

Hello Representatives in House State Affairs,

**I am opposed to both bills.**

I spent quite a bit of time on the phone today waiting to testify, only to be denied the opportunity to do so. I only mentioned one of the bills to the lady who transferred me to the conference call. I listened to the last testifier, hoping it was me but it wasn't, thus this email.

I am glad I listened, because I really appreciated the woman in Nenana who works in the school there and is very concerned with the lgbtq lifestyle being promoted to such an extent that students feel 'odd' if they don't comply and participate. This appears to be a prevalent problem throughout the US right now. Bullying is happening against 'straight' students.

There is nothing new under the sun. Bullying was prevalent in school when I was a kid / teen too. I was the victim of it myself. No law will prevent it. Good parenting and teachers who care for their students will go a long way to discourage it, and strengthen teens against the consequences of it.

I came to Alaska when I was three months old. I grew up and worked and retired in Anchorage. I now live in Palmer. I am a retired school teacher, and yes there are many lgbtq+ employees in the ASD, and many same-sex couples who come to parent-teacher conferences. No, I did not ask people about their sex lives, so there was never an issue between us even when I knew quite well their lifestyle by the bold hints they dropped. I maintained professional relationships with all co-workers, students, and their parents. Not hard to do, really.

These two bills are nothing less than an attempt for this group of people to elevate themselves to a position where they can persecute Christians who believe the Bible, just as has happened in the lower 48. Some of those who testified even hinted at it with their testimony, speaking out against Christians. **We do not need the kind of problems these two bills would bring to our state.**

One last thing. Campaign season is coming. Many are watching how you vote on this in your committee, and if it makes it to the floor those votes will be watched too.

*Carol Carman*

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Do not let these unfair pieces of legislation come to a vote.

Why should one group LGBT, be elevated to an unfair level compared to the rest of us?

This is America equality does not equal special priviledges for special interest groups.

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