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Subject: Regarding HB 236

Good evening

Regarding HB 236, I'd like to encourage a yes vote on this bill.

Living in a rural community, I very rarely get to go to the church my kids are baptized into because it's so far away. But today we did go and it feels like we're home when we're there. The young priest is a busy man visiting hospitals, having church services, doing ceremonies for funerals and also being a husband and a father to 5 children. But, if a homosexual couple were to ask him to marry them, he would lovingly have to say no. At that time they could walk away and ask anybody else, anywhere else to marry them, or, they could sue this priest, maybe even throw him in jail, and by doing so, destroy his family and all the hard work he puts into the church.

This bill is not really anything to fight against. It poses no threat to anybody since the law in Alaska makes it so easy to find someone to marry anybody. Instead this is something that I would imagine would be easy and quick to pass since it protects people like these folks who work at the Friends Church in Fairbanks:

Bring a Christian is not a crime. All these people do is try to teach others about how they are loved by Jesus and do their best to live by His word. They're hurting no one. No person should be able to throw them in jail or destroy their church because of their beliefs in the bible. Can you imagine being the trooper to arrest these people at the Assembly of God Church?

It could happen without this bill being passed.

Please protect our churches and all they do for the community and even the distant out reaches they support. Please pass HB 236.

Thank you

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