

Jane Pierson

From: LIO Fairbanks
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 4:33 PM
To: Jane Pierson
Subject: FW: HB35 public testimony

From: Jeff & Ruth Humphries [7frozenhumphries@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 3:53 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: HB35 public testimony

Thank you for reading my testimony and considering HB35. I am a mother of 5 children, 4 of which are daughters. I cannot imagine any medical decision being made for them without my involvement or consent. Any threat to my rights as a parent are very scary to me.

So many people act as if having a baby is such a bad thing, and abortion will solve the problems. I don't believe this is true. I believe the psychological and/or physical effect of having an abortion will be worse than actually carrying and having the baby. Abortion doesn't solve problems, it just creates more. Please support HB 35.

Thank you,
Ruth Humphries
North Pole

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From: Kate McGlone West [katemcglone@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 2:46 PM
To: Jane Pierson
Subject: Opposition testimony re: HB35

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to testify in strong opposition to House Bill 35. This idealistic bill infringes on a young woman's fundamental right to reproductive freedom and opens the door for potentially dangerous practices and abuse.

As a former employee of Planned Parenthood of Alaska, I saw women of a range of reproductive ages seeking safe, legal abortion services, under a range of challenging circumstances. In most cases, teens under 16 years of age willingly notified their parents of their situation, even without a law mandating such communication. These teens were lucky enough to have parents they could trust, even in a difficult situation, who were not at risk of abuse as a result of their situation. Those who did not notify their parents of their situation had reasons for not doing so. Society has an obligation to protect the few teens who are unable to confide in their parents about their pregnancy, due to a two-way lack of communication, or potential abuse from their family members. While this bill may intend to protect teens, mandatory notification and consent laws could result in teens delaying or failing to receive medical services, or in the case of teens in troubled families, additional risk of abuse.

In addition, in states where parental consent laws have been enacted, the numbers of late term abortions (which are more expensive and pose greater physical risks to the woman) obtained by teens have increased. In Alaska, where late term abortions are not legal, this delay in seeking medical care would result in increased cost and travel to obtain legal abortions out of state, or else would result in teens attempting to remedy the situation through self-induced, potentially dangerous means.

Laws cannot mandate good family relationships and open communication between parents and teens. I strongly urge the House Judiciary Committee to oppose HB35.

Thank you, Kathleen West

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Subject: FW: My Testimony Regarding HB 35

From: aksunny@gci.net [aksunny@gci.net]
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To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: My Testimony Regarding HB 35

Good afternoon,

As I sat waiting to testify regarding House Bill 35, my phone connection was dropped. When I called back in, I was told that all the telephone ports were taken and to call back again in about 30 minutes to see if one comes open.

In case I am unable to get through on the phone, I submit my testimony here via email. Thank you for providing different avenues to express concerns and support.

Good Afternoon,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify. I strongly support HB 35. I am a parent of two children and testify as a private citizen: Diane Kardash, North Pole, Alaska, aksunny@gci.net, 907-378-8410

Our Alaska courts have upheld that the state has a compelling interest in protecting juvenile girls against their own immaturity and that parents have a constitutional right -- a duty -- to guide their children. However, in 2007, Planned Parenthood headed up the opposition to Alaska's law requiring minors to obtain consent before an abortion. This work by Planned Parenthood is disturbing and the reinstatement of legislation that requires consent before children under 17 years of age obtain an abortion is critical to the safety and well-being of these children.

The latest annual report from Planned Parenthood available on their website plannedparenthood.org shows the nation's largest abortion business has made over \$1 billion in income for the first time in its history. Planned Parenthood currently has at least 5 clinics in our state.

Planned Parenthood has a strong financial incentive to provide abortion services to the people of Alaska. As a parent of two minor children in Fairbanks, I am very concerned about Planned Parenthood being the only counselor to my children should they seek an abortion without me. Our local Fairbanks Planned Parenthood clinic is conveniently located nextdoor to the local movie theater giving this organization easy availability to minor children seeking help with an unplanned pregnancy.

Without the passage of House Bill no. 35, very young, pregnant teens may find themselves in a situation where their only adult counsel is from an abortion provider who stands to earn money based on the services provided. HB35's consent requirements ensure that a very young, pregnant teen is not left alone to decide on an abortion with her only adult counsel being the abortion provider.

In 2007, Lila Rose, of the Mona Lisa Project, posed as a pregnant 15- year old girl impregnated by a 23-year old boyfriend. She was counseled to lie about her age so that the Santa Monica California Planned Parenthood clinic would not have to report the statutory rape. In 2008, Rose exposed other unlawful counseling sessions by Planned Parenthood employees in Indiana and Arizona. I hope that that our local abortion providers are never exposed as counseling young girls unlawfully.

However, without the safeguards of HB 35, the abortion providers may be the only adult counselors for very young women alone with unplanned pregnancies. I ask for you to vote yes on HB 35 to provide more adult support for our young, pregnant Alaskan teens.

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Subject: HB 35

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Lynette Bergh and I am a resident of North Pole within the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

I want to thank you for hearing HB 35 and would like to emphasize that I think that parents have a **right** to be involved in their children's medical decisions; especially if their children are minors.

I ask you to please vote "**yes**" on HB 35.

Thank you,

Lynette Bergh
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From: LIO Fairbanks
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Subject: FW: HB 35 Parental Consent Bill - Support

From: Philip R. Clark [philiprossclark@yahoo.com]
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To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: HB 35 Parental Consent Bill - Support

To the Honorable Members of the Alaska House of Representatives:

My name is Philip Clark. I live at 1315 D St. in Fairbanks. I strongly support the Parental Consent bill for two reasons - one negative and one positive.

The negative reason is that those who oppose parental rights in medical decisions tend to be pro-abortion activists whose end-goal is abortion any time, any place, for any reason. This may or may not be a good idea, but I think it is criminal to experiment in this with children as test subjects.

The positive reason is that parents are the natural, lawful guardians and protectors of their children. To replace this role with a businessperson/abortionist who will be paid for the procedure he or she is recommending to the child seems silly even on the surface. When parental consent is needed for something as trivial as a field trip, something potentially life-changing such as an abortion should not be an exception.

Sincerely,
Philip Clark

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From: Jo Pedersen [jopedersen@alaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 12:55 PM
To: Jane Pierson
Subject: In support of HB 35

Rep Jay Ramras,

March 11, 2009

I am in support of HB35

"In addition to society's interest in protecting children from their own immaturity, we have long held that parents have a fundamental right in raising of their children."

Thank you.

Jo Pedersen

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From: Karen Vernon [happynbuzzy@gmail.com]
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To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: HB 35

My name is Karen Vernon.
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Thank you for hearing HB35. I am asking you to vote YES on this parental rights bill. This needs all of your support.

Thank you.

Karen Vernon