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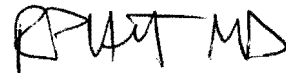
Senator Kevin Meyer
Alaska State Capitol, Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Meyer

I am very strongly opposed to the use of any public tax money for funding of religious or private schools. The two most important factors that have led to a strong and prosperous United States of America are a rigid separation between church and state, and a well-funded public school system that provides all children with a quality education. Senate Joint Resolution 9 would weaken both of these attributes and as a result weaken the community, the state and the nation.

I personally feel very thankful that my parents' generation gave me the opportunity to take advantage of adequately funded public schools and certainly want to pay that forward to the upcoming generations. But the funding must go to public schools. This push for government funding of religion seems suspicious for outside interest groups trying to force their political ideology into Alaska, and I urge you to reject it and to continue to support our public schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Plant MD".

Randall L. Plant