We are parents who never got to meet our children and we urge you to support House Bill 258.

Currently Alaska has no protections in place for parents like us who have lost their unborn children through someone else's careless or injurious actions. Jackson's Law, HB 258, is named after one of those children who never got to experience life. HB 258 will guarantee that the parents of babies like Jackson have the ability to steer their feeling of grief towards one of closure.

We are not seeking financial gains. This is not about money. But as of now we have no way to hold those who killed our babies to account. It is unconscionable that someone could cause our children to die in the womb with no fear of consequences or even an acknowledgment of their culpability for our grief. We can fix this by passing Jackson's Law.

It was decided in 2006 to recognize unborn victims of injury or homicide as the victims of a crime. Jackson's Law merely takes this a step further and allows grieving parents like us to take legal action against the people responsible. It allows us to move on. Expanding the law so that we have the option of justice, so that parents robbed of their children have some avenue of justice to pursue is a moral imperative. Jackson's Law could do that for us simply by expanding the current laws so that someone whose actions cause the death of an unborn child can be tried in a civil court.

On behalf of all parents and children, please pass HB 258

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