From:

chris & taryn < luskleets@hotmail.com> Wednesday, March 25, 2015 2:31 PM

Sent:Wednesday, March 25, 2015 2:31 PMTo:gov.alllegislators@alaska.gov; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Sen. John Coghill

Subject: Support HB80 and HB89

### Good afternoon again,

In addition to my other correspondence, please support SB89 and SB80, regarding parental rights and the Dept. of Education, which were introduced today by Senator Dunleavy. This is of utmost importance to our school children and families since some testing has already begun and will begin in earnest next week.

Thank you,

Taryn Luskleet

North Pole, AK

From:

Subject:

Karl & Jenn Appel <kjappel@ideafamilies.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 3:07 PM

To:

GOV ALLlegislators@alaska.gov AMP Testing and privacy

To whom it may concern:

There are serious questions surrounding the upcoming AMP testing and the individual data that will collected on each student taking the test. This information will then be available to a plethora of people who have no right to that longitudinal data including politicians. This information is available in the i3 grant that Alaska applied for and received.

Please consider carefully SB89 and SB80 concerning parental rights and the Department of Education that was intruded by Senator Dunleavy today. The decisions you make today concerning our children's privacy could affect the rest of their life.

I appreciate your taking time to read this.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Appel

From:

Nathan and Shanna Switzer <shanandnate@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 3:46 PM

Subject:

GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov Common Core and AMP testing

Dear Sirs:

I am writing urging you to please support any legislation that repeals common core and tests like the AMP. Please vote to protect student privacy and disallow data mining.

HB 85 is being introduced by Reresentative Reinbold. "An Act relating to college and career readiness assessments for secondary students; and relating to restrictions on the collection, storage, and handling of student data."

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get\_bill.asp?session=29&bill=HB85

SB 89 & SB 80 are being introduced by Senator Dunleavy.

SB 89: Parental Rights: "An Act relating to a parent's right to direct the education of a child; and relating to questionnaires administered in schools."

<a href="http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/29/Bills/SB0089A.PDF">http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/29/Bills/SB0089A.PDF</a> SB 80: Educational Standards & Assessments: "An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to educational standards and assessments; relating to an educational standards and assessments review committee; and providing for an effective date."

<a href="http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/29?Hsid=SB0080A">http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/29?Hsid=SB0080A</a>

Thank you for your attention, Shanna Switzer <a href="mailto:shanandnate@gmail.com">shanandnate@gmail.com</a> (907) 602-3799

From: chris & taryn < luskleets@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 3:57 PM

To: gov.alllegislators@alaska.gov; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Sen. John Coghill

Subject: Support SB80 and SB89

#### Hello again,

I apologize for the inconvenience. I need to make a correction to my previos message attached below. I meant to write asking support for Sen. Dunleavy's SB80 and SB89. While I would also appreciate your support for HB80, I don't know what HB89 is or if it exists.

Thank you, Taryn Luskleet North Pole, AK

From: luskleets@hotmail.com

To: gov.alllegislators@alaska.gov; rep.tammie.wilson@akleg.gov; sen.john.coghill@akleg.gov

Subject: Support HB80 and HB89

Date: Wed, 25 Mar 2015 14:31:03 -0800

#### Good afternoon again,

In addition to my other correspondence, please support SB89 and SB80, regarding parental rights and the Dept. of Education, which were introduced today by Senator Dunleavy. This is of utmost importance to our school children and families since some testing has already begun and will begin in earnest next week.

Thank you, Taryn Luskleet North Pole, AK

From:

Tracie <natcoletrio@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 5:45 PM

To:

Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject:

Thank you:

#### Dear Senator Dunleavy,

I write to thank you, to thank you for fighting for us parents with our small voices that fall on deaf ears. I appreciate your support to the parents who oppose common core and supporting our constitutional rights as parents to have the say and choice over our children's public education. Thank you sir. You are my true representative.

Sincerely,
Tracie Rector.

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Kristi Losby <iansgirl4ever@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:36 PM

To:

GOV.ALLlegislators@alaska.gov

Subject:

Repeal common core

To whom it may concern:

Please support any and all legislation that would repeal common core and tests like AMP. By doing so, you help to protect our kid's privacy. I am specifically requesting support for Reinbold's HB 85 & Dunleavy's SB's 80 & 89.

Sincerely,

Kristi Losby Anchorage, Alaska

From:

westfam7@gmail.com

Sent:

Thursday, March 26, 2015 8:42 AM

To:

gov.alliegislators@alaska.gov

Subject:

CC, AMP

I am urging support for legislation that would repeal common core and tests like AMP, and that protects our kids privacy. I am requesting you support Reinbold's HB 85 & Dunleavy's SB's 80 & 89:

Jennifer West Eagle River, AK

From:

Angela Toci <angiemtoci@gmail.com> Thursday, March 26, 2015 3:58 PM

Sent: To:

GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov

Attachments:

HB0085A.pdf

### To Whom It May Concern,

I writing to urge support for any legislation that would repeal common core and tests like AMP, and protect our children's privacy.

Please support Representative Lora Reinbold's House Bill 85 and Senator Mike Dunleavy's Senate Bills 80 & 89:

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/29/Bills/HB0085A.PDF http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/29/Bills/SB0089A.PDF http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/29/Bills/SB0080A.PDF

Thank you,

Angela Toci

From:

April Gehrke <tandagehrke@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, March 26, 2015 10:47 PM

To:

GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov

Subject:

AMP testing

This correspondence is to urge support for any legislation that would repeal common core and tests like AMP, and protect our kids privacy. I specifically request support for Representative Lora Reinbold's House Bill 85 and Senator Mike Dunleavy's Senate Bills 80 & 89:

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/29/Bills/SB0080A.PDF

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/29/Bills/HB0085A.PDF

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/29/Bills/SB0089A.PDF

Sincerely,

April Gehrke

From:

katrina chambon <katrina.chambon@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, March 27, 2015 8:18 AM

To:

Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Mia Costello

Subject:

Standardized Test

#### Good Morning,

I 100% support your bill regarding parents rejecting standardized test.

My son is not taking anymore standardized tests.

His principal has been every supportive.

I find it interesting the ADN articles states "Currently, Alaska students who do not take standardized exams do not face repercussions, but no laws say the refusal is allowable, according to Deputy Education Commissioner Les Morse."

He should law there is NO LAW making the kids take the test. I find this highly disturbing.

I am extremely concerned that in 2018, 50% of the teacher's and principal's evaluation is based on how the kids do on the AMP. There is a lot evidence that prove kids don't care about these tests and now 50% of a teacher's and principal's evaluation is going to be based on these test?

This needs to addressed.

Thank you for introducing the Bill

Katrina Chambon

From:

Michael Seaman <frog99705@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Friday, March 27, 2015 12:49 PM GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov

Subject:

P-20W, AMP Testing and parental rights

The compilation of student data, from local to state to federal is unacceptable. The assurance that there is no personal data included in the upper levels is a false hope. On the federal data site it states that it is against the law to aggregate the data and extrapolate individual information from it. This clearly tells me that it is possible. Laws only apply if someone is caught. And it is evident that criminals will not obey the laws that exist. Data on my children belongs to my children. It is my responsibility as their parent to protect it. The convenience of student data at the state level is not justification to bypass the rights of individuals. Student data should stay at the local school district. The same goes for curriculum decisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Michael Seaman 907-687-2803

From:

Steve Evans <SEvans@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>

Sent:

Saturday, March 28, 2015 10:49 PM

To:

Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject:

I support the opt out of testing bill

Senator Dunleavy,

I am a teacher and a parent. I support my local school and state education.

i also support your efforts to allow parents to opt out of AMP testing. The annual state test is detrimental to students in Special Education who are not able to perform at grade level. The stress caused by AMP (SBA) testing and the ensuing labels that follow destroy students' self-esteem. The need to "measure school performance" does not justify the stress that our children are subjected to.

Yes, the annual AMP tests are mandatory! Students who fail to take the annual tests are subject to dis-enrollment for the following school year. Any student who is not attending on a regular basis -- and will likely be absent for the test -- is withdrawn from our school prior to the scheduled testing date.

Thank you for standing up for parents' rights...and for our kids' best interests!!!!

Steve Evans

**Special Education Teacher** 

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

ps. Please do not release my name or email address as being a supporter of your bill. The teachers in my building have already been warned by the administrator that we are not to support your "opt out of AMP" bill.

From: Chad Gerondale [mailto:chad gerondale@cmiak.com]

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 10:01 AM

To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: Standardized testing

Please send me the bill number on this.

My wife and I support this "opt-out" option, and will write a letter, and try to testify at the LIO.

Thank you for your time and this opportunity.

Chad D. Gerondale

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From:

Diane Wallace <mrsthistlezot@acsalaska.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:33 PM

To:

Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject:

THANK YOU

Thank you for introducing SB 89. I do hope there is much support generated from the committee and into an actual fact.

Diane Wallace

Soldotna, Alaska

From:

Sent:

Monica Kinney <o2bwise@gmail.com>

Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:51 PM

To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject: Thank you for introducing SB89

### Dear Senator Dunleavy,

Thank you so much for introducing and supporting Senate Bill 89. I heartily support any legislation that upholds parents' rights as the primary educators of their children. Thank you again for introducing this important legislation.

Sincerely, Mrs. Monica Kinney parent and educator Anchorage

From: David Wilcoxson <wilcoxson374@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:29 PM

To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject: Senate Bill 89

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 89 so that parents have the right and responsibility to direct the education of their children. This is really important and your sponsorship of this measure is appreciated. Florie Wilcoxson

From:

Denis Gardella <denis.gardella@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 02, 2015 6:44 AM

To:

Sen Mike Dunleavy

Subject:

SB 89

Thanks Senator Dunleavy for introducing SB 89. Of course it's common sense and I'm sure there will be backlash but, it seems there's always backlash against common sense these days.

Denis Gardella

From:

Elaine Hedden <br/>
<br/>bearfootwellness@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 02, 2015 6:45 AM

To: Subject: Sen. Mike Dunleavy Thank you for SB 89

Dear Senator Dunleavy,

Thank you so much for sponsoring this very important bill. Thank you for fighting for the "underdog", the "little guy or gal"-- the parent/s. We need more folks like you giving parents a voice and a choice in this "David and Goliath" battle between Common Core, the Dept. of Education (Indoctrination more like it sometimes) and us, the people.

Elaine Hedden, MSPT

From:

Margie Smith <margiesmithak@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 02, 2015 7:29 AM

To:

Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject:

SB89

Thank you for crafting this bill to protect parents' rights concerning the education of their children.

Sent from my iPhone

From:

amdg@alaska.net

Sent:

Thursday, April 02, 2015 8:15 AM

To:

Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject:

89

Dear Senator,

I support sb 89. Thanks for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Kristina Johannes

Sent from my LG Mobile

Please vote **YES on SB89** to protect Alaska's children.

SB89 **does not** eliminate sex education from schools. It protects students from abortion providers soft marketing their services through brand awareness to generate clientele and potential revenue.

Is SB89 necessary? **Yes!** Here is our personal story:

Last year (2013-14), Sitka School District accepted Planned Parenthood's (PP) "generous" proposal to come in during class time to run PP's sex education program to children ages 11-14. By agreeing to this, an abortion provider gained open access to our kids during class time. Parents were <u>not</u> happy, especially with the unscripted portion of the presentation. Sitka School District eliminated Planned Parenthood's program and resumed the school's historically successful sex education program. **Also, during their short time in our school's classrooms, Planned Parenthood acquired participating kids' email addresses for their database.** Our previous Superintendent was not aware of this and determined that PP's actions were inappropriate.

**Abortion providers in our schools create a CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** You would be giving a **business** the ability to solely influence generations of impressionable future clients.

The lack of Planned Parenthood or other abortion providers in schools does *not* equal the lack of sex education in schools. That is a blatant lie. **Sitka School District has had teacher staff successfully provide sex education for years.** 

Alaska has a seatbelt law because we know people are safest buckled up. We legislate safety. SB89 legislates safety for students. **Please** *require* **this protection from outside interests by codifying it as law.** 

What if you vote no, or simply aren't concerned enough to vote yes? You will leave Alaska's children vulnerable.

As parents, we are strongly opposed to allowing Planned Parenthood or any other abortion provider access to our children via the school system. **Please vote YES on SB 89 for the best interests of Alaskan children.** 

Thank you,

Yvonne & Jayson Christner Parents, Sitka School District

From: Sent: Ben Carpenter <br/>
<br/>
ben.e.carpenter@gmail.com>

To: Subject: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 11:37 AM GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov Please support AACC version of SB89

I am writing to you today as a concerned parent of school age children. I am deeply concerned about our state's direction with education. I am requesting that you support the Alaskans Against Common Core version of SB89. Please put the interests of our children above the interests of big government programs or well funded lobbyists.

Respectfully,

Ben Carpenter 51540 Eagle Ave Kenai, AK 99611 907-953-1864

From:

Robert & Bonnie Cameron < rbcameron1997@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 11:31 AM GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov

Subject:

SB89 AACC

I urge support for SB89 AACC. There are many of us who are watching this bill closely and who are wholeheartedly in support of it. We are busy teaching our children and do not have the time or resources that Planned Parenthood has. Our lack of public testimony at the hearings does not necessarily mean that there is lack of support.

The inherent rights of parents to direct their children is something you are sworn to protect. Please keep that in mind when considering this bill.

Sincerely, Bonnie Cameron 8501 Upper Huffman Road Anchorage, AK 99516 907-529-0828

From: Sent: Charles & Carole Hart <prolife@gci.net>

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 5:24 AM

To: Subject: Sen. Bill Stoltze Vote yes on SB 89

### Senator Stoltze,

I urge you to vote yes on SB 89. I am a parent of 8, and it deeply concerns me that abortion providers can give materials to my children. Parents need to be allowed to be parents, and have a say in this matter.

Thank you for hearing my concern.

Appreciatively, Carole Hart 6108 Winding Way Anchorage, AK 99504

From: Sent: To:

Christina Brinker <cbrinker@gci.net> Tuesday, April 14, 2015 3:10 PM GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov \*\*SB89 \*\*

Subject:

Hello,

I am writing to ask you to PLEASE support SB89 unwaveringly. This bill makes sense for parents and families!!

Sincerely, **Christina Brinker** 

From: Sent: Clara Gray <claragray09@gmail.com> Monday, April 13, 2015 9:45 PM

To: Subject: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Stoltze

SB 89

#### Dear Senator,

Thank you for your hard work of supporting us in Alaska. I am writing in support of SB 89 Parental Rights Bill. I strongly encourage you to respect and stand up for our rights as parents. I don't understand how this can even be questioned... whether parents have a right or not in the decisions involving our children. I do not trust the Sitka School Districts decisions lately. One example is allowing Planned Parenthood into our schools offering sexual ed and their modern views of 'taking care of pregnancy'. We have expressed our concerns regarding issues in the schools and they seem to have turned a deaf ear toward us. Again, I urge you to please support SB 89. Thank you.

Sincerely, Clara Gray

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Clara Gray Monarch Fur 907.752.7880

From: Sent: haylee@alaskarighttolife.org Monday, April 13, 2015 7:43 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Bill Stoltze

Dear Senator Stoltze,

Alaska Right to Life stands in support of SB89, and particularly for the amendment 2 which would ban Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers from marketing abortion to Alaska's public school students. We urge you to pass SB89 out of the State Affairs Committee tomorrow.

Below is a link to a short video from American Life League outlining what Planned Parenthood's "sex-ed" really looks like. If you can, please make this video part of the dialogue by showing it during the committee hearing.

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7XR9yH2ETk

Thank you for being willing to take on this important issue and we strongly urge you to pass SB89 out of your committee!

Blessings, Haylee Kurka Executive Assistant Alaska Right to Life 907-982-9895 cell 907-276-1912 office

"The mission of Alaska Right to Life is to protect and defend innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural end of life."

From: Sent: To:

Jesse <billbuckly@yahoo.com> Tuesday, April 14, 2015 11:09 AM gov.alllegislators@alaska.gov SB89

Subject:

We support SB89!

Jesse and Erin Owens

From: Sent: Karen <artiste3@mtaonline.net> Monday, April 13, 2015 10:49 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Bill Stoltze Parental rights

Dear Senator Stoltze,

Thank you for co-sponsoring SB 89. Please do not allow parental rights to be taken away from us by the corruption of Obamacare and Planned Parenthood..

I am praying for you in Juneau.

Sincerely, Karen Crandall

Kristi Losby <iansgirl4ever@yahoo.com> Monday, April 13, 2015 7:59 PM Sen. Bill Stoltze From: Sent:

To:

Dear Sir:

Please vote "Yes" on SB89!

Kristi Losby

From: Sent: Stan Johnson <nwslj@acsalaska.net> Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7:42 AM

To:

Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Bill Stoltze

Subject:

Support of SB 89

Dear Senators,

I'm writing asking you to support SB 89. This bill supports parental rights which has been respected by our local school district in the past, however, over the past year our children's right to privacy has been threatened. As an example, Sitka School District collected our children's email addresses and submitted them to Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood's main goal is to enter our schools and influence our children with their propaganda on abortion. This is a money making scheme for themselves, and has nothing to do with health education as they say. This is a conflict of interest to say the least.

Plea	se support SB	89 and do no	t let Planned P	arenthood influence	our children	with biased	information a	nd respect
our p	parental rights	<b>.</b>						

Sincerely,

Laurie Johnson

Sitka, AK

From: Mark Klingler < m.d.klingler@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:02 AM

To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Senate Bill 89

#### Dear Senator Stoltze,

We are writing to ask you to please support Senate Bill 89. This is an important Bill for Alaska parents and our rights to have a say in our children's education.

Not only do we want to be allowed in deciding what our children are taught, but also what outside interests come in to teach in our classrooms. This is not just about Planned Parenthood - we would also be expressing our support for SB 89 no matter what outside organization was demanding time to teach our children.

Thank you very much for your consideration and your hard work and time on the behalf of all Alaska citizens!

Mark & Denise Klingler

From: Ruby Rose <mjmhps@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:10 AM
To: GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov
Subject: Senator Dunleavy's bill for our children

Please support Senator Dunleavy's bill for our children. Say NO to Planned Parenthood. Thank you, Marti Steele

From:

Michelle Engebretsen <engebretsenm@yahoo.com>

Sent: To: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:20 AM GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov

Subject:

SB 89

#### Hello,

I am writing in support of SB 89, the right of parents to direct their children's education. I feel it is especially important to underscore the right of a child to NOT be required to answer intrusive questionnaires and have that information widely disseminated. My children have a right to privacy as much as I, as their parent, do.

Thank you, Michelle Engebretsen Anchorage

From: Sent: Bonnie Bailey <pbailey@horizonsatellite.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 13, 2015 9:04 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski

t: Prohibit Planned Parenthood from marketing abortion to Alaska's children

Dear Senator,

Please vote yes to the amendment to SB89 that would keep Planned Parenthood out of our children's classrooms. Thank you for your consideration and your service.

Palmer and Bonnie Bailey Anchor Point, Alaska

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.

From: Sent: Peggy Eymann < lilacstolupins@gmail.com>

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 11:00 AM GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov

To: Subject:

Support SB 89

Please support the AACC version of SB 89, recognizing parents' rights. A parent has the right to direct their child's upbringing in the way they see best.

Thank you.

A concerned Alaskan parent, Peggy Eymann

From: Rachelle Seiber <deettap@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:15 AM
To: gov.alllegislators@alaska.gov

Subject: SB8

#### Good Morning,

I'd like to encourage you to support SB89. As a parent and a teacher in Alaska I am very concerned about the direction education is taking across the nation. SB89 is not just about recognizing a parent's rights in the education choices of their children, it is also important to a state's rights to make decision regarding education for the state, district, and individual school. More and more the federal department of education has been able to direct what happens in our schools. SB89 is an important step toward asserting state sovereignty and personal liberty. Recognizing a parent's right to make choices in the best interest of their children is vital for parents that are actively involved with their child's education and may help to involve more parents in the schools as well. This is one of the most important bills to many families across Alaska this session. More than any other issue, the future of our state rests heavily on the decisions we make regarding education of our future generations. I urge you to support SB89.

Thank you for your service to our state, Rachelle Seiber

From: Sent: To: robin ross <sweetalaska@hotmail.com> Tuesday, April 14, 2015 3:25 PM GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov

Subject: SI

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing to you today to voice my concern over SB89 and Amendment 2.

Amendment 2 would remove abortion providers from being eligible to be presenters in schools. Currently, across the country, Planned Parenthood is actively involved in sex education in public schools. SB89 with amendment 2 would make abortion providers (a.k.a. Planned Parenthood) ineligible to teach in Alaskan schools.

PP is lobbying hard against SB89, claiming it would end sex education in schools, which is patently false. Complete health class will go on; PP is not the gatekeeper of all sex education knowledge. Teachers & schools will still be able to teach it just as they did before PP was permitted into the classroom.

Allowing PP unfettered access to our classrooms and students is unequivocally imbalanced and unacceptable. Please remember you represent the people and we are saying NO to Planned Parenthood. Amendment 2 would remove a big business with a huge agenda from a classroom setting where young, impressionable minds can be easily swayed though not always rationally and logically. Please protect our kids and their right to choose without the bias of a company who makes their money from one option, the termination of pregnancies.

Thank you for your time, Robin Ross

From: Shelli Perkins <shelli\_perkins@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 12:28 PM
To: GOV.allLegislators@alaska.gov

Subject: AACC SB89

I support ASCC SB89. Please consider the substantial positive ramifications of this bill, and the importance of recognizing a parents primary right to make decisions about their child's education.

Thank you,

Shelli Perkins

Sent from my iPhone

From: Shiloh Greenwood <december281996@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 12:50 PM GOV. All Legislators@alaska.gov HB89 To:

Subject:

Dear Members of Government of the Great State of Alaska,

Please be in support of HB89 as written.

Sincerely,

Shiloh Greenwood

From: Sent: Stephanie Snyder < cssnyder@hotmail.com>

To: Subject: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:22 AM GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov Please Pass and support SB89

## Hello,

I am writing you today to urge you to please support SB89 and pass it. This is a very important bill that needs to be passed for parents and for the protection of our children. I do not support the common core standards as I feel they are in no way qualified to be used for children's education. I do not support data mining, and these two things are linked. Please uphold our rights as parents to refuse!! Thank you for your time.

Stephanie Snyder

From: Sent: Jacob Daniels <cleanpickin@gmail.com> Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:52 AM GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov

To: Subject:

SB89

To whom it may concern, (and I hope it concerns all of you)

My husband and I are totally in favor of parental rights as laid out in SB89. We are equally opposed to Planned Parenthood having access to students in school. Of course, if you are willing to let my church do classes with the students, giving them equal time and opportunity as you would Planned Parenthood, then we could reconsider. On second thought, no, not even then.

Sincerely, Steve and Joanne Daniels Ninilchik, AK Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

My name is Susan Jensen, from Sitka, Alaska lam here to testify in favor of Senate Bill 89 for several reasons:

- As a former public school teacher, I know the privilege of teaching other people's children, and I also strongly respect the right of parents to determine what is best for their children.
- As a parent, I know that parents are legally responsible for their children and should therefore have the final say over what their children participate in, and what they are taught. Ultimately, it is the parents who are responsible for their children, not the school district or teachers. Parents should have the right to withdraw their students from any testing or course curriculum that they deem inappropriate.
- As a former business owner, it baffles me why abortion providers are allowed access to public school students. Planned Parenthood and other similar organizations are welcomed into the schools, but they do more than educate—they also provide abortions. This is clever marketing, silently endorsed by school districts, and allows abortion providers to make money from the students.

Former abortion clinic director, Carol Everett, has stated that "We had a whole plan that sold abortions and it was called sex education; break down their natural modesty, separate them from their parents and their values and become the sex expert in their lives so they turn to us...Who does she call when she gets pregnant? She calls us. We're the experts." <a href="https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=carol+everett+blood+money+youtube&FORM=VIRE9#view=detail&mid=BA8500B360B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B51748988ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500B5174898ADBA8500

Abby Johnson, a woman who began work at Planned Parenthood as a way to help young women, resigned her position as clinic manager because she was surprised to learn that "Planned Parenthood's primary motive was financial; to provide abortions was very lucrative for them." <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igS0AoGMzQw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igS0AoGMzQw</a>

As a former business owner I ask: Are we going to invite car dealers into the schools to provide drivers education? Some would describe that as a conflict of interest.

- As someone who has worked for and been on the board of directors of several non-profit organizations, it strikes me as strange that a controversial non-profit organization such as Planned Parenthood is allowed in the schools. Will Alaska's school districts also eagerly welcome the National Rifle Association?

Please also see my written testimony.

PLEASE vote in favor of SB 89. Thank you.

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From: bellasarah99835@gmail.com on behalf of Sarah Ferrency

<tinkerbellesarah@gmail.com> Tuesday, April 14, 2015 9:38 AM

Sent: Tuesday, April
To: Marie Murray

Subject: Testimony opposing SB89

Dear Ms. Murray,

Thank you for agreeing to forward this testimony to the relevant committee, as I had to leave the hearing this morning.

My name is Sarah Ferrency, and I am testifying on my own behalf, from Sitka. I am the mother of two girls, a school principal in the Sitka School District, and I taught Health for over 10 years at our alternative high school. I also just finished eleven years of service on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood, first of Alaska and then of the Great Northwest after a regional merger.

I am particularly opposed to two sections of this bill, the first requiring parents to opt-in to health education, and the second prohibiting volunteers for abortion providers from providing sexuality education in schools.

I support parents' right to direct their children's education. Parents already have the right to opt out of sexuality education. What the opt-in requirement does is cross the line between parents having the right to choose for their own children, into allowing a minority of parents who oppose school-based sexuality education to choose for all children. The opt-in creates a burden for children of less-involved parents, with the default being no sexuality education at all, while the majority of parents actually approve of and expect this education to take place. This is simply not right.

I would also like to echo previous testimony that this clause puts our most vulnerable children at risk. This bill would require a child who is being sexually abused by her parents- which is more common than any of us would like it to be- to receive permission from that parent prior to receiving safety education identifying his or her abuse. It would consign those children to a life of abuse, eliminating what may be the only opportunity to break that cycle. That is simply unconscionable.

I oppose the clause disallowing abortion providers and their employees or volunteers from providing sexuality education in schools because it appears to be intentionally vague. While the bill sponsor testified that it was not intended to prevent people like me, teachers who volunteer for Planned Parenthood, from teaching Health, the fact is that the language is vague enough that it is likely to be interpreted that way when it is inevitably challenged in court. The bill also does not adequately define "abortion provider." If the true intent is to prevent agencies for whom providing abortion is a "main component" or "the majority" of the work they do, then I request that be defined clearly. I am guessing it will not be specified, because there is no entity in Alaska who would meet that requirement, Planned Parenthood included.

Thank you for considering my testimony and I hope this bill as written does not pass.

Sincerely,

Sarah Ferrency

From: Alta Collins < readertoday2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 9:13 PM
To: GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov

Subject: Stop SB 89

Please do not support SB 89. Parents ALREADY have the right to withdraw their students from standardized testing, and to opt out of instruction covering human reproduction.

Passing a broad law to repeat something over which parents already have full options is a waste of time and money. Further, Alaska leads the nation in sexually-transmitted infections, particularly among teens and young adults. Making it more difficult to provide needed information will make the problem worse.

Please do NOT support SB 89.]

**Alta Collins** 

National Board Certified Teacher-Librarian Anchorage School District

From: Sent: Ann Robertson <ann.evans.robertson@gmail.com>

t: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7:04 AM

To: Subject: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Wielechowski

SB 89 Testimon

To the members of the Senate State Affairs committee,

My name is Ann Robertson and I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to SB 89, which I feel would have adverse consequences on the health of young Alaskans.

I believe a parent has every right to engage with educators and maintain a presence in their child's educational program, but after reading the text of SB 89 it is clear to me that this bill will negatively impact the health of young Alaskans far more than it will benefit their parents.

Alaska suffers from two worrisome sexual health problems: skyrocketing STI rates and rampant sexual assault. The rate of chlamydia infection in Alaska is nearly double the national average; among 15-19 year olds, this rate increases to three times the national average. In 2014, more than two thousand young victims reported child sexual assault to the Office of Children's Services. Additionally, the Office of Adolescent Health reports that Alaskan teens experience intimate partner violence and sexual assault in their relationships at a rate higher than the national average.

The best way to combat these troubling statistics is through comprehensive, accurate reproductive education that provides young Alaskans with the tools they need to maintain healthy relationships and recognize sexual violence when it occurs. Targeting providers of comprehensive sexual education like Planned Parenthood under the guise of parental rights will allow problems like STI rates and sexual violence to persist. Comprehensive sexual education has proven to be effective in delaying sexual activity, reducing STI rates, and preventing unintended pregnancies. We should be making every effort to empower young Alaskans to make healthy decisions, not impeding their ability to do so by enacting legislation like SB 89. When sex education becomes politicized, it is students who suffer the most.

Please join me in opposing SB 89, and withdrawing it from consideration.

Alaska's young people are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Ann Robertson

Juneau, Alaska

From:

Dawnell smith <wickedspeedia@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1:42 PM

To: Subject:

Sen. Bill Stoltze Public Comment: SB89

Dear Senator Bill Stoltze,

I am writing to oppose SB89. I am representing myself. Please share my comments with your colleagues.

I am a parent of teenage boys. I want them to gain the knowledge, skills and internal resources necessary for understanding reproductive and sexual health and to grow into responsible men with healthy relationships. To me this means honoring consent -- theirs and others -- and knowing how to protect themselves and others from sexual violation, sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

I do not need to reiterate the impact of rape, STDs, FASD and sexual abuse in our state.

Excluding a particular group of well trained experts from presenting an effective sexual health training program in our schools diminishes the knowledge base available to my kids. It further puts into question the way in which the state dictates which community groups can or cannot do participate in our schools.

Keeping effective community resources in our schools improves our education system at low or no cost.

Please vote no on SB89.

Dawnell Smith Anchorage

Sent by a device smarter than my own good.

From: Sent: E CFigus <ecfigus@alaska.edu> Tuesday, April 14, 2015 8:42 AM

To:

Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Wielechowski

Subject: SB

#### Dear Senators,

My name is Elizabeth. I am graduate student and a Juneau resident. Although I only moved to Alaska 3 years ago, I plan to make this my permanent home. I do not have children yet but I am approaching an age when I may start my own family, and for that reason I am concerned about SB 89.

SB 89 would 1) take away local control from schools by dictating who can and can not present or provide materials to a school, 2) negatively affect the efficacy of sexual health, sexual assault awareness, and healthy relationship education through a mandated parental opt-in policy, rather than the opt-out policies that already exist in schools providing sexual health education, 3) ban Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive, medically-accurate sexual health education in schools. Planned Parenthood is a trusted, qualified sexual health educator (that has been providing education to communities in AK for 20 years, when invited and tailored to each community based on its needs).

Please join me in turning down SB 89, and we can all look forward to a more educated and healthy future.

#### Sincerely,

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From: Sent:

Kirsten Stanton < okstanton@yahoo.com>

To:

Monday, April 13, 2015 8:23 PM Sen. Bill Stoltze

Subject:

Please oppose SB89/HB192

As a school nurse, I know first hand the critical importance of children having appropriate sex education. I used to work at Crossroads High School, a fantastic alternative high school specifically for pregnant and nursing high school girls. I could not believe the lack of solid human sexuality knowledge most of these teens demonstrated. Many of the girls, refugees from foreign countries, are the victims of domestic violence, culturally (by their homeland) acceptable child sex trafficking in which young adolescent girls are sold into what I can only call "acceptable slavery," which is then perpetuated by their need to care for unplanned babies.

These children -- yes, CHILDREN! -- are woefully unprepared to become parents. Often the responsible boy leaves the pregnant girl. Early unwanted pregnancy basically is a one-way ticket to poverty and another family needing a great deal of social services. Entitlements. Yeah, that nasty stuff everyone wants to go away.

And this is not just about contraception. It's about sexually transmitted infections: STI's. It is about reproductive health. It is about maintaining the health of the sexual/reproductive organs of both boys and girls. It is about sexual abuse. It is about children who are reaching a peak of sexual exploration. They should know about their bodies and how to keep themselves healthy and safe!

I do not understand is why our nation keeps moving backwards, and this is just another example of that problem. Please do NOT approve this legislation. It is another whack at women's autonomy in planning their own futures!

Kirsten Stanton Anchorage, AK 99515

From: Sent: Robin Boysen <rboysen@gci.net> Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:18 AM

To: Cc: Subject: Sen. Bill Stoltze Sen. Mia Costello

Senate Bill 89

Re: Senate Bill 89

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am a mother, a former high school teacher in both Fairbanks and Anchorage, and have worked in the Public Assistance office in Soldotna. There is no doubt that good education regarding sexual health is a priority for the well being of our society.

Planned Parenthood has been providing this for over twenty years in Alaska and should not be prevented from continuing this very important service.

I personally consider the current attack on all aspects of health care related to pregnancy an attack on women.

Sincerely,

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From: samantha savage <sam-savage@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 10:20 PM

To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Wielechowski

Subject: SB 89 Written Testimony

Thank you for taking the time to read my written testimony in opposition to SB 89.

My name is Samantha Savage. Alaska has been my home for the last 15 years, and I am a senior at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I have been an active volunteer for Planned Parenthood for about two years now, in my time talking to people in my community, it has become increasingly clear how important sexual education is to not just Fairbanks, but to the State of Alaska as a whole.

SB 89 is a dangerous bill for several reasons:

It would negatively affect the efficacy of sexual health, sexual assault awareness, and healthy relationship education through a mandated parental opt-in policy, rather than the opt-out policies that already exist in schools providing sexual health education.

It would also ban a trusted, qualified sexual health educator (that has been providing education to communities in AK for 20 years, when invited and tailored to each community based on its needs) from providing comprehensive, medically-accurate sexual health education from schools.

By changing the way we teach sex ed in schools we stand to harm Alaska's children by not arming them with the knowledge they need to make healthy decisions. Alaska not only has some of the highest STI rates in the country, but we 59 out of every 100 women in Alaska has experienced intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence. We owe it to our state's future to do everything we can to help protect them.

Thank you,

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From: Sent:

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То:

Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Click Bishop

Subject: SB 89 Wron

SB 89 creates unnecessary bureaucracy for parents, students, teachers, and administrators. It endangers important federal funding for our school systems.

Parents already have the right ask questions, voice concerns, and remove their children from the classroom if they feel the curriculum is not in their best interest.

We are a state with epidemic levels of sexual violence and sexually transmitted infections. We need a diverse array of partners to create a healthy Alaskan future- including Planned Parenthood.

You are playing political games with our school system and adding administrative overhead to solve a problem where none exists.

Alaskan parents are watching these games you are playing with our children's health and future.

Sara Kozup 2208 Roosevelt Dr. #1 Anchorage, AK 99517 907-744-0741 Dear Chairman Stoltze and Senate State Affairs Committee Members:

I am a 53 year resident of Alaska, wife and mother of 3 children, all of which are recent graduates from the Anchorage School District. I've been involved in advocacy for children in various ways—I've been a CASA as a voice for abused and neglected children, a PTA leader for an elementary and middle school, coached a girls high school sports team and I currently run support groups for domestic violence victims facing custody challenges by theirs and their children's abusers. I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would jeopardize public schools federal education funding, place undue burdens on our educational system, and make it harder for Alaska youth to access the comprehensive sexual health education they need.

During my children's time in public schools, I took an active role in reviewing course materials involving reproductive health and sex education. There were times when I was concerned about presenters being invited into my children's classrooms. Those presenters I had hesitation about were NOT from Planned Parenthood. The presenters I was most concerned with had a history of providing religiously-biased, medically inaccurate and shame-based programs. I contacted the teachers in advance of the presentations, and expressed my concerns. In one of the first instances in a middle school scenario, the teacher indicated that if shaming, religion and inaccurate information was presented that he would stop the discussion or correct it with his students. In a later instance, the high school students turned the tables on the presenter by challenging their numerous inaccuracies, calling out their bias and asking their teacher to never ask that presenter back again. My point is that although I had parental concerns, I was not afraid of my children receiving differing points of view, sorting through what was opinion versus fact and I had full confidence their teachers would correct any glaring inaccuracies. Had I felt this would not have happened, I was informed of my right as a parent to opt out of these presentations. I chose not to exercise that right because I have raised my children to value facts and science and not be governed by fears based on ignorance. They are lucky children in that they know they can talk to me about anything. Not all kids are as fortunate.

I can assure you that our children need more, not less access to comprehensive sex education. I was appalled at the number of my teen's peers who were dealing with circumstances they could not or would not go to their parents about. Worse were the numbers of teens dealing with unintended pregnancies. One girl, pregnant with twins, drank heavily in hopes of miscarriage. Another nearly died from hemorrhaging in advanced pregnancy, having successfully hidden her pregnancy from friends and parents alike until the bleeding hospitalized her. One girl became pregnant by her step-brother and subsequently dropped out of school. Several girls had children while in high school and others had abortions. A grade-school child only came forward about an uncle's sexual abuse of her after hearing a presentation from STAR. Accurate information about their bodies, healthy relationships and their reproductive health could have helped every single one of these children earlier rather than later.

Stigmatizing Planned Parenthood as "an abortion industry" is politicized rhetoric that does Alaska's children no good whatsoever. Less than 3% of Planned Parenthood's activities involve abortion. I listened to all the hearings since

this amendment was added, and heard further misinformation implying that abortion is a "product", and that Planned Parenthood would push that "product" on unsuspecting teens. This again, is ridiculous fear-mongering not based on fact. Planned Parenthood does more than any other organization in existence in trying to reduce the incidence of STIs and unintended pregnancy. What will be next—will you keep doctors from talking to children about their bodies and their health? Planned Parenthood has consistently provided medically accurate, age appropriate and non-biased information. One of your legislators testified she was shocked about their presentations. I would challenge that she never actually sat in on one. I have, and went a step further by taking their parents course on how to talk to your children. It was excellent. Our kids deserve our help in getting information on how to keep themselves healthy and safe. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, as well as social surveys, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

This legislation is disingenuous from the start. It purports to solve a problem that does not exist. Parents could always opt out of standardized testing without penalty, they could always opt out of surveys, and they could always opt out of sex education presentations. This throws up road blocks by requiring opting-in to all of these things, which is far more burdensome for parents and educators alike, and will have lasting harmful consequences by keeping our children ignorant about things that could protect over the course of their lives.

Please add my written comments to the legislative record, as due to scheduling conflicts, I am unable to testify in person. Thank you for considering my strong opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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