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HB 101focuses on raising Alaska's age of consent from 16 to 18, with close - in - age exceptions incorporated. Alaska has one of the highest rates of rape in the United State, 35% of Alaskan women have reported experiencing sexual abuse before the age of 18. This bill aims to protect Alaska's youth from exploitation and abuse. I'm in favor of this bill passing and hope you are too, to help protect the innocence of our children. If we think back to when we were 16, I doubt that many of us had the skills to understand and reject predatory behavior at that age.

Thank you for your time, Constance (Connie) Markis Anchorage, Alaska