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Cc: Rep. Sam Kito
Subject: SB 89 - Prohibiting Planned Parenthood from Schools
Categories: Taneeka

Dear Representatives,

I strongly oppose SB89. Please rethink passing legislation that limits teacher's ability to use expert community resources in their health classrooms. Teachers are paid to use their own discretion to provide the highest quality education to their students. Legislation like SB89 is over-reach and highly inappropriate.

Thank you.

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Subject: SB 89 Testimony
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State of Alaska House HSS Committee Chair and Committee Members,

Good morning, my name is Jennifer Wooley. I am a local medical student, and will therefore not be able to attend the April 7th HSS hearing. However, I am particularly passionate about the issues addressed by SB 89, and would like to ensure that I contribute my testimony before the hearing.

As a lifelong Alaskan, a prior health educator, and a woman pursuing a career as a physician in Alaska, I understand the critical role of medically accurate, age-appropriate health education. Reproductive health and relationship skills are crucial components of health education, especially in a state like ours with unconscionably high rates of sexually transmitted infections and incidence of relationship violence. Beginning this education early, without stigma and with full class participation, helps elevate the conversation of health and wellness within relationships above misinformed whispers, and encourages a culture of respect.

In a perfect society, all children would have parents who are involved in their education and are well-equipped to guide them through the (often confusing) experience of learning about healthy sexuality and relationships. However, we must understand that this is not the case. Many of Alaskan's youngest and most vulnerable residents are completely dependent on the education they receive in the classroom to make sense of the world around them. Education at home may be absent, medically inaccurate, or age-inappropriate. Please consider these children, and the future they represent. As the Health and Social Services committee, it is the health and wellbeing of these children that should be the first priority. Requiring that their parents opt-in to class material keeps crucial knowledge out of their reach.

I sincerely ask that you do not let this harmful bill pass out of committee. It creates unnecessary barriers between children and the information that they need to be healthy. It removes well-trained, knowledgeable educators from the classroom. It is in direct opposition to the intentions of the Health and Social Services committee. This bill offers a "solution" to a problem that does not exist. Parent's rights are not currently infringed upon; parents can opt-out of class now, if they so desire, and that is sufficient. Please consider the rights of the students, who have no political voice.

Thank you for your consideration and for your time. I look forward to listening to the hearing, and I hope that my future patients maintain their right to access accurate, important information. Please contact me by responding to this e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer R. Wooley

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Subject: Please oppose SB 89 and keep our students healthy

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Apr 4, 2016

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State Capitol, Room 102
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Please oppose SB 89 and HB 352 to make sure our students have access to the information they need to stay healthy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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My State's relentless drive to criminalize true "public service" in a sickening and repugnant pursuit of Planned Parenthood's provisions, hoping to reconcile the continued decimation of OUR children's public education is astounding. We lead the nation in chlamydia rates, have child sexual abuse rates six times higher than the national average, and have higher teen pregnancy rates, but instead of expanding evidence-based education about sexual health, SB 89 and HB 352 put barriers between students and these life-fulfilling, sometimes life-changing, programs and creates burdensome requirements for school districts in a time when districts are struggling with an unprecedented budget crisis.

Alaska's youth need us to face the facts, and give them the resources they need to reverse our state's troubling trends. This fixation with self-destruction (cultural decimation, civil disintegration, genocidal suicide!) of any thought processes not aligned with Majority leaders in my, MY, Alaska legislature must be eviscerated from MY Statehouse. The continued retardation of our civilization's progress toward "a more perfect union" is not only self-destructive, demeaning the quality of life in those who so practice it, but when it harms the natural need to 'grow and blossom' of all God's creatures retain, I'm sure my appreciation for our judiciary would argue its legality!

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Is this the ultimate intent of these phantasms - electing private/subjective imaginations to social/public commandments?

Indiana Governor Mike Pence recently signed bill HEA 1337 into law, making it one of the most intrusive and [extreme laws governing women's health in the United States](#):

Under [HB 1337](#), which both chambers of the legislature passed this week, women would be prohibited from seeking an abortion if they discover their fetus has genetic abnormalities. Abortion providers would be responsible for burying or cremating "fetal remains." And donating fetal tissue — an area of scientific research that's [come under fire](#) thanks to a smear campaign against Planned Parenthood — would be classified as a felony crime.

It's so extreme that many so-called "pro-life" Republicans [refused to support it](#):

“The bill does nothing to save innocent lives. There’s no education, there’s no funding. It’s just penalties,” Rep. Sharon Negele, a Republican who has [sponsored](#) anti-abortion legislation in the past, [said this week](#) at a hearing regarding HB 1337.

Another Republican lawmaker, Rep. Sean Eberhart, said he decided to vote against the bill after discussing it with his wife. He said she didn’t agree with the legislation even though she’s “as pro-life as they come.”

Indiana women aren’t taking this new attack on their healthcare lightly. A group called ["Periods for Pence"](#) recently sprang up. They decided that if the governor was so interested in what is happening with their bodies, he deserved more frequent updates. The ladies of Indiana have been busy calling the governor’s office with details. A sampling of their call reports:

Me: "Good morning. I just wanted to call and let the good Governor know that I am still not pregnant, since he seems to be so worried about women's reproductive rights."

Irritated lady on the other end of the phone: "And can I get your name, please?"

Me: "Sure, it's Not Pregnant Laura."

Just got through to Governor Pence's office. (The operator must be on break.)

Me: Hi, is this the operator, or the Governor's office?

Them: Um, this is the office, but I am covering for the operator right now.

Me: "Oh, good. I need to get a message to the Governor that I am on day three of my period. My flow seems abnormally heavy, but my cramps are much better to--"

Them: (Seriously pissed and trying to keep their voice down, but not quite succeeding) MA'AM, WHAT IS IT THAT I CAN HELP YOU WITH? Me: Oh, I don't need your help, I just wanted to keep Governor Pence informed of my reproductive cycle, since he seems so concerned. Them: "Ugh." *click*

I called to let him know that I am a lesbian so I won't be needing an abortion (or legal protections, for that matter lol double whammy! Thanks, Pence!) also mentioned that I'm not currently menstruating but I might be ovulating.

Them: "Good Morning, Governor Pence's office"

Me: "Good Morning. I just wanted to inform the Governor that things seem to be drying up today. No babies seem to be up in there. Okay?"

Them: (Sounding strangely horrified and chipper at the same time) "Ma'am, can we have your name?"

Me: "Sure. It's Sue."

Them: "And your last name?"

Me: "Magina. That's M-A-G-I-N-A. It rhymes with--" Them: "I've got it." *Click*

Someone from Pence's campaign literally just rang my doorbell, wanting to know if I was likely to vote republican or democrat in the upcoming election. I let him know that I wasn't sure, and that I'm going to be ovulating soon, and that I was unclear on whether or not I was legally required to fertilize the egg. He started cracking up.

Operator: Governor Mike Pence's Office, please hold... >6 minutes later<

Operator: Governor Pence's office, thank you for waiting... Me: Hi, I'm a native Hoosier who derives from the uterus of another native Hoosier... Operator: >clears throat< Me: I now live in

California and I'm wondering if my uterus still falls under the jurisdiction of Governor Pence or-- ? Operator: Please hold. >click<

Keep it up, ladies. Contact every lawmaker in Indiana who voted for this monstrous bill. Contact each and every month if you have to.

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Dear Representatives,

I strongly oppose SB89 and HB352, which would restrict sex education in our schools. As the parent of a son in Anchorage schools, I resent this state government overreach into local matters.

This legislation curtails local efforts to educate our young people so they make responsible decisions regarding sex. For lawmakers to step in and try to restrict such information harms our young people and is unwanted state meddling. If you truly want to help local communities, increase funding for our local schools to ensure that we have a well-educated workforce and leaders for tomorrow.

While the state faces a \$4.4 billion deficit, our elected officials should not be wasting time on such destructive meddling into our education decisions.
Please vote against these bills.

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Subject: SB89 re: Planned Parenthood volunteer education in schools

Representatives Seaton, Vazquez, Foster, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, and Wool,

I understand that the House HHS committee will be taking testimony on SB 89 on Thursday. I am unable to attend or submit oral testimony at that time, but would like to give you my input on the topic.

I am an Anchorage gynecologist whose children were ASD public school attendees, and I have been an invited speaker many times at health education days for one of the local ASD high schools. Other volunteer representatives including Planned Parenthood trained health educators were there, and I was able to stay for their presentations. No “abortion providers” were present. Though it was not a formal school regulation, signed parental permission slips were required for attendance.

The speakers from Planned Parenthood were excellent, and at no time did they advocate for abortion. Questions from the students about abortion were deflected by all of us to be taken home as a more appropriate place to discuss this extremely value-based topic. Based on the questions many students asked, lack of basic information was rampant. Clearly, parents had NOT done a particularly good job at educating their students, and the overwhelming majority HAD given permission for their students to attend this volunteer health education day at which the organizational affiliations of the presenters were no secret.

If one connects the dots of the age of sexual debut, the high (and rising) rates of STI’s in our state’s teens, the inadequacy of most parents’ skills at sex education, and the desire (by both students and parents) for such education, clearly we need continued quality sex education for this population. The individuals and groups that volunteer to assist the school district deserve support and thanks, rather than the intentional exclusion SB89 seeks. Do not make the efforts to educate our youth about opposition to abortion: abortion is not the agenda, nor a topic being recommended at these educational sessions. Quality volunteers in our community have stepped up to do their part, and should be applauded.

SB 89 should not advance.

Tina Tomsen, MD