

The Honorable Lynn Gattis
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Opposition to HB 93

Dear Representative Gattis:


I am the parent of a middle school student who attends public school in Fairbanks.

I oppose HB93. If this bill were to pass it would be extremely detrimental to our public education system. This bill will take away local control from local school districts. Currently charter schools are set up and approved by the local school board. The new bill would allow public monies to go directly to private nonprofits to run the schools. HB 93 would also increase the cost to the state by creating duplication of services. HB93 provides additional monies to these "new" charter schools for administrative costs, which are currently provided to existing charter schools through the local school district.

I believe that schools operate best when they are locally controlled. I am proud of the education that our students receive in our public school. I am not interested in seeing state and taxpayer monies go to schools that have a for-profit and/or non-secular agenda. In short, I oppose HB93.

Please include this letter in the bill packet.

Most respectfully,


Margaret W. Eagleton