

Angela Stephl

From: Stevie Asher [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 7:36 PM
To: House Transportation
Subject: I OPPOSE BILL HB 386

My name is Stevie Nicole Brown, I am a resident of Anchorage, AK. I am testifying in opposition to HB 386 because it violates my First Amendment freedom of speech and my right to assemble. This bill attempts to chill public protest and criminalize Alaskans who are exercising their constitutional rights. Please stop this bill from advancing to protect the most fundamental rights of all Alaskans.

Angela Stephl

From: R Norton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 7:45 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: OPPOSE HB 386

3/13/2024

Good evening, my name is Roberta Norton, a resident of Kotzebue.

I am writing and testifying in OPPOSITION to HB 386, because it violates my First Amendment rights freedom of speech and right to assemble.

This bill attempts to stop public protests and criminalize Alaskans who are exercising their constitutional rights.

Please stop this bill from advancing, protect the most fundamental rights of all Alaskans.

Respectfully,
Roberta Norton
Kotzebue, AK.

Sent from my iPhone

Angela Stephi

From: Bailey Demir [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:03 PM
To: House Transportation
Subject: HB 386 Written Testimony

Good evening,

I write concerning my strong opposition to HB 386 which proposes the criminalization of various forms of unpermitted protest. My name is Bailey Demir and I am a former SOA employee, a current UAA student, and a constituent hailing from Anchorage.

It is a widespread phenomenon in right wing states to pass legislation such as this proposed bill that essentially criminalizes all forms of protest. The definition of blocking a roadway is elastic by design and the existence of such proposed legislation reflects a cowardice on the part of its proponents. Proponents of it show themselves to be uniquely intent on limiting the forms of expression that are allowable in this state. This would seem to indicate some concern about the demands and concerns that protests regularly raise awareness around.

Not only is such legislation likely to be ruled to be unconstitutional, it is also hypocritical, given the outsized support for free speech rights that is commonly voiced by the republican (arguably better described as "christofascist") Alaskan contingent.

Were republicans to be beset with a democratic administration and a proposal of similar legislation there would be unpermitted uproar in the streets aplenty. If the bill were to pass there would be no arrests made, as unfortunately the venn diagram of cops and angry republicans is essentially a circle. (Hopefully from this you can come to understand my use of the word "christofascist")

Protest of the status quo is necessarily disruptive. In the words of movement leaders Mariame Kaba and Kelly Hayes "it is therefore imperative that the state not be arbiter of what violence means among people seeking justice." I've yet to see a protest to date that was organized around a rallying cry to impede all roadways and slow down ambulances. Protest attendees are typically conscientious humans intent on a safer more humanist world (I would even extend this characterization to right wing protesters, much as their protests tend to be vastly more self concerned.)

Please know you have lives in your hands with this bill. I'd love to be proven wrong about the christofascism.

Thanks for fielding this,

Bailey Demir

Angela Stephi

From: John & Jo Ann Gruber [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:11 PM
To: House Transportation
Subject: HB 386 Opposition (Short Title - OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PLACES; TRESPASSING)

Dear House Transportation Committee Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 386. This bill would violate Alaskans' freedom of speech, a right guaranteed by the First Amendment, as well as their right to assemble.

It's appalling that this bill is an apparent attempt to quash our right to participate in peaceful public protests and would criminalize Alaskans who are doing nothing more than exercising our constitutional rights.

Please do not advance this bill. Show that you are willing to protect our most basic and fundamental rights.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Gruber
Eagle River, AK

Angela Stephl

From: Brook Beveridge [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:33 PM
To: House Transportation
Subject: HB 386 Testimony

Hello

My name is Brook Beveridge and I am an Anchorage resident. I am sending this to be my written testimony against HB 386. This legislation is unconstitutional as it directly violates the first amendment right to assemble and freedom of speech. This is an attempt to criminalize Alaskans who are exercising their constitutional rights through creating a crime that doesn't exist and I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead I suggest considering the asks from the folks who protest in the community to find an alternative solution for all, instead of trying to scare them into silence.

Thank you,

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Angela Stephl

From: Michaela Phillips [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:36 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: HB386 - OPPOSED

Dear committee members,

I am writing to you to express my deep reservations against this bill. The right of American citizens to peaceful assemble and the expression of their opinions is the most intrinsic element of the U.S. Constitution. So important is this right, that the crafters placed it firstly above all others. Please do not allow this unconstitutional bill to pass. Keep democracy free!

Thank you,
Michaela Kamalei Phillips
[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99502
(907) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Angela Stephi

From: Tim Flanery [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 12:07 AM
To: Transportation
Subject: OPPOSE HB 386

Hello, my name is Tim Flanery, and I'm a resident of Ketchikan. I am testifying in opposition to HB 386, because it violates my First Amendment freedom of speech and my right to assemble. This bill attempts to chill public protest and criminalize Alaskans who are exercising their constitutional rights.

Please stop this bill from advancing to protect the most fundamental rights of all Alaskans.

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Gunalchéesh, thank you,
Tim Flanery (Gaanáx aya yáada)

Angela Stephi

From: oscar lage [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 3:52 PM
To: House Transportation
Subject: Comment regarding HB 386

Good afternoon,
I would like to express my opposition to House Bill 386, Obstruction of Public Places; Trespassing.

As written, the bill would potentially curtail the right of the Alaskan people to peacefully protest. While I understand the need to preserve public safety, this bill does not, in my opinion, do so but rather offers a framework that could be abused to stop lawful public demonstration.

I ask that you do not move this bill forward.

Regards
Oscar Lage
[REDACTED]

907. [REDACTED]

Angela Steph

From: Crystal Jackson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 2:18 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: Opposition to HB 386

Hi,

I strongly oppose the passing of HB 386.

Criminalizing peaceful protesting activities violates our American freedom of speech, association, and other rights. This is not the path I want to see my state go down.

Thank you,
Crystal Jackson
From Juneau, AK

Angela Stephi

From: Emilee Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:53 PM
To: House Transportation
Subject: HB 386 OPPOSING

Hello, I just wanted to touch base with you on HB 386, which is an appalling bill, and violates the first amendment. Our rights are being stripped left and right by the government, and you're feeding into it, taking steps to hinder the freedom that is searched for worldwide, and found in America.

I OPPOSE HB 386

Thank you,
Emilee Rogers

Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer

Angela Stephi

From: Amanda Kiely [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 4:05 AM
To: House Transportation
Subject: HB 386 Commemt

The right to protest is a basic right of the American people.

Per THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF OUR CONSTITUTION:

Congress shall make no law abridging...the right of the people peaceably to assemble...

Therefore, HB 386 is unconstitutional. It is our leaders' job to protect the rights of the American people, not take them away.

As an Alaskan voter, I do not support HB 386 and it should not be passed.

Amanda Kiely
Thorne Bay, AK

Angela Stephi

From: Talia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 11:23 PM
To: House Transportation
Subject: Bill HB386

Hello,

This is Talia Williams writing to state that I oppose Bill HB386. This bill is an obstruction of freedom to assembly, and can be used to criminalize protesting, which is unconstitutional. Furthermore, this bill is an attempt to give the state the power to mute the people of Alaska. We have the right to assemble and the right to make ourselves heard. By passing such a broad and non-specific bill, these rights would be encroached upon by the very legal system which claims to provide "freedom and justice for all." When we no longer can voice ourselves, we no longer have access to justice. A state which silences its people is not a free state.

Thank you for your time,
Talia Williams

Angela Stephi

From: katie martini [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:05 PM
To: House Transportation
Subject: No on HB 386

Hello,

My name is Katherine Martini and I live in Anchorage, zip code 99501. I'm reaching in opposition of HB 386 as it is a clear violation of the first amendment right.

Thank you,



Angela Stephi

From: Colin Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 10:06 AM
To: Transportation
Subject: Opposition to HB 386

Hello,

I live at [REDACTED] Fairbanks, I'm writing in opposition to HB 386. As a bill it violates first amendment right to assembly and free speech. Thank you

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Angela Stephi

From: taitgchandler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:59 AM
To: Transportation
Subject: I oppose HB386

Hello,

The right to protest is a fundamental right in any democracy. Do not strip our residents of this right.

Thanks,

Tait Chandler
Fairbanks

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Angela Stephi

From: Jessica [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 8:56 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: Please Oppose HB 386

Dear members of the transportation committee,

I'm writing to testify in opposition to HB 386. This bill will infringe upon my and fellow Alaskans right to free speech and to peacefully assemble, demonstrate and protest as outlined in our Constitution. Please stop this bill from advancing out of committee.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hoffman, Anchorage

Angela Stephi

From: Sara Schindler [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 5:30 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: Opposition to HB 386

Hello,

My name is Sara and I am from Wasilla. I am testifying in opposition to HB 386 because it violates my first amendment Freedom of speech and right to assembly. This bill attempts to interfere with public protest in criminally Alaskans, who use their constitutional rights. Please stop this bill from advancing to protect Alaskans and their rights.

Respectfully,

Dr. Sara Schindler

Angela Stephi

From: Katie Bednar [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 5:13 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: HB 386

Hello, my name is Katie Bednar, and I'm a resident of Eagle River. I am testifying in opposition to HB 386 because it violates my first amendment freedom of speech and right to assemble. This bill intends to scare alaskans out of exercising their constitutional and fundamental rights. Please stop this bill from advancing for the sake of our people.

While we're at it also stay out of woman's rights and lgbtq rights, seriously how can you advocate for a lump of cells more than the people who are actively contributing to our state.

For everyone's sake, keep religion, beliefs, and the first amendment intact for our beautiful state.

-Katie Bednar

Angela Stephi

From: Victoria Weakland [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 1:21 PM
To: Transportation
Subject: Anchorage Resident Feedback HB 386

To whom it may concern,

My name is Victoria Hemphill and I am a resident of the Anchorage community. I have lived in Alaska for 14 years and Anchorage for 10. I am raising a family here with a plan to continue our stay. A prospective bill has made us feel uneasy as citizens.

I strongly oppose HB 386 because it violates my rights as an Alaskan and as an American. This bill would be infringing on my First Amendment right freedom of speech and my right to assemble. This bill attempts to discourage people from public protesting and criminalize Alaskans for exercising our constitutional rights. Please stop this bill from advancing. Protect fundamental rights of Alaskans.

Thank you for your time.

Victoria Hemphill
Anchorage Resident