

March 7, 2013

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

RE: **Opposition to HB 93 to Be Included in Bill Packet**

Dear Representative Gattis:

My Name is Betsy Brennan and I am president of the Nome Public School District, Board of Education. School Boards have a huge responsibility to educate all our children. The goal of public education is to take ALL children that come to us and help them grow, learn and develop. When students leave our district, we want them to have the tools to be successful in whatever they choose to do life. The outcome of public schooling is important to the future of Alaska and our country. The staff at Nome Public School works hard every day to make progress in student learning and address the challenges we face.

I oppose HB 93. If this bill were to pass it would be extremely detrimental Nome Public Schools. This bill will take away local control from our school district. Currently, our charter school, Anvil City Science Academy, is 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. HB 93 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 Nome Public Schools and the education that our students receive. I am not interested in seeing state and taxpayer monies go to schools that have a for-profit and/or non-secular agenda. I oppose HB 93.

Please include this letter in the bill packet.

Respectfully,



Betsy Brennan, President

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Hannibal Grubbs 3/7/2013

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