

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** HB17  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:47:59 AM

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I am in support of HB17.

Patricia Olsen  
Anchorage

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** FW: HB 17  
**Date:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:49:38 AM

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**From:** Cheryl & Mark Lovegreen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:43 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 17

I support HB 17 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexuality, gender identity, and gender expression in Alaska in the areas of employment, housing, banking, and public accommodations. All Alaskans deserve civil rights.

Cheryl Lovegreen  
Anchorage

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** FW: In Support of HB 17  
**Date:** Friday, February 18, 2022 1:44:20 PM

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**From:** Krysta Daniel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 1:39 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Brenae Baker [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** In Support of HB 17

Hello Representative Andy Josephson,

I am an Anchorage resident, **writing to say thank you for sponsoring HB 17, I am in FULL SUPPORT.**

I don't believe it is within true American values to 'legally discriminate' against anyone, having HB 17 in the books to *officially* make that is well overdue.

Alaskans believe in privacy and individualism. Our laws need to reflect that. No one should be afraid they'll be fired, unable to get housing, or unable to get financing just because of who they love. One because that's just the morally right thing, and two because it's completely irrelevant.

**Thank you again for sponsoring this bill, I support HB17!**

Be well,  
Krysta Daniel  
Anchorage Resident

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** Pass HB17  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 1:03:06 PM

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My name is Shoshana Kun and I am in house district 1 ....and I am urging you to pass hb 17 for equal rights.

Thank you for your time.  
-shoshana Kun  
City of Fairbanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** HB 17  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 7:48:01 PM

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Please support this bill and protect our LGBTQ friends, family and neighbors from discrimination. Thank you. Glenn Cravez, [REDACTED], Anchorage 99502.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** Please support House Bill 17  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 7:49:21 AM

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Dear Honored Representatives,

Please vote in support of House Bill 17. Our community should be inclusive and safe for all of its members. We cannot continue to allow our neighbors who love and identify differently than historic binary system to be second class citizens. Who someone loves and how their gender identity matches their physical body are not indications of merit or worth. People are people and should all be full parts of our Alaskan community.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca King  
Anchorage, Alaska

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** HB 17  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 8:41:01 AM

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Committee members:

I am writing to urge you to add the specific phrase, "sexual orientation, gender identity or expression," as proposed in HB 17, to Alaska's Equality Act. No Alaskan should ever be subject to different treatment in areas of housing, employment, wages, or other commonly life activities due to any factor of subjective judgment.

I worked for many years as a clinician for the Alaska VA Healthcare System, and it was my honor to work with a strong group of transgender veterans. They taught me about the daily challenges of earning a living, obtaining housing and even being treated as any other citizen in commercial establishments. These are people who served our country, who are part of the veteran community that we hold dear in our state. They, as well as other LGBTQ+ Alaskans, deserve what any other citizen is allowed, and to have that codified in statute.

Respectfully,  
Sue Ellen May  
Eagle River

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** House Bill 17  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:11:13 AM

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Dear Representatives:

I support passage of HB 17. This bill would codify needed protections against discrimination for more of our fellow Alaskans who have been targets of various degrees and types of discrimination in their workplaces, housing and other areas of society. There are pockets of protection in some areas of the state, but a state-wide Anti-discrimination law is needed so that all Alaskans will be protected.

I urge you to vote for this bill so that it can move out of committee and onward to full approval by the legislature.

Thank you for your support for equal treatment for all!  
Sheri Whitethorn, RN



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** House Bill 17  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:48:03 AM

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I'm writing in SUPPORT of HB17. It's time to join the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** In Support of House Bill 17  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 12:14:34 PM

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Dear Legislators,

Please vote in support of House Bill 17, which will finally allow many Alaskans to be treated with equality and respect. This bill adds LGBTQ+ people to the equality measures that should be enjoyed by all our state's citizens. If you want to have "liberty and justice for all" in our state, then vote ""YES" on House bill 17. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn J. Carpenter  
Anchorage, AK

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** Support House Bill 17  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 5:16:19 PM

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I am writing as a voting resident of Anchorage, in support of passing House Bill 17, a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. It is beyond time Alaska passes such a bill for the good of our community.

Respectfully,

Ann Mayo-Kiely

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99507

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Cc:** [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Sen. Robert Myers](#)  
**Subject:** HB 17 -- support and please pass out of committee  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 5:19:35 PM

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Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee (and cc to my own senator and rep):

As a lifelong, multi-generation Alaskan, wife, mother and active community member in Fairbanks, I urge you to approve House Bill 17, "an Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression." Please pass it out of the Judiciary Committee on Monday.

Alaska must live in the 21st Century when it comes to LGBTQ protections against discrimination, similar to what we've done with religion, race, color, etc. Alaska used to be ahead of the curve on these type of issues, but we've fallen far behind. This has a negative effect on our economy, as we need everybody to help move our great state forward into the future. We need to embrace and welcome all people and not relegate some as "lesser valued" simply because of who they are.

Alaskans have always judged each other based on what we can do and what we contribute to our communities, vs. who we are, what religion we practice, the color of our skin or who we happen to love or how we see ourselves. Did you get out fishing, hiking, fill your freezer with salmon this summer? Did you plant a garden or build a house? Do you have a job, friends and family? Did you run the Iditarod? Perform in your local orchestra or theatre? Help pick up trash on cleanup day? Volunteer at the food bank? These are the things that matter to most Alaskans, not whether someone identifies as this or that. Members of the LGBTQ community are our friends, neighbors, co-workers, parents, children, bosses and employees. They are awesome, contributing members of our great big Alaska community. They are valued, wanted and welcomed. Our state statutes must reflect our values, and sadly, they currently do not. HB 17 will change that.

Alaska is losing population due to a number of factors, but being stuck in the Dark Ages when it comes to LGBTQ people does not help. HB 17 in my view is a housekeeping measure. Pass it out of committee and move on to other pressing matters.

As state legislators, you must know that many of these folks voted for you. They're in your districts and all over our state, working and living good, productive lives. But they aren't treated equally under the law. This must change.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Ripley  
Fairbanks, AK  
Lifelong Alaskan, Voter in House District 4 and Senate District B

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** house bill 17  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 6:57:55 PM

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Succinctly, I am in favor of all of the gay alphabet being allowed to live in a home they can afford and hold a job they are qualified to fill. Though arguably you might exempt roommates and occupants of small enough condos from that. I believe Anchorage exempted buildings with up to four apartments where the owner lived in one of those four. The idea being that the owner lives there and maybe they can't coexist in close proximity to someone of a class/race/orientation they don't like. But please put me down as a random Alaskan voter in favor.

Respectfully  
Pam Siegfried  
Anchorage

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** HB17  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:54:51 PM

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Representatives,

I encourage you to support this bill.

Thank you,  
Jason Norris  
Anchorage, Alaska

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** Please support HB 17  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 11:06:42 PM

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To Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I urge you to support HB 17, which would formally protect LGBTQ people from discrimination. Alaska is a great state in which to live, but would be even better if we recognized that negative impacts of discrimination, including against LGBTQ people, should be explicitly prohibited. All Alaskans should be respected and valued.

Thank you for considering my input.

Jeff Walters  
Fairbanks

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#)  
**Subject:** Please pass HB 17  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:17:43 AM

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As a social worker, I see first hand how harmful discrimination is against any minority group. LGBTQ people need protection. Protecting people who may have different gender expressions, identities, or orientation than expected is the right thing to do. Let's help make Alaska a great place to live for all!

Thank you,

Joclyn Reilly, LCSW

[REDACTED], Anchorage, AK 99516



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** Support for House Bill 17  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:59:29 AM

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I support passing House Bill 17 anti-discrimination bill.

Debra DeProspero  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
907-230-5150

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on HB 17  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 9:26:32 AM

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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Please vote yes on HB 17 to protect the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Alaskans. Nobody should have to worry about losing their home due to their sexual orientation

and gender identity, which threatens no one, yet LGBTQ+ Alaskans clearly have reason to fear given recent and historic discrimination. The introduction of SB 140 is just one current example of the ill will suffered by Alaskans, who are harming no one, just by being themselves. We already prohibit discrimination on the basis of other traits we are born with and cannot change: race, color, national origin, age, and sex. Please act now to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity by voting yes on HB 17.

Sincerely,  
Nathan Borson  
Gustavus, AK 99826

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** HB 17  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 10:27:49 AM

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I support the passage of HB 17. The protections it puts in place are important to people who have been marginalized and are without a place to register their complaints. This bill is a positive step forward and allows the State Commission for Human Rights to do its job to protect every Alaskan.

Gayle Schuh  
Eagle River

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Liz Snyder](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Christopher Kurka](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony on HB 17  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 1:45:08 PM

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Honorable Representatives,

I appreciate and thank you for taking the time to read this email.

I am writing to ask you to **support** HB 17, the bill regarding Statewide LGBTQ+ Non-Discrimination.

LGBTQ+ Alaskans are our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. When it comes to being able to earn a living, having a place to live, or being served by a business or government office, they should be treated like anyone else and **not** be discriminated against. **Nobody** should have to worry about losing their home or employment due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. LGBTQ+ Alaskans just want to contribute to our state, earn a living, and be able to provide for their families, just like everyone else. Embracing diversity makes a stronger Alaska, makes for better business, and a better and healthier community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Karl Bergman  
99709

I am writing in support of HB 17, "An act adding to the powers and duties of the State commission for human rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression".

I am a 79 year old lesbian living in Eagle River with my wife of 44 years. We both taught in the suburbs of Chicago for almost 35 years and were well regarded educators and coaches. My wife also served as assistant principal for 2 years. We moved to AK in 2003 after we retired and served the Anchorage community as volunteers.

During my lifetime, we were classed as mentally ill, could be arrested for wearing clothing of the opposite sex, gay men blamed for the AIDS epidemic, couldn't serve in the military if openly gay, couldn't adopt children, and couldn't marry until 2016.

While rights in Anchorage are protected under the non-discrimination ordinance, we can now marry and live openly, but outside of Anchorage, Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan, people can still be fired and denied housing for being LGBTQ.

We are respected, productive members of the general community and should have the same protections of rights regardless of where we live in Alaska. We have fought for our rights basically our whole lives and would love to live knowing that we have equal rights in all of Alaska.

Please advance and pass this bill for the LGBTQ community.


Sincerely,

Julie Schmidt, Director of SAGE Alaska  
March 14, 2022

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** HB 17  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 7:02:42 PM

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Hello,  
Please pass HB 17 to protect LGBTQ people in Alaska.  
Thanks,  
Jamie White  
Anchorage, AK

**From:**   
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** Non-discrimination LGBTQ+ Support  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 8:00:11 PM

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Alaska Legislature,

My name is Cai Williams, I am 14 years old, use they/them pronouns, and am a member of the LGBTQ+ community. I personally find it scary to grow up in a society where sexuality and gender can dictate how you stand in society, how we choose to identify ourselves has nothing to do with our professionalism and potential.

I speak not only for myself but for other LGBTQ+ children in Alaska when I say we do not only support non-discrimination protection for LGBTQ+ citizens in Alaska, but we need it. To grow as a society and evolve to a brighter Alaska.

Thank you for your time,

Cai

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*Charlotte Williams*

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB 17  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 11:45:02 PM

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House Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony.

I support HB 17 regarding LGBTQ+ non-discrimination, and I ask that you do the same by showing your support for this bill that would provide LGBTQ+ individuals the freedom to live and work without fear of discrimination for being who they are. They are human, just as much as anyone else, and they deserve to have their equality solidified by law. I have deep, personal connections with many members of the LGBTQ+ community and I couldn't stand to see my fellow Alaskans fear being harassed at work or losing their job or home, due to what goes on in their personal, private lives.

Supporting this bill provides crucial support for this marginalized community, and once again, I ask you to pass HB 17.

I'm Jesse Schnabel, I live in Fairbanks in district 4-B.

Thanks.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [House Judiciary](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting HB 17  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 11:46:16 PM

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To the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jordyn Cleveland, I reside in Senate District L, and I support HB 17. Why are we still fighting for a bill that protects individuals of the LGBTQ+ communities from discrimination when we have more significant issues to attend to? The creation of this bill should be a no-brainer. We have to continue to support and protect those from discrimination, no matter their ethnicity, race, sexuality, identity preferences, and abilities in society. All lives matter and should be protected from discrimination. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community and having experiencing disabilities, I face a higher percentage of being discriminated against. I need to have the security of a bill as a born and raised resident of Alaska to protect me from discrimination. I should not have to worry about hiding my true self and identity when I am out in public with my peers, and I am tired of hiding and being scared of being without a bill protecting my rights as a human being.

Thank you for your time in reading this.