

From: [Lin Davis](#)
To: [House State Affairs](#)
Subject: HB 82
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 10:24:51 AM

Dear House State Affairs Chairs, Representative Fields and Representative Kreiss-Tomlkins:

I urge you to hear HB 82. Those of us in the Alaska LGBTQ community have been working on these critical civil rights protections since the ugly 1998 Prop 2 statewide vote.

This legislation will help Alaska maintain its place in the forward march of state civil rights, thanks to Elizabeth and Roy Peratrovich and ANB/ANS.

Representatives LeDoux, Story, Wool, Vance and Shaw:

Thank you for supporting this common sense legislation.

The other 21 states (and Washington DC) with LGBTQ protections demonstrate the positive economic and social effects of respectful business climates:

- 1) talented young workers will not live in states that discriminate
- 2) states that protect the basic rights of LGBTQ have lower rates of violence against women, an issue on which Alaska sadly leads the nation
- 3) LGBTQ statewide legal protection has not resulted in increased discrimination suits; it appears that respect fosters respect
- 4) Creative tech companies will not do business in states that do not provide LGBTQ protections

Thank you for improving the economic and social environment of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Lin Davis



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26 year Alaska resident

From: [Jenny Brown](#)
To: [House State Affairs](#)
Cc: [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)
Subject: HB 82
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 9:18:17 AM

As an Alaskan and member of the LGBTQ+ community, I ask that you stand up and represent our right to fair treatment by supporting Alaska's Equality Act- HB 82!

Thank you VERY much!
Jennifer Brown

From: [LIO Fairbanks](#)
To: [House State Affairs](#)
Subject: Fw: Support for HB 82
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:28:51 PM

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From: Ellie Hogenson
Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2019 10:50 AM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Support for HB 82

Please forward to the members of the House State Affairs Committee:

I am writing to ask that committee members support HB 82, a statewide LGBTQ+ non-discrimination bill has been introduced.

I am a physician in Fairbanks, and owner of the clinic Chena Health, and am writing to show support for my patients. I know from patient stories that such a bill would be welcome in the LGBTQ community, which is a population with unique discrimination issues currently. I also know that from a public health perspective that discrimination puts populations at risk for health concerns such as poverty, rates of infectious disease, homelessness.

Please support HB 82, I am willing to speak out in support if requested.

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Elise Sorum-Birk

From: Rabbi Abram Goodstein <ravavram907@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:20 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson
Subject: House Bill 82

Dear Rep. Andy Josephson

The Talmud teaches, do not judge a neighbor until you stand in their place. For me, it is unbelievable how horribly judged the LGBT community has become in our state. Members of the LGBTQ community deserve the same protection and rights of all other American Citizens and Alaskans. Your Anti-Discrimination bill, House Bill 82, brings us one step closer to that. It's shameful that Alaska does not yet have a measure that includes this community and I am so proud that you are trying to rectify that problem. Your actions exemplify the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. I know of many members of our congregation will benefit greatly from your actions. Thank you again.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Abram Goodstein

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From: [Tyler Watson](#)
To: [House State Affairs](#)
Cc: [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)
Subject: Please Support HB82
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 8:01:24 PM

Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I'm writing to you as an Alaskan, constituent, and gay man and am urging your committee to once again support HB82.

My husband and I moved to Alaska in 2017, only five days after getting married in Colorado. Needless to say it was quite the adventure! Alaska has not disappointed us, we truly love this Great Land and what was originally supposed to be a two year stint has now become a mission to make Alaska our forever home.

One of the many reasons we fell in love with Alaska has been the warm, friendly reception we received from the people of the state. From celebrating Pride in Anchorage, Juneau, and Talkeetna to meeting my supportive coworkers at JBER and now the State, and building community at our welcoming church time and time again Alaskans have shown that they value equality and respect.

In its early days, Alaska was a leader in equal rights. We honor the pioneering work of Elizabeth Peratrovich every year. Alaska has also been one of the states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. It's time for Alaska to continue its forward march to equality and pass HB82. From my perspective, the passing of this bill would act as not only a needed protection for LGBTQ people in the state, but it would also be signal to the world to show what Alaska is truly like and what our state values.

When you vote on this bill and talk about it with your colleagues, please think of people like myself and my husband. Who see the promise of the Last Frontier and truly believe in the spirit of North to the Future.

Regards,

Tyler Watson



Anchorage, AK 99504