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Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Berta Gardner
Subject: SB 72

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Good Afternoon

We are very **concerned and opposed** to this Bill, SB72, “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression”.

ALL Alaskan’s should be protected.

No special groups or any “one” person should have more rights than anyone else in the State.

There are already Laws that protect everyone.

There does NOT need to be more laws that will create another Department, which requires an Executive Director and Staff, which will **add to the cost of Government.**

Your JOB is to cut Government expenses, NOT create more Departments that need to be funded and will expend the Government.

IF the current Laws were enforced there would be NO need for additional bills.

Thank You.

Yolanda Bryant and Family

From: Kay Silverton <...>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 1:25 PM
To: Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: SB 72

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I am opposed to any bill that gives Protections, in addition to those already granted to the people, that will, in effect make certain groups or classes of people more equal than other. Any time we do this, we are infringing on the rights of others to make certain groups or classes more equal and others less equal.

I have read this bill and have determined that all those issues found in this bill are already in place and if the current laws were enforced, there would be no need for enacting another law on the books.

I also oppose any legislation, in this time of the need to reduce the size of Government that will require that the Governor appoint an Executive Director and hire a staff to support this effort. We are in a time when the Government is contemplating an individual Income tax upon the people of the State of Alaska to pay for "Services". This does not appear to be a service that we should take on.

I am sure there will be many who think I am a hard hearted person, however, I am remembering some in the lower 48 who have been fined and run out of business because the "protected" Classes have threatened their businesses due to their refusing service to the protected classes, when they (the non-protected) have determined that the service is in opposition to their beliefs.

We do not need to follow the folks in the lower 48. We have lived in harmony with each other for years before these issues gained a foothold in Alaska and have now become such an issue that we must now create a law that makes certain groups or classes more equal than other makes no sense.

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Testimony – SB 72 - Jim Minnery / Alaska Family Council
March 31st, 2017 – Senate HSS Committee – 1-844-586-9085 – 2min

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Thank you Chairman Wilson and other members of the committee.

I'm Jim Minnery, and I'm testifying on behalf of the Alaska Family Council. Our organization is a non-profit advocacy group that focuses on religious liberty, respect for human life and family.

Alaska Family Council and the thousands we represent oppose SB72.

As Alaskans, we cherish the freedom to peacefully express and live by our religious, philosophical, and political beliefs—not merely to hold them privately.

Laws like SB72 are used by the government to compel citizens to sacrifice their deepest convictions on marriage and what it means to be male and female—people who gladly serve everyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, but who cannot promote messages, engage in expression, or participate in events that contradict their beliefs or their organization's guiding values.

Creative professionals, wedding chapels, non-profits, adoption agencies, businesses, schools, and even churches have faced threats and legal action under such laws for declining to participate in a same-sex wedding ceremony, for maintaining policies consistent with their guiding principles; and for seeking to protect privacy by ensuring persons of the opposite sex do not share showers and restrooms.

Think about this. During the 2017 Presidential Inauguration, hairdressers, dressmakers, party planners, bed and breakfast owners and other businesses refused to participate based on their distaste for Trump.

Now ask yourself this question.

Should those small businesses have been forced by the Government to provide services to Trump? Liberals would say no and so would conservatives.

But that is what is happening now when laws like SB72 are passed. Big Government is imposing its cultural values on small businesses and ordinary Americans.

We live in a pluralistic society where variety is a good thing. Just like the dress designer who couldn't work with Melania Trump. She had the right to operate her business in accordance with her deeply held convictions. So do others.

Please respect everyone's rights by voting no on SB72. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Michael Hanzuk Sr <michael.hanzuk@alaska.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 01, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Senate.hss@leg.gov
Cc: Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Tom Begich; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Sen. Berta Gardner; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Les Gara; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: OPPOSITION TO SB72/HB182
Attachments: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.pdf

Health and Social Services Committee Members

RE: OPPOSITION TO SB72/HB182

Thank you Mr. Chair and Committee members for allowing me to testify in opposition of SB72/HB182. My name is Michael Hanzuk Sr. and I am speaking on behalf of myself, my wife, my mother, son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren with one on the way.

We are appalled that this Committee has considered SB72/HB182. As a family in Alaska since 1972, we have discussed why Alaska is so unique to us, and the problems we face from the Liberal left. Accepting transgender, homosexual, or bisexual people into our lives are not our problem until it becomes forced upon us. We don't have to associate or participate in activities that put us in those environments. What people want to do with themselves and their bodies is their preference and up to them. We will hold judgment for someone higher than you or us.

In the meantime, little-by-little, you continue to take our freedoms and rights away by imposing immoral rights upon us and businesses you deem justified. You, the Committee and others are putting women, children, people and businesses in jeopardy of laws suits. We did a little homework ourselves on some of the immoral rights that pertain to our opposition against Senate Bill72/HB182:

- 1) You have/are taking our freedom of speech, religion, and expression away from all of us.
 - a. If we express feelings that actions of this nature offend us, we are label as being prejudice.
 - b. If we play Christian music or address anything about God in an office setting or on a job site, it offends a particular group
 - c. God is taken out of the equation in schools, work environment, etc.

d. Our values and morals are eliminated one-by-one by an immoral society.

With two grandchildren and a third on the way, I will not subject my family or women I know to this kind of immoral value Liberal people want.

2) You're opening the door to Pandora's box of sexual predators unleashed on children and women in Alaska. Cases reported/cited from other states:

a. [Seattle](#) (February 17, 2016) where a man claiming transgender rights walked into the women's locker-room twice and started undressing with young girls in the same room.

b. In Virginia, a 35-year old man dressed up as a woman was caught and charged with filming women in bathroom stalls, in Los Angeles, a man dressed in drag was also caught doing the same: and assaulting little girls and women.

c. A Toronto man used the "transgender" excuse to gain access into a women's shelter assaulting them.

Aren't you telling us that women's shelters are discriminating towards men and have their policies changed? They will be mandated to allow predators in! Did you think about that and the ramifications? I bet not.

Are each one of you willing to be legally accountable for this malice action of sexual predators because you agree to this law?

This goes on-and-on because the Liberals in this country try to circumvent our laws to meet their wants and damn everyone else.

Laws are already on the books to prevent discrimination against people. SB72 just muddies the water. Though no Fiscal Note is attached to this Bill, at this time, it does not mean the cost of government will not increase. **AS 18.80.060** allows the Commissioner to increase his staff and we're am sure this will be taken advantage of soon enough.

In my opinion, the cost to the private sector will be overwhelming. This is due just in adding any changes. Has anyone requested a cost analysis on the affect this will have on the private sector? I'll bet not.

Testimonies provided on March 31, 2017, imply that adding *sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) laws* to current laws improves business relationships and increases business profitability within the business community. I disagree with their findings and have provided the HSS Committee with a report (attached to this email) from Ryan T. Anderson, PhD with [The Heritage Foundation](#) that addresses this matter (No. 3082/Nov 30, 2015).

The report identifies “unnecessary problems” caused by government interference (p5pp1) and how they relate to problems in society:

“SOGI laws can have serious unintended consequences. They threaten small-business owners with liability for alleged “discrimination” based on subjective and unverifiable identities, not on objective traits. They expand state interference in labor markets, potentially discouraging economic growth and job creation. They endanger religious liberty and freedom of speech, and they mandate education and employment policies that undermine common sense in the schoolhouse and the workplace.”

“In short, SOGI laws regulate commercial decisions that are best handled by private actors, and they regulate educational decisions best handled by parents and teachers, not bureaucrats.”

We are in hopes that you reconsider SB72/HB182 and table the entire idea. If this Bill does pass, we will hold this Committee and other accountable.

Thank you,

Michael Hanzuk Sr. and family!

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BACKGROUND

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Laws Threaten Freedom

Jody Simpson

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From: Charles & Carole Hart <| .>
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Cc: Sen. Berta Gardner
Subject: Written testimony opposing SB 72

I heard all of the written testimony on March 31st, and want to personally apologize to each of those testifying who felt valueless and less than human.

For the record, I value each one of you as the precious child of God that you are.

I oppose this bill, however. This bill will make religious discrimination legal. It mandates and legislates the story "The Emperor's New Clothes".

Those of you who testified, some of you lobbied accusations against me—not even knowing me--because you and I disagree. I heard the words bigot and hatred, neither of which I am or do.

If this passes, would you lodge a complaint against me? If I were a business owner and yet, because of my Roman Catholic beliefs in objective truth, decline to bake a cake to rent a venue to a celebration of transgender persons—would you respect that as I respect you?

Because I would be at your mercy; there are nationwide cases of bakers, flower shop owners, and other Christians would were coerced under these unjust laws to forgo their livelihoods.

One testifier stated that this law "hurts none." I assert this is a falsehood.

Respectfully,
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From: R.L. GREEN <rlgreen@alaska.gov>
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Subject: RE: Thoughts relating TO SB72/HB184

Thank you Mr. Chair and Committee members for allowing me to testify in opposition of SB72/HB184. My name is Richard Green I and I am speaking on behalf of myself, my wife, 9 boys and 1 girl, and as many more as we may be blessed with in the future. Please be advised, my daughter is 17 months and 2 boys are one month old newborns.

We are appalled that this Committee has considered SB72/HB184. As a family in Alaska since 1980, we came to Alaska because it was unique to us. Leaving the liberal policies behind us and looking for freedom to live a normal life without unneeded and unwise government interference.

Accepting transgender, homosexual, or bisexual people around our lives is not our problem until it becomes forced upon us in a way that harms our children and society at large. We don't have to associate or participate in activities that put us in those environments. What people want to do with themselves and their bodies is their preference and up to them.

In the meantime, little-by-little, the legislature continues to take our freedoms and rights away by imposing immoral beliefs upon us and businesses as you deem justified. You, the Committee and others are putting women, children, people and businesses in jeopardy of laws suits and personal risk. We did a little homework ourselves on some of the immoral rights that pertain to our opposition against Senate Bill72/HB184:

1) You have/are taking our freedom of speech, religion, and expression away from all of us.

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Are each one of you willing to be legally accountable for this malice action of sexual predators because you agree to this law?

It is a well know fact that each of us are born with a sex, it is real and not changeable. Yes you can change the parts to look different, but in the end a man is a man, even if you change his clothes no the outside. even if you change his chest and remove his penis, HE IS STILL A MAN.

Laws are already on the books to prevent discrimination against people. SB72 just muddies the water. And attempts to give rights to people who "feel" something they are not. Even if the outside doesn't change, it relays on the "feeling" as the primary codified of legal protection.

Shall we allow a man, who "feels like a woman" to dress and undress with our little girls? Will they be aloud to play in the shower together at school, because a man "feels" like a woman today?

You will open the door to a Hugh sexual problem in schools, business and on State property. Will you then be responsible for the rapes and attacks on our women and children?

Sexual feeling is not protected under our constitution and thus this law will be challenged and deemed unconstitutional. The legal proceedings alone will cost the State of Alaska Taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions.

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Thank you,

Richard Green and family!

Ps - thats 9 voting members of the State of Alaska

Sent from my iPad