

## Dana Strommen

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**From:** Kiatcha Benson [kiatcha\_benson@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 4:41 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** House Bill 35 Testimony

Hello,

My name is Kiatcha Benson. I'm writing to oppose House Bill 35. I believe we should keep teens safe and healthy. If this legislation is passed it may deter some teens from seeking a medical abortion and they may take other means to remove the fetus. Especially in cases where there is abuse occurring in the family. Ultimately it is the choice of the individual over their own body.

We should respect another human beings ability to make their own decisions. You can not force communication between a child and their parent via legislation. Further more children are not owned by their parents but are merely on loan to us and we as parents should be there to guide and provide for them not control them.

Thanks, Kiatcha Benson



**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Mark Milligan [sewardshipsace@seward.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 4:12 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** HB35

Dear House Judiciary Standing Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to read written testimony for the hearing on HB35.

My name is Mark Milligan, and I'm a resident of Moose Pass, AK. I would like to ask you to support HB35, which I believe is a critical piece of legislation in regards to both the safety and care of minors and in regards to parental rights.

Taking the parents out of this critical decision making process, is not a good solution for anyone.

Children, teenagers or otherwise, have an understood fundamental need for guidance. Therefore I am completely baffled at why the Parental Consent Act of 1997 was ever struck down in the first place. Parents have the fundamental responsibility to care for their children. An abortion is unarguably a medical procedure, and a decision to undergo an abortion is at least as important as the decision whether to get a prescription for a general illness such as a sinus infection! It is simply nonsense to regulate the decisions of teenagers in every area except in regards to their decision to obtain an abortion. It is unfair to remove from parents their rights to guide and direct their children.

I ask that you consider the safety of our minors and the responsibility of parents to oversee the decision-making of their children. Please support HB 35. Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Mark Milligan

March 11, 2009

To: The Alaska State Legislature

**We the undersigned Alaskan registered voters from Fairbanks encourage the passage of HB 35 to require parental consent for minors seeking abortions.** We realize that children are often pressured into making decisions on life changing events without proper consideration of the consequences. Parental consent will help minors and parents to properly evaluate the long term ramifications of abortion.

Parental consent can recognize the State's compelling interest in "protecting minors from their own immaturity and aiding parents in fulfilling their parental responsibilities." In addition to **parental consent**, HB 35 provides for a judicial bypass for sexual abuse cases.

Parents are a child's first and most important resource for assistance in decision-making. For that reason, the state's interest in protecting children from the consequences of their own immaturity, and in so doing protecting the health of its children, and its interest in supporting parents' right and duty to guide the upbringing of their children is particularly compelling.

The Alaska Parental Consent Act attempts to ensure that pregnant minors who are sufficiently mature to make the decision to obtain an abortion on their own are allowed to do so while those who are not sufficiently mature either obtain a parent's consent or, in the case of parental abuse, a judicial determination that the procedure is in their best interest.

Name (Printed)	Address	Date	Signatures
Vince Meurlott	596 Arvita Court, Fairbanks, AK 99712	3-11-09	<i>Vince Meurlott</i>
Annie Meurlott	596 Arvita Court, Fairbanks, AK 99712	3-11-09	<i>Annie Meurlott</i>
Clare De Hernandez	596 Arvita Court, Fairbanks, AK 99712	3-11-09	<i>Clare De Hernandez</i>
Nancy Sams	1308 Hartzog Lp. North Pole, AK 99705	3-11-09	<i>Nancy Sams</i>
Trina Jeannet	599 Arvita Court, Fairbanks, AK 99712	3-11-09	<i>Trina Jeannet</i>
Charlie Jeannet	599 Arvita Court, Fairbanks, AK 99712	3-11-09	<i>Charlie Jeannet</i>
<i>Charles Adcock</i>	" " "	3-11-09	<i>Charles Adcock</i>
Nick Meurlott	596 Arvita Court, Fairbanks, AK 99712	3-11-09	<i>Nick Meurlott</i>
<i>Alyssa Jeannet</i>	<i>599 Arvita Ct, Fairbanks AK 99712</i>	<i>3/11/09</i>	<i>Alyssa Jeannet</i>

Thank you for your consideration



## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Judiciary  
Committee on HB35 Committed Name Dated 3/11/09  
Bill / Subject

Please pass HB35. We are discussing children having the maturity to make a life changing decision without the help of their parents. Children, especially teenagers do not have the capacity needed to make medical decisions.

This is not about abortion but the rights of parents to do their job. We as parents are legally responsible for the actions of our minor children. All we as parents are asking is to give our rights back. Do not punish the good parents because of a few irresponsible ones. Please allow us to be able to wrap our love + support around our most precious assets.

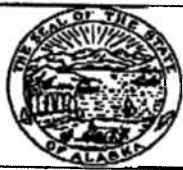
SIGNED:

Jammie Wilson

Testifier

Representing

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Address / Phone Number



## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Judiciary Committee  
Committee on HB 35 Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill / Subject

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SIGNED:

Testifier

SELF

Representing

2325 - 30th Avenue Fairbanks, AK 99701  
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***March 11, 2009***

***I support the Parental Consent Bill HB 35 and thank you for hearing it.***

***I am a parent and even if I were not a parent it is a "no-brainer" to understand that parents have the right to be involved in ALL medical decisions that involve their minor children. The dictionary defines parent as "A father or mother, he or she that produces young. The duties of parents to their children are to maintain, protect and educate them."***

***How can a parent protect their children if the law prevents medical information from being available to them? Some foes of parental consent may cite examples of abuse by parents. Examples can always be stacked up to satisfy different sides of a problem. Other foes such as representatives of planned parenthood or the ACLU think that they should have more power and influence over tweens, teens and minors than parents should.***

***If my teen has a medical decision to make and I am unaware of it, then how can I help them financially? As a parent how can I "pick up the pieces" of a procedure gone wrong if I don't know what is going on? What if that teen or younger dies in the process of a medical procedure and I had no knowledge that something was being done? Then what? I don't even get to say "good-bye" or have closure with my child.***

***If you are a legislator who remembers that we live in a Republic and what that means, then you also know that your decisions should be made based on principles of right and wrong under our Constitution, rather than polls, number of people testifying on one side or the other, or majority rule. The founding principles protect the family. It is wrong for the law to allow others to advise minor children but block bills like this one, which guarantee and reestablish parental rights.***

***Our family urges the passage of HB 35.***



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Judiciary  
committee name  
committee on HB 35 , dated 3-11-09  
bill/subject

I am unable to be present to testify for HB35. Please let be put on record that I, Gerry C. Keffer, of 18910 Danny Dr., Eagle River, AK 99577-8598 am in FULL support of this bill.

Gerry

Signed: From: Gerry [gck@mtaonline.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 4:25 PM  
To: LIO Anchorage  
Subject: HB35

Address

Phone No.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Judiciary Committee  
Committee name

Committee on HB35 - Parental Notification, dated 3/11/09  
Bill/Subject

As a mom, I love my children very much + I want what's best for them. I realize there are abusive parents + this bill makes allowances for that. However, the vast majority of parents in Alaska are real people doing the best we can to help our children grow into adults who make wise decisions.

In regards to major medical decisions in the life of a child, an adult will influence that child. It seems logical to have that adult be one or both parents, who are naturally going to have the child's best interests at heart.

Whether or not I agree with another parent's decision for their child, they have the right + responsibility to help their child make decisions, especially something as major as an abortion.

Please let parents help their children through this major medical decision.

I support HB35.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Horning".

Testifier

Laura Horning

Self

Representing (Optional)

3766 N. Paradise Ln. Wasilla, AK 99654

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HB 35

Committee name

Committee on HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

, dated 3/11/09

Bill/Subject

I AM IN SUPPORT OF HB 35 - PARENTAL CONSENT FOR MINORS  
SEEKING AN ABORTION  
I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT PARENTS SHOULD HAVE THIS RIGHT.

Signed:

William H. Thomas  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Address

(907)-357-4033  
Phone number





# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HB 35  
Committee name  
Committee on PARENTAL CONSENT, dated 3/11/09  
Bill/Subject

*I want to support HB 35 on Parental Consent*

Signed: *David G. Kraker*  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

HB 35

Committee name

Committee on

HOUSE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

dated

3/11/09

Bill/Subject

I AM IN SUPPORT OF HB 35 PARENTAL  
CONSENT FOR MINORS SEEKING AN ABORTION.

IT IS INCONCEIVABLE TO ME THAT AN  
ABORTION COULD EVEN BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT  
PARENTAL CONSENT. IF THIS WERE YOUR  
DAUGHTER, WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO KNOW THIS?  
WHAT ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF PROBLEMS  
WITH THIS PROCEDURE AND THE EMOTIONAL  
AFTERMATH WITHOUT FAMILY SUPPORT. DOES THE  
ABORTION INDUSTRY HAVE THAT MUCH POWER TO  
~~PURE~~ PUSH THIS PAST PARENTS DENYING THEIR BACKS

Signed

IN SECRET

John V. Miller

Testifier

SELF

Representing (Optional)

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Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Judiciary Committee  
Committee name

Committee on HB 35, dated 3/11/09  
Bill/Subject

As a mother of 3 girls, 2 of them teen aged, I do  
support the idea of parental consent and would like  
to see this pass. But

I do not know if the portion regarding a consent other  
than the parents in the case of abuse (or similar) does not cause  
undue hardship on girls as young as 12 (or younger).  
Who is there for them to guide them through this? <sup>Process</sup>

Signed: Hannemarie Acord H. Acord  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

PO Box 870790 Wasilla, AK 99687  
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(907) 376 0692  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Judiciary Committee  
Committee name

Committee on HB 35 Bill/Subject  
Date 3-11-09

So, what is HB35 all about?

HB35 is about undermining the legal foundations of Roe v. Wade. HB35 is one of a group of bills that are annually introduced in legislatures around the country and in Alaska. These bills seek to establish a legal precedent where a mother does not have the right to choose abortion or to establish the rights of personhood for a fetus. Once established, those laws could influence future judicial decisions on abortion.

HB35 is about religious belief. The Liberty Legal Institute (LLI) promotes and defends parental consent laws. It is associated with evangelical leader James Dobson's Focus on the Family, which lists its guiding principles as promotion of conservative Christian values. Those include the well-known doctrine that men will protect women and women will submit graciously in return. HB35 suggests that fathers will fairly protect their daughters' interests. But the cruel reality is that many Alaskan women and girls can't count on it. Consider these facts:

- The Dept. of Justice reports over 85% of domestic violence victims are women.

And the state of Alaska website states:

- "Alaska ranks among the top 5 states in the nation for per capita rates of domestic violence."
- "If the mother is not safe, neither are the children."
- "Alaska has 6 times the national average of reported child sexual assault."

When I think of parental consent laws, I think about the 17-year-old Valley high school student a few years back who chose suicide as the solution for her secret pregnancy. When others think about HB35 they tell me two words come to mind: Papa Piggin.

This anti-abortion bill places an undue burden on our girls and I oppose it.

Signed:

Barbara McDaniel

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

1040 W Craig Stadler Ln, Wrangell AK

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Phone number

**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Marty Greenstreet [marty@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 2:54 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** HB35

I strongly support HB35 that would require parental consent for any health decision of a minor. It is a known medical fact that the front part of the brain that is responsible for relating consequences to actions, is not fully developed until later years. The weight of some medical decisions are so great and long lasting that a minor should not bear it alone without the support and consent of a parent. I strongly believe this is a fundamental right as a parent to be involved in all aspects of raising our children. I tried to call 888-295-4546 to voice my support for HB35 but all the teleconference lines were busy. The gentleman suggested I email my support to you. Thank you for your time. An Alaskan for 54 years.

Martha Greenstreet  
P.O. Box 1191  
Palmer, AK 99645  
(907)745-7047

**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Janet Pinnix [janet@thepinnixfamily.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 3:44 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** HB35

I am currently out of Alaska right now as my husband is serving in the military. I love my 6 beautiful children and am troubled that my state government is discussing whether my children should be allowed to make medical decisions secretly behind my back. I believe that any agency seeking to give medical advice or treatment to children should have written permission from the parent. It is obvious that "care" givers who would seek otherwise have their own selfish agendas and should be shutdown.

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**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Mark & Wendy Milligan [milligansnorth@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 3:32 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** House Judiciary Committee/HB35

Dear House Judiciary Standing Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to read written testimony for the hearing on HB35.

My name is Wendy Milligan, and I'm a resident of Moose Pass, AK. I would like to ask you to support HB35, which I believe is a critical piece of legislation in regards to both the safety and care of minors and in regards to parental rights.

How do we as a society keep our children safe and healthy? Twelve, thirteen, and fourteen year olds are not given the license to drive, and for good reason. We, as a society, do not view children of that age as mature enough to handle the responsibility and decision-making crucial to safe driving. Children up through the teenage years do not, as a general rule, attend doctor and dentist offices unattended. Why? We view children of that age as too immature to make important medical decisions. They lack the understanding and experience to guide decisions regarding medical procedures. Pharmacies do not issue prescription drugs to teenagers for the same reason.

Teenagers lack the maturity and experience to successfully navigate a myriad of decision-making processes, from driving, to schooling, to medical decisions. Children have parents to help them navigate these processes, making decision for them until they are mature enough to make them on their own. Teenagers who lack parental figures are not left to their own devices; they are subject to the state through foster care or other means. Why? It is fundamentally understood that teenagers are still in need of guidance.

Children, teenagers or otherwise, have an understood fundamental need for guidance. Therefore I am completely baffled at why the Parental Consent Act of 1997 was ever struck down in the first place. Parents have the fundamental responsibility to care for their children. An abortion is unarguably a medical procedure, and a decision to undergo an abortion is at least as important as the decision whether to get a prescription for a general illness such as a sinus infection! It is simply nonsense to regulate the decisions of teenagers in every area except in regards to their decision to obtain an abortion. It is unfair to remove from parents their rights to guide and direct their children.

In closing, I ask that you consider the safety of our minors and the responsibility of parents to oversee the decision-making of their children. Please support HB 35. Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Milligan



## Alaska State Legislature

the House Judiciary Committee

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

HB 35

committee on

HB 35  
BILL / SUBJECT

dated

MARCH 11, 2009  
TODAY'S DATE

I oppose this bill because I think it

1. violates the constitution
2. violates the rights of the teenage girl.
3. makes teenage abortion less likely  
When abortion can make a positive  
effect on the girl's future life.
4. Increases the likelihood of another child  
living in poverty with less chance of  
a good life.
5. That it impedes reproductive freedom  
which is as important as freedom of  
speech.

I agree with the Doctor from Bethel who knows  
the serious problems surrounding teenage pregnancy;  
this bill hurts rather than helps the problems.

Signed:

TESTIFIER (Signed, PRINTED NAME)

Amy Bollenbach

AMY BOLLENBACH

REPRESENTING

MYSELF

ADDRESS

P O Box 3468, HOMER, AK 99603

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907-235-6954





# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Judiciary Committee  
committee on HB35, dated March 11, 2009.  
COMMITTEE NAME  
BILL / SUBJECT  
TODAY'S DATE

My name is Shana Cardoza of Homer.

Thank you for having hearing on HB35.

I would ask you to vote YES on HB35.

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

Please vote YES on HB35

Signed: Shana L. Cardoza Shana L. Cardoza  
TESTIFIER (Signed, PRINTED NAME)  
Self & as a parent / Pregnancy Care Center of Homer  
REPRESENTING  
P.O. Box 2817, Homer, AK 99603  
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PHONE NO.



## Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE JUDICIARY  
committee on HB 35, dated MARCH 11, 09  
BILL/SUBJECT COMMITTEE NAME TODAY'S DATE

My NAME IS DARCY SWENSON, I'm 44yrs OLD WIFE AND MOTHER OF 5 CHILDREN.

I HAD AN ABORTION AS A TEENAGER. I REGRET IT. I WAS 18, A TEEN. HAD I BEEN REQUIRED TO TELL MY PARENT(S), (AND LET'S FACE IT, NO TEEN WANTS TO ADMIT THEY ARE HAVING SEX WITH THEIR BOYFRIEND AND ARE NOW PREGNANT.)

I ~~KNOW~~ NOW KNOW I WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THAT ABORTION, IF I HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO TALK WITH MY PARENTS AND WORK OUT A PLAN. MY ABORTION WAS CHOSEN OUT OF FEAR AND ISOLATION.

My ABORTION AS A TEEN IS A GREAT REGRET AND IT WAS A MISSED CHANCE TO WORK TOGETHER W/ MY PARENTS TO RESPOND ~~TO AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY~~ TO AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY.

~~PLEASE PASS THIS BILL~~  
I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS BILL. THANK YOU.

Signed:

TESTIFIER (Signed, PRINTED NAME)

REPRESENTING

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PHONE NO.

DARCY SWENSON

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE NAME  
 committee on HB 35, dated 3/11/2009  
BILL/SUBJECT TODAY'S DATE

MY NAME IS SCOTT CARDOZA. THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO HEAR TESTIMONIES ON THIS B.II.

MY WIFE AND I HAVE TWO WONDERFUL CHILDREN THAT WE PROCLAIM AS GIFTS FROM GOD. WE CONSIDER IT OUR GOD GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE, LOVE AND NURTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN.

WE AS PARENTS ARE GRANTED A BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME TO RAISE OUR CHILDREN INTO INDEPENDANT ADULTS. ~~HOWEVER, AS PARENTS~~, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP THEM IN ALL MATTERS AND DECISIONS OF LIFE WHILE THEY ARE MINORS.

PLEASE, DO NOT TAKE THE RIGHTS OF ALL LOVING PARENTS TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. - PLEASE VOTE "YES" ON HB 35

MY VIEWS ARE BEST VIEWED BY MR. DAHLSTROMS STATEMENT MADE ON 1:45 P.M. 3/11/09 BEFORE THE COMMITTEE..... THANK YOU!!

Signed:

SCOTT CARDOZA  
TESTIFIER (Signed, PRINTED NAME)

SELF

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## Dana Strommen

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**From:** Deborah Brollini [deb\_brollini@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 2:15 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom  
**Subject:** Fw: Pro-life

**Attachments:** Pro-life



Pro-life

This is an email I sent to Loren Lehman last year. Loren wanted me to document my son's story. In my opinion this physician was not acting in my, or my unborn child's best interest.

I do not believe that some teachers, nurses, or physicians may not act in the best interest of my child.

I am watching this hearing on Gavel to Gavel and really concerned about the physicians, and teachers.

The doctor from the YK delta misspoke. The YK delta's culture believes in life; like most rural villages. The villages take responsibility for their families. I do understand that there is a great deal of sexual abuse in the region. However, there is already checks and balances in place to protect the child.

I am growing more and more frustrated with continued attempt to take my parental rights away.

## Dana Strommen

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**From:** Deborah Brollini [deb\_brollini@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 05, 2008 2:24 PM  
**To:** loren@lorenleman.com  
**Subject:** Pro-life

**Attachments:** DSCN0062.JPG; DSCN0063.JPG; DSCN0043.JPG



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Hi Loren,

I have attached a picture of you and my kids. We have been fans for a long time. I too believe in a culture of life. The story of my unaborted son Van begins when I was hospitalized for my asthma back in 1997.

### History:

I have been hospitalized (11 days) for my asthma while pregnant with each child. Dr. Stewart treated me on an outpatient basis with intervenous asthma steriods, narcotic cough syrup, and breathing treatments prior to each hospitalization. This is standard of care. I was under the care of Alaska's leading physicians in their field; Dr. James Bertleson (OB/GYN) and Dr. George Stewart (Asthma). Both children were delivered healthy. Lyndsey 9.5lbs, and Van 10.5lbs. The children continue to be extremely healthy, and happy.

### Physician recommends abortion:

August 31, 1997 I was admitted to Alaska Regional by Dr. Burton Newton because my physicians were out-of-town for the Labor Day weekend. Dr. Newton admitted me, then took me off my asthma medicines. I thought I was going to die. He refused to contact Dr. Stewart's on-call physician. Dr. Gerboth (on-call physician) did come and visit me the following day and started me back on my previous regime. Both my doctors were back to work after the holiday weekend.

Dr. Newton came to visit me because he was visiting a patient of his. This was three days after he signed off on my case. He told me that I should seriously consider terminating the pregnancy, and I had three weeks in the State of Alaska to do so. I was so scared and mortified. I could not believe he said that to me. Luckily, Dr. Bertleson walked in while Dr. Newton was leaving. Dr. Bertleson explained to me that there was no need to terminate the pregnancy. He felt that even if it was to become an issue... it would be a conversation between me Dr. Stewart because asthma kills. Thank goodness I had good physicians taking care of me and my babies.

A father who was giving me communion everyday raced to see me because he had "a feeling." I explained to him what happened. His comment was "please do not think ill of him for being misinformed." That is a hard pill to swallow. However, I had to forgive, and move on. If I did not have a strong faith, and in the care of excellent physicians... I could of made a difference choice."

March 26, 1998

We welcomed Venanzio Raymond Brollini, III via c-section. Guess, who assisted Dr. Bertleson with the delivery? Dr. Newton!!!! I found out a few minutes before the surgery. They had to medicate me because I was going to get up and walk out. Baby Van was hard hard to push out. Dr. Newton needed to get up on the operating table, and push Van out. His comment "what a big baby." Had I not been medicated I would of said "that is the big baby you wanted to abort!"

In closing, it was good to tell you Van's story. He is a wonderful, loving, and caring child. I appreciate you speaking about the culture of life. This is an issue close to my

heart. This was one of the reason's me and the kids waved signs with you at the corner of O'Malley and the Old Seward. Keep up the good work.

Warm regards,

Deborah Brollini

**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Wayne McCready [wjmccready@mosquiconet.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 2:42 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** HB 35

Dear Representative Ramras,

Since I was unable to get through on the phone lines to testify today (I tried, waited an hour, and tried again), I was told by the gentleman who spoke with me to write my testimony to you and that you, as Chair, would make sure the other members received my comments. Thank you for that.

My name is Janine McCready, and I live in District 7. Thank you for hearing this bill. Parents are society's best advocate for their children, and are held legally responsible for their children's actions. It is widely recognized that medications and procedures cannot be done without parental consent. Schools require permission slips. Just this week a friend's sister, who is a minor, could not get her ears pierced in Fairbanks without a parent present to give permission. Why is abortion the exception to this? Abortion is an invasive, potentially dangerous medical procedure, with huge emotional and ethical complexity, that should not be made by minors without parental consent. If a teenager needs parental consent to go on a field trip, what makes the State think she doesn't need it for an abortion? That is a violation of parental rights and responsibilities.

Vote YES on House Bill 35.

Yours truly,

Janine McCready

**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Kristina Johannes [AMDG@alaska.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 2:22 PM

**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras

**Subject:** HB 35

Dear Rep. Ramras,

I support HB 35, the parental consent bill. Children should not be making this life changing decision without help from their parents. Children do not have the maturity to always look at the big picture and understand the consequences in a way that adults do.

Thank you,

Kristina Johannes

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**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Michael Schumacher [mike@schu.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 2:19 PM  
**To:** Dana Strommen  
**Subject:** HB35 written testimony

Regarding HB35

Parental consent should be mandated for every medical procedure involving a minor.

Parents are legally responsible for their own children until the age of 18. That legal authority extends to medical decisions regarding the minor children.

Children should not be given sole responsibility for their medical decisions.

Parents provide adult perspectives and guidance to their children until their children reach adulthood.

A child under the age of 18 has not reached adulthood and should not be given full adult responsibilities regarding medical decisions.

Sincerely,

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Wasilla, Alaska 99654

**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Catherine Giessel [cgiessel@mac.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:05 PM

**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras

**Subject:** HB 35 - please pass

Representative Ramras,

I am writing in support of HB 35.

There are three compelling facts that make HB 35 the right thing to do.

First, pregnancy is a very stressful experience, physically and emotionally. Even for a planned pregnancy, emotions run high. A young pregnant teen will certainly feel overwhelmed, confused.

Second, teens make bad choices, because they lack of life experience and a long- range vision for the future. They are highly vulnerable to outside influences. Every adult can recall at least one bad choice they made in those tumultuous teen years, when wisdom was minimal and opportunity plentiful.

So picture the situation - a young pregnant woman, maybe 13 years old, very stressed, confused, afraid, lacking the wisdom and experience to rationally consider options and make the best choices. This young teen is very vulnerable, and in need of guidance from someone caring about her well-being.

This brings us to the third compelling reason that HB 35 is the right thing to do - Parents have the responsibility, morally and legally, for the safety and well being of their child until adulthood. Parents fundamentally have best interest of their child in mind. Furthermore to deny a parent the authority to fully care for their child under age 17 denies the validity of the core unit of our society – the family.

Certainly there are a few exceptions to a good parent and HB 35 provides very adequate judicial bypass provisions for the situations where parents are absent, uninvolved or even abusers.

In summary, our society must preserve the parental authority to guide the young pregnant woman in an exceedingly stressful situation, in making wise decisions.

HB 35 is the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Cathy Giessel

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## Dana Strommen

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**From:** crystalk@gci.net on behalf of Crystal [crystalk@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:20 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Cc:** Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. John Coghill; Rep. Wes Keller  
**Subject:** Support for HB 35

Representative Ramras,

As an advocate for children in many forums in Eagle River, in Anchorage and throughout the state I am in support of this bill for several reasons. First, I am the mother of an unwed daughter who experienced an unplanned pregnancy and I could not imagine not having the ability to help make the best decision possible for her, only to have to leave that important decision up to the influence of her friends and the pro-abortion philosophy of abortion clinic personnel. It's reprehensible and sinister at its worst and lacking in plain old common sense at best.

Also, I am very involved with Heart To Heart Pregnancy Resource Center in Eagle River and in that office, we regularly see parents actively engaged in the decisions that their daughters face with an unplanned pregnancy. Teens are often scared to tell their parents but that feeling is no different than if they had to admit that they wrecked the family car. It's make that parental permission even more imperative. Parents do step up to the plate and offer their opinion and guidance in assisting their daughter with her decision.

I believe from the testimony I've heard, that the controversy lies more with the abortion issue itself rather than the merits of this bill. The fear of those who oppose this bill is based on speculating that any move of any kind to regulate abortion services would be a foot in the door of totally reversing the decision of Roe versus Wade. That is not the case here. This bill will only help to secure the right of any parent to be involved in the health decision of their minor child. Those opposing this bill are doing so not with any individual young woman in mind but with the fear of losing ground on the controversial issue of abortion in general.

One comment heard previously was in regard to how a teen might be intimidated by the court process were she to have to use the legal system to gain permission for the abortion should her parent not grant that permission and that that process might be too much to handle given the teen's emotionally unstable condition at the time. The same emotional instability experienced by any teen in the situation of an unplanned pregnancy is exactly why a teen must have the support and permission of the parent and exactly why the vast majority of parents will appropriately help the teen make the best decision for their situation.

There is a huge range of activities that children cannot engage in until they are considered of an age appropriate enough for that activity; getting a simple tattoo is one. For some things a child can only engage in an activity if the parent takes that responsibility.

For example, body piercing. For a child to receive immunizations, though they are required for attending public school, a parent must grant permission. In the Anchorage School District, for a student under the age of 18 to even participate in any after school sports parental permission is required. For a child to go on a field trip, parental permission is required. Obviously, the importance of such permission is recognized in a multitude of situations, so why would we not require permission for something as physiologically invasive as an abortion procedure? In a time when we're trying to make parents more responsible for their children, limiting that role in any way is counterproductive. Parents should not only have the right to help their daughter face this decision, but their permission for an activity such as an abortion is crucial and should be absolutely required.

Thank you!  
Crystal Kennedy  
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**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Rory Callanan Schneeberger [roryalaska@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:54 PM

**To:** Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. John Coghill; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Carl Gatto;  
Rep. Jay Ramras

**Subject:** Thank you for supporting HB 35

It's the right thing to do and move to make to come alongside and strengthen positive family relationships in our great land of Alaska.

Gratefully,  
Rory (Rosemary) Schneeberger  
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**Dana Strommen**

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**From:** Connie [montana.girl@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 2:10 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Cc:** Scot Akers  
**Subject:** HB35

**March 11, 2009**

**Dear Representative Ramras:**

**Please vote YES on HB 35 "Parental Consent". Parental involvement in a minor child's medical treatment is an integral part of raising a child. It is a parent's right and responsibility.**

**Abortion is a major medical procedure that has life-long consequences for the woman involved as well as family and significant others in her life. Most women do not want to kill their unborn children through abortion but feel alone and unsupported, turning to abortion as a last resort. To protect the right of a parent to be involved in a daughter's life changing decision can lead to a choice for life for the baby and a life of fewer regrets for the young mother. This is the only good decision for the unborn baby, the family, and society as a whole.**

**Thank you.**

**Sincerely,  
Connie Akers  
Homer, AK**

## **Dana Strommen**

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**From:** peagan@mosquitonet.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:02 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jay Ramras  
**Subject:** HB 35, Parental Consent -- please vote Yes

Re: House Bill 35                      Notice & Consent For Minor's Abortion  
Sponsored by Rep. John Coghill  
Co-Sponsors: Rep. Neuman, Rep. Keller, Rep. Dahlstrom, Rep. Millett, Rep. Kelly, Rep. Harris, Rep. Lynn, Rep. Wilson, Rep. Ramras, Rep. Gatto

Dear Jay -

Please pass this e-mail along to the other members of the House Judiciary Committee  
Please vote Yes on this bill.

As the father of three teenagers, I am incredulous that they need parental permission (usually written or sometimes verbal) to take an over-the-counter cold medication at school, go on a field trip, go to the doctor, join a club, etc. -- yet my girls could have an abortion with my wife and I being completely out of the loop. This is appalling, and is so wrong, and it is so sadly representative of our throw-away society that favors the quick fix out-of-sight / out-of-mind solution over one's responsibility for one's actions.

Please vote for this bill.

Sincerely, Pete Eagan 699 Yak Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99709 451-5401w 455-4793h

## Dana Strommen

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**From:** sing purdy [singpurdy@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009 1:58 PM  
**To:** Dana Strommen  
**Subject:** HB35 written testimony

Regarding HB35

In the state of Alaska Persons under the age of 21 are not permitted to purchase or legally consume alcohol. Persons under the age of 19 are not permitted to purchase cigarettes.

I am sure that the reasons that these laws were created was intended to protect the children from the harmful effects that smoking and drinking would have on their young developing bodies.

Children under the age of 18 are not permitted to vote. This could suggest that they are not mentally mature enough to handle the responsibility of voting.

Yet these teens have been allowed the sole decision as to obtain the invasive medical procedure of abortion without their parent's (or legal guardian's) knowledge or consent.

These teens may not know that abortions cause long term psychological consequences such as depression, shame, remorse and a deep sense of loss that is associated with losing a child. Such long term consequences could be avoided with the proper parental intervention and support.

It is the parent's role to research and advise their children of the consequences of medical procedures, which medical professional may fail to mention to a child.

Parents are legally responsible for their children until they turn 18, therefore a person under the age of 18 is not solely responsible for their own medical decisions.

Medical staff should be required to obtain the consent of the child's legal custodian before any medical procedure can be performed on a minor.

It is the parent's responsibility to take care of their children. Medical professionals do not hold that responsibility, therefore they should not be permitted to allow children to make such an invasive decision as abortion without parental consent.

Sincerely,

Gina Schumacher.

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