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**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Adam Wool; Representative.Delana.Johnson@akleg.gov; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Sara Rasmussen  
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Thank you for your consideration of support of this important legislation.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Rebecca McCloud <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** Rep. Kelly Merrick  
**Subject:** HB 60

Dear Representative Merrick,

I am writing to ask that you vote against House Bill 60 - Public Schools Mental Health Education.

What is wrong with this bill is that behavior is not a disease, the problems people face are not solved by taking mind altering drugs, and no objective medical test exists to show anything is wrong with the brains of our youth that psychiatry proclaims as mental ill needing psychiatric drugs.

Psychiatric drugs have been shown to cause dangerous homicidal and suicidal side effects instead of curing or solving the problem. Nearly all of the mass shooters of modern times have been on these drugs and became violent.

The mental health training students receive should include information from parents, Business and Spiritual leaders/advisors, complementary or alternative healthcare providers and the database of what is known about medical causes of symptoms that mimic psychiatric disorders but are actually treatable and geared toward non-coercive and non-drug solutions.

Thank you for considering this perspective and my request.

Sincerely

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Alaskan constituent

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