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Honorable Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair
House State Affairs Committee

PFLAG of Fairbanks is in support of HB 184. Our chapter promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families, and friends. Please add the six words and a comma: "sexual orientation, gender identity or expression" to the Alaskan Human Rights Law.

Alaska is blessed with a diverse populace yet attacks against LGBTQ individuals is well documented. A discrimination Survey released in November of 2011 by Green and the organization Identity provides evidence of unequal treatment of LGBTQ individuals in employment, housing, education and public services.

Violence and discrimination against these citizens exists in all parts of Alaska but the data thereof needs to be organized and presented. This task is perfectly suited to the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights.

We have a human rights law in this state to secure peace, order, health, safety, and the general welfare of the state and its inhabitants. End the bullying of the non-binary. Allow for the vast expression of gender that exist in the human realm.

When a culture-scape does not include a place for Queer citizens they are murdered, attacked, humiliated and forced to exist in the face of stagnation, isolation and systemic erasure. We look forward to a time when labels are removed from humans and all can flourish regardless of their status at birth.

Add the six words and a comma: "sexual orientation, gender identity or expression" to the mission of the Alaska Human rights Commission. Embrace, protect and include the documented and undocumented Alaskan citizens that express themselves as LGBTQ. Pass HB 184 into law.

Thank-you,
PFLAG Fairbanks Chapter