

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Roger Clyne  
[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:28 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** I oppose this attempt to ban abortion  
**Categories:** In 2D

Dear Senator David Wilson,

The Alaska Constitution has a long history of protecting our right to privacy and should continue to protect our right to obtain medical treatment without government interference.

SJR 13 is an extreme bill that will put the people of Alaska's health and lives in jeopardy. Forcing someone to carry a pregnancy can have devastating and lasting consequences on them and their family. When people are able to get abortion care, compared to those who are denied, they are more likely to have positive life plans and to achieve them.

Legislators should be focused on improving health outcomes for everyone in our state, not blocking access to ANY acceptable health care.

Nearly 8 in 10 Americans do not want to see Roe v. Wade overturned and I'm one of them. I urge you to oppose SJR 13.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Roger Clyne

[REDACTED] Homer, AK 99603-8229 [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Dawn Dulebohn  
[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** I oppose this attempt to ban abortion  
**Categories:** In 2D

Dear Senator David Wilson,

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SJR 13 is an extreme bill that will put the people of Alaska's health and lives in jeopardy. Forcing someone to carry a pregnancy can have devastating and lasting consequences on them and their family. When people are able to get abortion care, compared to those who are denied, they are more likely to have positive life plans and to achieve them.

Legislators should be focused on improving health outcomes for everyone in our state, not blocking access to health care. A women's body is not the government's business. I have yet to see legislation denying 70 year old men viagra...

Nearly 8 in 10 Americans do not want to see Roe v. Wade overturned and I'm one of them. I urge you to oppose SJR 13.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Dulebohn

[REDACTED] AK 99824-5006 [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Autumn Simons  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:38 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** I oppose this attempt to ban abortion

Dear Senator David Wilson,

The Alaska Constitution has a long history of protecting our right to privacy and should continue to protect our right to obtain medical treatment without government interference.

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Legislators should be focused on improving health outcomes for everyone in our state, not blocking access to health care.

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Sincerely,  
Autumn Simons

[REDACTED] Juneau, AK 99801-1933  
[REDACTED]

Senate Health and Social Services Committee  
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Members of the Committee:

The Alaska Constitution does not need to be fixed. It is not broken. In fact, if this legislation is any indication of what we've got to look forward to, the Alaska Constitution is doing its job—which is to protect our right to privacy. Regardless of its original intent, the privacy clause has served us well, particularly when women who may seek access to legal abortions come under attack.

In attempting to violate that right, SJR 13 ensures that Alaskan women will never be equal citizens under the law. Instead, Alaskan women would be relegated as second class citizens.

SJR 13 proposes to hijack the Alaska Constitution to impose an ideology and deny access to a legal, medical procedure. This resolution cynically purports to use the Alaska Constitution as a tool to force specific behavior and as an in-road to dismantle Roe v. Wade. This is a bad public policy. It is the very definition of government overreach into our private lives. Moreover, it begs the question, what other private behaviors might we seek to control through a Constitutional Amendment in the future?

Any Alaskan who values his or her Constitutional Right to Privacy should oppose such a cynical approach to inflict one's personal beliefs on an entire population.

While SJR 13's primary goal is to ban safe and legal abortions, it is ultimately a threat to women's health. Not just any woman's health. Poor and vulnerable women would be fair game, their privacy, and health secondary to the health of every other citizen. Contrary to testimony that Alaska's most vulnerable are the unborn, Alaska's most vulnerable are poor and at-risk women and children currently among us.

Denying public funding of health care to one segment of the population inflicts harm on the poorest among us. We know that wealthy women and families will always have access to whatever health care they require.

This same legislature is celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage—another right for which women fought and died. A right men have taken for granted since this country's founding. Nevertheless, here we are, celebrating our right to vote on the one hand, yet being treated as second class citizens on the other.

Please devote more time to protecting women and children who are already at-risk and in need. Please resist outside pressures to impose a judgmental and national agenda on Alaskans. We do not need it, nor do we want it. We value our right to privacy and hope that members of this body value the health and well-being of Alaskan women more than this measure implies.

Sincerely,

Lynda Giguere

  
Douglas, AK 99824

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR13 Abortion Amendment

Dear Legislators,

On February 26th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. I listened by phone to the hearing on SJR 13 but was unable to have a time slot to speak up myself.

I am strongly opposed to amending the Constitution of the State of Alaska by adding a new Section 26 which would violate the inherent rights of women to control of their own bodies.

I listened to many speakers from outside Alaska telling our legislators they must adopt laws from other states I heard disparaging attacks on our capable Alaskan Judiciary I am insulted by claims that abortion is a sin comparable to slavery.

My name is Diana Conway and I am 77 years old, a long time Alaskan resident, a mother, stepmother, and grandmother and I do not want my constitutional rights or those of my extended family tampered with.

A fertilized egg is not the same as a living human. I respect the right of my neighbors not to have an abortion if their belief or religion forbids and in return I expect them to respect my right to regulate my own fertility.

I would side with those people who testified in the hearing that the best way to deal with this difficult issue is to make birth control and sex education widely and freely available in Alaska and to reject SJR 13.

Thank you for making this email part of your public record.

Diana Conway

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**From:** Linda File [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Testimony - Senate Joint Resolution 13

To Alaska's Legislators and the Committee considering SJR 13;

Thank you for taking my testimony.

SJR 13 is a threat to our state's constitution and Alaska's people by ideologues who intend to use it to get to the issue of abortion. They have not been successful in other ways. This is an attempt to change a document that should not be changed for political theater. Yet, this is not surprising in this age of demagoguery. It is surprising that it would be entertained by reasoned Alaskan lawmakers who should be well aware of the uniqueness of and importance of the timeless "right to privacy" clause in our model constitution.

The intent of this resolution and constitutional amendment is to place women's and girl's (again, ONLY women's and girl's) health and right to private and personal decisions in the hands of the ever-changing political winds. There will be no such restriction on any personal medical rights for men as a result of this amendment, though they are the impregnators, without exception. Menstruating girls, beginning with minor children, who in Alaska are often subject to sexual abuse at alarming rates, and pre-menopausal women all ages are the intended demographic for this constitutional amendment. Their sexual reproduction is the intended focus of this amendment. Ponder that for a moment.

In light of the alarming rates of sexual assault (mostly of children and women), rape, incest, foster parent sexual abuse, priest and religious or school figure sexual abuse, all well-documented in our State, the proposition that we place all girls and women under a greater burden is, simply, irresponsible and cruel. In fact, we are not dealing with our issues of sexual abuse in Alaska. We are not succeeding in reigning in the perpetrators of sexual crimes in this great State. We are not investigating rapes adequately. We have no idea what to do about the alarming rates of incest. Every pregnancy this bill attempts to control is a result of the actions of a man, whether appropriately consensual or egregiously criminal. Women and girls bear the consequences, yet this bill would remove the protection of privacy for the very personal decision they make (at any age) whether to carry a pregnancy, however conceived, to term.

I urge you to heavily consider the impact of this ill-conceived resolution. I urge you to gather the tools of medical science, the principles of self-determination, reasoned public policy and even common sense and preserve for all Alaskans the right to privacy our Constitution protects.

SJR 13 belongs in the same dust bin where all bad ideas should meet their end.

Alaska Resident and voter since 1973;

Linda File  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
[REDACTED]

~~The~~ the State of Alaska spends a large portion of money to safeguard the lives and well being of the citizens of this State. There are special efforts now protecting the lives and well being of all women in this State. This should include the education of life styles and habits that are practiced by rational people. However, the most helpless of our potential citizens, our unborn children, are at the mercy of indoctrinated mothers who have been taught that the child developing in their wombs are disposable at their choice. The State of Alaska should not in any way promote the killing of the unborn. The State of Alaska should certainly not pay for this horrible practice of murdering children after there is a heart beat in the fetus. There are other choices, adoption is the best and is humane.

George E. Pine  
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**From:** Jordan Nigro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2020 9:58 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Tom Begich; Senate Health and Social Services  
**Cc:** Sen. Jesse Kiehl  
**Subject:** Testimony Against SJR 13

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Members of Senate Health and Social Service Committee,

I am writing to express my absolute and unwavering opposition to SJR 13.

Amending the Alaska Constitution so that women in this state no longer have a constitutional right to safe and legal abortion, is counter to our state's long held belief in the right to privacy for our citizens.

Should Alaska ban abortion rights, the result will not be that women will no longer have abortions. The result will be that women will risk their lives having unsafe and illegal abortions as they did in the days before Roe. Women will die.

If you truly cared about reducing abortions, you would be pouring funds into preventing unwanted pregnancies. As a state we need increased access to free contraception, we need more funds supporting sex education in the schools, and we need prevention programs funded to help children of all genders grow up with the skills they need to take care of themselves and feel good about who they are. These are the things that reduce abortions. Making it illegal only makes it unsafe and shows that you think women are less than.

I am deeply disturbed that this bill is even being considered. I ask you not to pass this bill out of committee and start thinking more holistically about this issue.

Please include my comments as part of the official record of testimony.

Thank you,

Jorden Nigro

[REDACTED]  
Juneau

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*Speak your truth. Even if your voice shakes.*



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**From:** Therese Syren [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2020 5:23 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Tom Begich; Watchman  
**Subject:** SJR 13, Urgent

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**Categories:** In 2D

Dear Senators,

Please do all you can to support SJR 13 as a bi-partisan effort on the part of all Alaskans. The Amendment would not outlaw abortion but merely states the TRUTH that the privacy clause of the AK Constitution has nothing to do with abortion. This is clear not only from the fact that abortion is not mentioned or in any way implied in the clause, but also from the fact that abortion had already been legalized in 1970 in Alaska, before our State Constitution was ratified.

Furthermore, SJR13 merely sets in motion an opportunity for the people to vote on the Amendment. In so doing, SJR13 would be a first step to restore VOICE to Alaskans who have been unjustly silenced on the subject of abortion by the AK judiciary for the past 40+ years. Even parental notification - much less permission - of surgical abortion has been overruled on the false premise that the AK Constitution, which does not even mention abortion, somehow enshrines an absolute and unlimited right to state-funded abortion throughout all nine months in the womb without any restrictions whatsoever. This is plainly absurd and wrong; contrary to the rights of Alaskans as citizens of a constitutional Republic. Therefore I am hopeful that even legislators who support abortion will agree that TRUTH and VOICE of the voters are fundamental goods which must be upheld as the foundation of the legislative process in Alaska.

Sincerely,  
Therese J. Syren, [REDACTED], Anchorage 99507  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Judy Neary [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2020 8:31 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** SJR 13

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**Categories:** In 2D

Dear Senator Wilson,

I am a pro-choice individual and ask that you vote to not move SJR 13 from committee. We can NOT have Roe vs Wade overturned.

I support women's reproductive rights with increased access to contraceptives; and support both men and women with more support for public health facilities/professionals; sex education in schools and increased opportunities for planning when to become a parent.

Please do not let SJR 13 move from committee.

Sincerely,

Judy O. Neary  
[REDACTED]  
Juneau, AK 99801

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**From:** jaclyn martin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2020 1:06 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SRJ-13

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello

My name is Jackie and I am writing on behalf of SRJ-13. I am a born & raised Alaska woman. Currently, I am a 29-year-old college student. I will be graduating this Spring from the Associate of Arts program and I am currently working on getting my B.A. in Psychology. In my free time I like to volunteer and I hope to go on to use my degree to help in the mental health department for Alaskans.

However, life has not always been so kind to me. Growing up I was faced with much adversity. I faced neglect during my childhood, as I was raised by part-time parents who suffered from addiction, I learned how to ride my bike in front of the homeless shelter that we lived at and wasn't always able to make it to school. The only thing that was stable in my life was my desire to never end up like my parents.

A few years ago I was heading down the same path as my parents. I was homeless, addicted to drugs and was in an abusive relationship. I had been under the impression that I was not able to get pregnant, but this was not the case. I went to a clinic and they told me that I was four months pregnant. I asked the nurse if there was anyway that this baby could be born healthy, and she advised me that the first few months were when babies were most susceptible to Teratogens and that most likely there had been damage. For me, this was utterly heartbreaking and devastating; I could not stop crying. I thought that in addiction I was the only person I was hurting, but I was wrong. I never, ever meant to put a child through this.

When I told her everything about the life I was living, she gave me the option to abort the pregnancy. I asked her if there is anything else I could do could I get off of drugs right now and change it? She advised me that quitting cold turkey would also be harmful.

I needed time to think about what I was going to do. I told my parents I was pregnant and asked if I could stay with them, but they advised me to stay at a woman's shelter. When I told the man I was in a relationship with about my pregnancy, he told me, "Keep it and we can sell it". I had no support, no money, and no place safe to go.

After much grief and through many tears; I knew there was no way I could raise a child when I couldn't even take care of myself. Making the choice to have an abortion was the TOUGHEST decision I have ever made. I still am grieving even years later, even after therapy, it still hurts.

However, after going through that I was able to turn my life around. I've been clean and sober for almost 3 years, I am active in the community helping other addicts, I have my own place and I am back in college. Later down the road, I will be ready to have children and support them and a healthy and safe environment.

I'm not saying I am for abortion and I am not saying that I am against it. I was raised Catholic and I have experienced having to make the choice to have an abortion.

I think what's important is that women do have a choice. I'm afraid of how people would vote on SRJ-13 if they haven't experienced needing to make that choice.

I cannot imagine what would've happened if I didn't have that choice to make. That's why I oppose SRJ-13. It is important that we have the choice. Is there a law that forces someone to not have children? There isn't. So there should not be one to force you to carry a child to term. Progress is defined as: "Forward to a destination". Progress does not go backwards. That is what SRJ-13 would do for the progress Alaska Legislature has made.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Jackie M.

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**From:** diane ruess [REDACTED]n>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2020 12:04 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR13

I am 66 years old and a 31 year resident of Fairbanks. Please vote against this bill that eliminates necessary access to safe and legal abortions in the state of Alaska.

Decisions on women's health care need to remain one between a woman and her doctor.

The elimination of access to women's reproductive health care will endanger the life and health of Alaskan women.

Please vote against this bill.

Diane Ruess  
Fairbanks, Ak

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**From:** Charity Learn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2020 6:05 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR13

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Committee Members,

I am writing to say I support SJR13. The courts should not be allowed to force us into funding and allowing murder in Alaska. I maintain that every person, born or unborn, has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We answer to a Higher Power, not to government, and I hope Alaskans and the legislature will make the right choice. Thank you.

Charity Walker

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Katie Botz  
District Q  
Representing:Self  
SJR13

To Whom it May Concerns:

My name is Katie Botz and I am representing myself. Please forgive me for not coming in to testify. Due to work schedule and the dynamics of SJR13, I couldn't come in.

At the age of 7 days, I was placed up for adoption due to the matter that I was severely ill and my biological parents wanted me to live. I imagine in South Korea thirty plus years ago, things were much different than Alaska, but my biological parents thought it was best for me to live rather die at such young age. I came to Alaska at the age of six months, and have grown to love and appreciate Alaskan lifestyle. I wouldn't have had the chance to, if I was killed in Korea.

Every time that I hear the following: Alaska doesn't have a strong stance with Abortion, or Planned Parenthood, numbers of abortion, or just plain abortion, I literally want to cry. Then I constantly ask the same questions for the remainder of day: Why is adoption such a horrible thing? What has the adoptee done to society that killing an unborn baby has more value than adoption? I realized that I was sick and already born and abortion occurs in the woman's womb, if at what stage of a pregnancy mark the existence of life and isn't life precious to ALL people of ALL kinds and ALL generations?

We can sit and argue all day when life first exist because we have for decades. Everything, no matter what the scenario, has a beginning. If by chance, life does NOT start at conception, then what's the big deal about it in the medical field? Why do you hear in sex education courses mention how a baby is grown at the moment of conception? Please explain that to me.

As an adoptee, I have had many people who have tried but not succeeded to have children of their own what's it like to be adopted. What's it like to be raised by a family that isn't by blood? Can you tell anything different with being adopted versus your older brothers who is biological to parents? Can you seriously call the parents who adopted you as mother and father, and siblings as your own? My response is always that I have 2 families. The family who gave birth to me by blood, and the family who raised me. Let's face it: There are couples in Alaska who want to adopt, but there is a problem with contempt: more desire to adopt than it is to have available for adoption.

So. I ask you as Legislators, as lawmakers, why are we even debating whether or not Abortion should be illegal?

The whole "Pro Choice" and "Pro Life" seriously gets under my skin like no other. Why? The woman made her choice when she went to bed with the man. Now, the argument of if she gets pregnant is a valid argument, but there is such thing as adoption!!

I respectfully ask not to allow Abortion to be legal in Alaska and also request that it is placed in the Constitution. It would be nice to know that the state honors adoptions more than abortions. Thank you. Katie Botz

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**From:** Joan Franz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 29, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Senato.David.Wilson@akleg.gov; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof  
**Cc:** Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** Opposition to SJR 13

Dear Representatives and Senators,

I strongly oppose SJR 13.

Our state of Alaska has a long and wonderful history of strong and independent women and men and respect for their privacy. I am asking you to support a woman's right to control her body and reproductive rights. Please do not move SJR 13 out of committee and take away the rights of a woman to control her own body and make medical decisions with her doctor. Resolution SJR 13 does not respect women nor support the beliefs of the majority of Alaskans who are pro-choice. Privacy rights are fundamental to our Alaska Constitution and need to be protected, not attacked.

I am asking you to create and support bills that fully fund access to birth control for men and women across the state in both urban and rural settings. Support sex education for young people to understand their bodies and how to properly use birth control. Support education regarding the effects of alcohol, heroin, methamphetamines, marijuana, tobacco and other drugs that damage a developing fetus. As a member of the Fairbanks FAS diagnostic team, I see the devastating effects that these drugs have on children and parents. We must develop more preventive strategies for this significant statewide problem.

Please do not let SJR 13 move out of committee. This resolution removes the right of privacy for all Alaskan women that was guaranteed in the Alaska Constitution.

Thank you.

Joan Franz  
[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

I am sending this testimony and plan to try to testify again this Friday, March 6.

I came to the LIO in Fairbanks prior to the time that testimony would be accepted on February 26. In addition to starting discussion of this resolution, thirty minutes late, Senator Shelly Hughes discussed her bill. Following her discussion, she took a call from both a Louisiana representative and a doctor who had no time limits on their lecturing, during the time designated for all Alaska residents to testify. As a result, very few of the AK citizens who care about this resolution were able to testify. You then promptly stopped at 3:00 to move on, denying the many citizens an opportunity to express their thoughts. Now I understand that you will be accepting testimony this Friday, March 6 at 1:30. I will again take time from my work schedule to testify and I hope that you will please be respectful of all Alaskans and listen to all who have again come or called to express their thoughts and concerns to you. Altering our Alaska Constitution is a serious matter and I am asking you to listen to the concerns of all Alaskans



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**From:** MA Nickles [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 29, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR 13 testimony

Dear Senators

The Alaska Constitution has a long history of protecting our right to privacy and should continue to protect our right to obtain medical treatment without government interference.

SJR 13 is an extreme bill that will put the people of Alaska's health and lives in jeopardy. Forcing someone to carry a pregnancy can have devastating and lasting consequences on them and their family. When people are able to get abortion care, compared to those who are denied, they are more likely to have positive life plans and to achieve them.

Most Alaskans support access to a safe and legal abortion. I have lived here for 62 years and I depend on our state constitution to protect my right to privacy. I oppose any amendment that might be introduced to deny me that right.

I also believe that all residents of Alaska should not be denied their right to privacy. This includes their right to keep private whatever might be discussed and decided between themselves and their doctors.

Legislators should be focused on improving health outcomes for everyone in our state, not blocking access to any type of care that improves their health.

Nearly 8 in 10 Americans do not want to see Roe v. Wade overturned and I'm one of them. I urge you to oppose SJR 13.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ann Nickles  
[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

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**From:** summer j andersen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2020 10:01 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Cc:** LIO Fairbanks  
**Subject:** Reject SB 13

To Whom it May Concern,

Neither a collection of cells, an embryo nor a fetus has the right to life in the United States, women do.

The Alaska State Constitution does not need an amendment that limits women's right to privacy.

The Alaska State Constitution does not need an amendment that limits women's access to healthcare.

In the state with the highest rate of sexual abuse in the nation, limiting privacy and access to comprehensive healthcare is unconscionable.

The proponents of this legislation are clear in their intent- this amendment is meant to lay the groundwork to undermine the right to reproductive freedom for women and girls in the US.

They have presented the senate committee with bad faith arguments, listing the gory details of a procedure that makes up 1% of actual abortions in the US, and only performed in interest of protecting women's lives. The proponents of this legislation are from out of state, and have asked the senate to consider what so called blue, red and grey states have done- Alaska is different and should take no notice. The proponents of this legislation have brought a doctor to the senate committee who traffics in political terms, not medical ones. The proponents of this legislation traffic in wishful thinking, not in the reality that women and girls live daily.

I have had an abortion in Alaska. I am also raising my young son here, and eagerly awaiting the arrival of another. There is little to no chance that in a world where my privacy isn't protected, that my decision to have an abortion will not be used against me in any number of situations.

The right of women to make their own decisions about their health and their families is unequivocal. Alaska does not need to re-litigate this issue. We have pressing issues in front of us, and can no longer cater to forced birth extremists who think that the potential for a live birth is more important than the lives of actual women and children. Reject this amendment and get on with the pressing issues facing our state.

Thank you for your time,

Summer Andersen

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2020 9:24 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services; Sen. Jesse Kiehl  
**Subject:** SJR 13 weigh in AGAINST

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I am opposed to SJR 13 Constitutional Amendment to regulate abortion. Abortion needs to be safe and accessible. Your body, your doctor, your choice. Politics has no place in this extremely personal matter.

Thank you for your time.

Debera Cokeley  
[REDACTED]  
Juneau, AK 99801

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**From:** Judy Andree <jagster42@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2020 2:18 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Tom Begich  
**Subject:** Letter of Opposition to SJR 13



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALASKA**  
**P.O. BOX 101345, Anchorage, AK 99510-1345**

**March 1, 2020**

Dear Members of the Health & Social Services Committee:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes "that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices." As a result, the League opposes SJR 13. The League views pregnancy as a health-related matter for a pregnant woman, her partner, and her medical provider to assess. There are many variables to be considered in whether or not to end a pregnancy, and medical professionals, rather than elected officials, are best situated to provide the best care and advice in all situations involving pregnancy.

Rest assured that a legislative measure outlawing abortion will not result in the end of abortions; such measures did not stop them before *Roe vs. Wade* and will not stop them should *Roe vs. Wade* be overturned. But such measures will end safe abortions, leaving only the wealthy able to afford the cost of a safe abortion.

Those who truly wish to reduce the number of abortions can do so by advocating for public policy that has shown good results in achieving this goal. For example, Heather Boonstra, Vice President for Public Policy with the Guttmacher Institute, states, "We know contraception has been the main driver in the steep decline in the U. S. pregnancy rate among 15-19-year-olds, which is why it's so important to give students easy access to the information and services they need." Information can be obtained via fact-based, age-appropriate reproductive health classes taught by trained professionals. In conjunction with education, all sexually active people should have access to affordable birth control, regardless of their age. In addition to being affordable, birth control should be accessible. By attacking organizations that have as their goal a reduction in unintended pregnancies, we help create the very circumstances that we rail against with laws such as SJR 13.

Other areas of public policy are also at play in this issue. What is the availability of affordable childcare for parents? What is the availability of low-income housing across the state? What is the likelihood of a family being able to live on the current state minimum wage? What happens when the SNAP program is cut for low-income families? These are issues that elected officials can affect that provide positive, life-affirming support for families and children.

The League of Women Voters of Alaska urges you to oppose this bill, a bill that would amend the Alaska Constitution in ways that would limit women's healthcare and weaken women's right to privacy. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judy Andree, President  
League of Women Voters of Alaska

Submitted by  
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**From:** Jan De Land [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2020 11:13 AM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** Please pass SJR-13

Dear Senator Wilson,

I support SJR-13.

The right to privacy was not intended to include the right to abortion when our state constitution was ratified in 1956 and took effect in 1959.

Science has advanced to make observations unseen in previous generations and there is much data and many testimonies of post abortive women which not available in 1970 when abortion became legal in Alaska, in 1973 when it became legal nationwide, nor in 1979 when Alaskan judges decided it belonged in our constitution.

I have been denied my rights. Rather than rule on issues according to the law, judicial activism has resulted in making my efforts null and void when I gather signatures for petitions, when I advocate for legislators to pass bills, when I campaign for a pro-life candidate, when I vote, and other efforts to acknowledge the human rights of pre-born babies.

Please vote to move SJR-13 from committee and vote for its final passage.

Jan DeLand, Anchorage, Alaska

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2020 12:13 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Opposed SJR 13

Please continue to uphold the right for every women to have CHOICE. No one is pro-abortion, however, there are circumstances in which a woman must have the choice to safely make the very difficult decision to terminate her pregnancy. No one has the right to force a woman to carry an unwanted or dangerous pregnancy to term. I would like to see these "pro-life" advocates focus their efforts and resources more toward caring for those children who are already born. It's very hypocritical to be proposing that they are "protecting human life" through bills such as SJR 13, while at the same time supporting further cuts to programs that provide adequate housing, food, education and medical care to ALL children. Bills limiting a woman's right to choice, such as SJR13, are not only wrong, but are also dangerous.

Registered voter: Kristy Kissinger-Totten, [REDACTED], Juneau, AK 99801

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Joyanne Bloom [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2020 8:28 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** No on SJR13

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

It's really good news that there are less and less abortions because of advanced birth control and education. Hopefully, one day, 0% of women will need to use the last resort - abortion. But we're not there yet. Those who are not ready for a baby and were not prepared with birth control should not go ahead with an unwanted pregnancy. We need responsible moms who plan for and want their babies. Please leave our constitution as is.

Respectfully,  
Joyanne Bloom

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Joyanne Bloom  
[REDACTED]  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Joyanne Bloom  
[REDACTED]  
Juneau, Alaska 99801



**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** nelonbarbara <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2020 9:10 AM  
**To:** Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** I support SJR 13

I am an Alaskan voting constituent and I am in support of SJR 13.

Sent from my iPhone

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Amy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SRJ- 13 abortion ban bill

Hello:

Please accept this as my written testimony against SRJ-23- Abortion Ban Bill.

Abortion must remain legal and safe in Alaska.

First, we need to provide this for the safety and health of the woman. Unfortunately, many people who are against the women's right to choose are also against services that could help families support babies with affordable child care, health care and nutrition.

Women know when they can not care for a new baby and should not be made to carry a fetus to term.

Inaccessible abortion services encourage women to find unsafe ways ( herbs, unlicensed medical practitioners, unsafe environments) to terminate pregnancies.

While we need to stop this bill, we also need to fund proactive legislation for education of our youth about safe sex practices, how to prevent unwanted pregnancies and free contraceptives for people of all ages.

Thank you for reading my comments

Please do the right thing and throw out this bill that will hurt so many Alaskan women and their families.

Sincerely,  
Amy Kesten  
Retired Special Education Teacher  
Juneau, AK

Sent from my iPhone

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** H. Brandon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2020 9:54 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Fwd: oppose SJR 13

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

I ask that the Senate Health and Social Services Committee oppose SJR 13. Do not change the Constitution and take away my Constitutional rights. Abortion is legal in the United States including Alaska, and women have a Constitutional right to access a legal medical procedure. The state legislature cannot and must not change that.

I have two children. I decided when I conceived my children so that I would be best able to care for them financially and emotionally. This is the path we all want for all mothers. All women should be able to chose when and if they want to become mothers, and that decision is not for government (you) to make. That decision is not for this Committee.

I ask that you continue to protect my rights as an individual female in the state of Alaska, and do not obstruct access to essential reproductive health care choices. Do not amend the State Constitution.

Sincerely,  
Heather Brandon  
Juneau, AK

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** Heidi Olson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2020 1:46 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Please vote against SJR 13

Dear members of the Health and Social Services Committee. Thank you for sitting on a very important committee and thank you for taking public testimony in person and by email.

Please don't support SJR 13 - Abortion ban bill. This constitutional amendment has no place in our governing document that relates to women's health in this state. One's health should always be at the say of the individual.

If all humans are created equal, then why does government need to make this a constitutional amendment. Equal means a human should be allowed to make their own choices and limiting a women's right to make a choice isn't equal.

Abortion in cases of rape or incest. We already know that cases of rape and incest are under reported, especially in Alaska where domestic violence and sexual assault numbers lead the country. Requiring a women who has been assaulted to prove that they fit into this victimized category of pregnancy, is demoralizing and could potentially further harm a women's physical and mental state.

I have a friend who late in her pregnancy found out her fetus would never live once born. She had a choice of ending the pregnancy or not. She chose not to end it and birthed her child who within a few hours died.

Luckily her health wasn't in jeopardy and if it had been, she and her partner would have had the opportunity to decide upon a late term abortion in order to save her own life. With that choice I would still have my friend. Without that choice, she'd be dead. All because someone else made that choice for her. A human, a wife, a daughter, a contributing member to society. That's murder in my opinion. Allowing for choice without being demoralized, bullied, on infringed upon by government. That should be the constitutional amendment.

Seems like the pro-life faction is investing time in attacking the wrong choice. Sending time and money providing and protecting women with the choice to have sexual relations or not, is the cause of pregnancy after all.

Please don't support SJR 13 - Abortion ban bill

Heidi Olson  
[REDACTED]

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Terry Kennedy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2020 1:05 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Vote NO on SRJ-13

Please vote NO on SRJ-13.

Thank you,

Terry Kennedy

[REDACTED]  
Tenakee Springs, Alaska 99841  
[REDACTED]

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** Richard Carr <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** SJR13 13

Hello David. Just a quick note to thank you for your service down there in Juneau and to encourage you to vote in favor of SJR13. Please do so in order to prevent activists judges from thwarting the will of the people. I am strongly pro-life and hope you are too. Lets protect and give voice to the unborn humans who have no voice but ours.

Thank you again David. Hope to see you some time soon.

Sincerely, Richard Carr-Wasilla, AK

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**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** laura lucas [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR 13 abortion ban

Senate Health and Social Services Committee I am writing in opposition to SJR13 that would amend the constitution so as to take away women's right to have an abortion.

Our constitution very wisely protects a citizen's privacy rights. What could be a better example of a right to privacy than one regarding what takes place within one's own body? We need to respect the deeply held personal values that guide a women's decision regarding this choice—not make laws that dictate them.

May I respectfully suggest that instead our government support public health and education programs that encourage prudent family planning.

Sincerely,

Laura Lucas

[REDACTED]  
Juneau, AK 99801

I would write ABOUT the bible.  
I would protect the baby to live.  
Because it has nothing to stake up to it  
~~self~~. self.

Logan Greene



Testimony by Alan Backford, Dillingham, AK  
My wife Brenda said I can speak 2-26-20  
for her too. She is here.

Senators and legislators: Thank you for your service.  
Thank you for introducing this resolution  
I support S J Resolution No. 13.

We need to make decisions based on Truth.  
Truth is found in the Holy Bible.  
There are serious consequences for making  
bad decisions. Please read Genesis 9:5-6.  
Forgiveness is always available. I am not  
trying to force my opinions on anyone.  
I am just speaking the truth.

We need to respect life. I believe the  
shootings and violence we see is a  
result of not respecting life.

Please make decisions based <sup>on</sup> Truth.

Thank you very much.

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Cat Coward [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** March 6, 2020 public testimony in opposition of SJR13

Dear Senators Wilson, Von Imhof, Giessel, Begich and Shower,

I am currently out of state and will be unable to either attend or call in to the public testimony meeting on Friday, March 6th. Please include this email in the public testimony record associated with the March 6th hearing on SJR 13, the intention to remove from the Alaska state constitution the right to abortion.

Abortion can be a very complicated, confusing, and painful decision for a woman. This decision often includes her husband, family, and doctor. Those who outrightly oppose abortion often believe that the women who obtain them do so with little or no thought to the consequences. This is categorically untrue. Women (and often their families and physicians) make the decision to obtain an abortion very carefully, weighing multiple perspectives and outcomes. Nobody, including pro-choice activists, likes the idea of abortion, and to assume that they are happening across the state in a "willy nilly" thoughtless manner is extremely misguided. Often women obtain abortions because they feel they are left with no other choice.

If you criminalize abortion, it will be driven underground, as it was before Roe v Wade. You will, perhaps, feel satisfied to think that your tax dollars are not going towards a procedure that you find repugnant, but you will be opening a host of other problems such as back alley butchery and unwanted, uncared for children.

There are many ways to decrease the prevalence of abortion, the primary one is to help educate women how to not get pregnant in the first place. We all want to see the abortion rate decrease across the state. Instead of criminalizing it, let's provide easier access to birth control, and better and less expensive access to family planning and education. States that have increased birth control access (Colorado, for instance) have seen their abortion rates decrease significantly.

In short, regardless of how you feel personally about the abortion procedure, it is a confidential, personal, and private medical decision between a woman and her doctor. It has no place in government, and to allow government into the private business of its citizens, when other and more effective options are available, is inappropriate.

Please oppose SJR13.

Thank you,  
Catherine Coward  
[REDACTED]  
99507

**Lisa Hart**

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**From:** Sen. Mike Shower  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** Sen. Shelley Hughes  
**Subject:** FW: SJR13

Requested to be included in the public record packet.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Richard Carr <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 2:16 PM  
**To:** Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: SJR13

Thank you Mike and if you can include this email in the public response on Wednesday?

Thanks!!

On 3/3/2020 1:48 PM, Sen. Mike Shower wrote:

> Richard,  
> I am and I will.  
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> Thanks,  
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> Mike

> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Richard Carr <[REDACTED]>  
> **Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 1:30 PM  
> **To:** Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>  
> **Subject:** SJR13

> Hello Mike. Just a quick note to thank you for your service down there in Juneau and to encourage you to vote in favor of SJR13. Please do so in order to prevent activists judges from thwarting the will of the people. I am strongly pro-life and hope you are too. Lets protect and give voice to the unborn humans who have no voice but ours.

> Thank you again Mike. Hope to see you some time soon.

> Sincerely, Richard Carr-Wasilla, AK

> [REDACTED]

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Mar 3, 2020

To: Sen. Shelly Hughes  
From: Patrick T. Sinnott

Subject: S.J. R 13

This is to inform that the 14th Amendment Right to Privacy Clause WAS NEVER properly applied as of U.S. 410 sup. What was done was exercising such as in Griswold vs. Conn. The interest of the State was violated in U.S. 410 sup hence no Right to privacy. You may contact as below noted.

Love + Peace,

Patrick T. Sinnott

[REDACTED]  
Ketch AK. 9401

Tel.# [REDACTED]

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** B. A. Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 8:17 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR13

Please support SJR13 and move it on to the next committee!!!

B. A. Johnson  
Anchorage

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** Annette Blair [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 1:26 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR13

I urge you to support SJR13 and move it on to the next committee. There is nothing more precious than life and ALL deserve a chance. Please give them that chance.

Thank you – Annette Blair

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Wiley Brooks <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** PLEASE

Make it possible for all Alaskan healthy preborn infants to provide joy to deserving, loving parents

Wiley Brooks  
Anchorage

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** Kris Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR13

PLEASE support this legislation. It is not a constitutional right to get an abortion, aka taking a life.

Sincerely  
Kris Harris



## Jody Simpson

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**From:** Roberta Zipay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR13

Dear Committee Members,

Please consider the fact that our State Constitution does not allow for abortion on demand and it certainly contains no "right" to abortion. Any rulings by the Alaska Supreme Court that have stated or implied otherwise are erroneous. Alaskans have had enough of their abuse of power. In essence, the Alaska Supreme Court has stripped you, our elected officials and the governing body of our State, of power and instead have usurped that "law-making" privilege. We ask you to do the right thing. Pass SJR13 allowing you, our elected officials the means to protect our Constitution from ambiguous interpretation regarding abortion in the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,  
Roberta Zipay  
Anchorage

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Edna Resari [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 5:13 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR13

Chad and I are urging you to support SJR13 and move it on to the next committee!!

Thank you, Edna Resari

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** Kathryn Miller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 8:02 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

I am writing to express my opposition to the Senate Joint Resolution Number 13 introduced by Senator Hughes. It is of paramount importance that abortion be legal, safe, and accessible to all Alaskans. Women are not simply a container for a fetus; we are humans. We deserve the inalienable right to choose what is best for ourselves, including the termination of our pregnancies.

Last Wednesday, the Department of Public Health released its compilation of reported felony sexual offense numbers from 2018. For victims under the age of 11, 98% of suspects were known or related to the victim. What does this say about the way we protect children in this state? Let's start with protecting those who have already been born; from the horrors of sexual predation, homelessness, malnourishment, domestic abuse, fetal alcohol syndrome, and the myriad of social ills inflicted upon children born to Alaskans financially and emotionally unprepared for parenthood. Let's start with comprehensive sexual education, free birth control, and making higher education more attainable for more Alaskans. Once we have a safety net in place, we can talk about encouraging (never requiring!) Alaskan women to carry their unplanned pregnancies to term.

In addition to the myriad of obvious human rights and quality of life related reasons women (and men) should always have safe, legal, convenient, and affordable (if not free) access to contraceptives and abortion, we have almost eight billion people on this planet, which we are quickly making uninhabitable. We all know our population growth is completely unsustainable and the most effective way to reduce our carbon footprint is to not reproduce. This is a difficult fact to accept, given our societal norms and biological urges. But it's a fact nonetheless. Therefore, our first step toward addressing this inconvenient truth needs to be embracing the termination of unwanted pregnancies.

Respectfully,  
Kathryn Miller

[REDACTED]  
Juneau, AK  
99802

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** ELLEN JOHNSON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 8:05 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Support SJR13

To whom it may concern,

If you have received this email then you are alive and able to represent for those who can't. Without the right to life, there is nothing else to represent. Prayerfully consider your moral responsibility because a Higher Tribunal judges your actions than any mass of constituents ever can or will. One act of unpopular and bold heroism that is backed by a moral compass is more meaningful than a career full of pacifism. People will forget Hilary but people will not forget Rosa Parks, Abraham Lincoln and MLK so chose who you will be and stand up. The six million plus dead babies pale the holocaust. The holocaust was mass murder due to the horribly misguided perception of racial inferiority and the abortion genocide is due to inconvenience and/or lack of self control. Which is more egregious? You decide.

In addition, I would be happy to see my tax dollars support every resource possible to care for victims of rape and incest so they can safely navigate their pregnancies, their legal fees for prosecution as indicated, their mental health followup, and their adoption placements if needed or desired.

Thank you  
Ellen Lechtenberger, mother, nurse, wife, and voter

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** Joan Morgan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 8:11 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Support SJR 13

I want to encourage Alaska legislators to support SJR 13. I support this pro-life amendment to the Alaska Constitution to make clear that the Constitution does not and never has made any right to abortion. Abortion was illegal at the time the Constitution was written and approved. I do not want my state dollars going to fund or support abortions because of someone (Alaska Supreme Court) putting words into the State Constitution that was not there when written and have not been added through legislation.

Joan Morgan  
Anchorage, Alaska resident

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Harold and Judy Bingaman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** SJR13

PLEASE SUPPORT SJR13. PLEASE SAVE OUR BABIES. THESE ARE LIVE HUMAN BEING MURDERED. LET US PROTECT THEM. I DO NOT WANT TO PAY FOR SOMEONE TO COMMIT MURDER.

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Katie Kowalchuk [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 05, 2020 7:45 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Say NO to SJR13 Abortion Ban Bill

Abortion is a complicated issue and is often sought out for complicated reasons. It is a woman's right to make informed decisions about her body and her life. It is NOT appropriate for government to interfere with this process.

Banning abortion would set us back in time and create dangerous situations for woman who cannot, for whatever reason, care for an infant or have a child.

I am a licensed professional counselor and have studied developmental trauma extensively. I know that forcing women to have children they do not want or don't feel prepared to raise only perpetuates trauma in our culture and does not work to support a healthy population.

I am against Senator Hughes' SJR 13 proposal to Amend the Alaska Constitution to state that there is no constitutional right to abortion. Please hear me and support me.

Sincerely,

Katie Kowalchuk  
[REDACTED]

Juneau AK, 99801

This is a second opportunity, this Friday, March 6, 1:30pm to testify against SJR 13 - Abortion Ban Bill- A Facebook event link and details are below. If able, please help spread the word with your networks. And even if you have already written to the committee, if you have time to spare - please show up next Friday to demonstrate how unpopular this bill is!

[Facebook event](#) details:

Join us AGAIN to testify in the Senate Health and Social Services Committee against SJR 13. Senator Hughes' SJR 13 would amend the Alaska Constitution to state that there is no constitutional right to an abortion.

Over 100 folks signed up to testify across the state on Wednesday, and only four against the bill were allowed to speak. Let's again show this committee how unpopular SJR 13 really is!

Can't make it to the capitol? Here's how to testify remotely:  
In-person: Visit your Legislative Information Office!

If unable to make it in person to an LIO:  
Dial in from Anchorage: 907-563-9085.  
Dial in from Juneau: 907-586-9085.  
Dial in from anywhere else: 1-844-586-9085

Email written comments to [hss@akleg.gov](mailto:hss@akleg.gov)



## Jody Simpson

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**From:** Archbishop David Sterry Mahaffey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 05, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Support SJR13

I am writing to you today to let you know I support the SJR13 Bill to protect life. I pray you will all make the right decision where this Bill is concerned.

Your servant of Servants,

+ David, Archbishop of Sitka and Alaska

[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99504

## Jody Simpson

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**From:** Sarah Tyndall <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Please support SJR13

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello,

I would like to encourage you to support SJR13. Human life is equally valuable in every stage of development - a person's a person no matter how small!

Thank you,

Sarah Hoover

**Jody Simpson**

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**From:** Anne & Bill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 05, 2020 9:16 AM  
**To:** Senate Health and Social Services  
**Subject:** Proposed Abortion Legislation

Good Morning,

I encourage you to oppose current legislation that would limit a woman's right to choice about her own health, her own life, her own body. In Alaska we have a huge problem with violence against women and children. Control, coercion and violence leave women and girls vulnerable to pregnancies they do not want and cannot sustain in a healthy context. Poverty, addiction, mental illness also are major factors in how an unwanted pregnancy impacts a woman. Rather than deny choice, please instead work to make contraception more widely available and affordable in all of Alaska, work to increase addiction and mental health treatment options, and train and hire more law enforcement officers to step the epidemic of domestic violence.

Thank you for your efforts.  
Anne Doerpinghaus, RN  
Forensic Nurse, Fairbanks  
[REDACTED]