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Dear Representatives,

I am writing to support House Bill 173. I oppose the use of taxpayer's money being used to pay for an elective abortion. My definition of an elective abortion is any abortion performed other than to save the life of the mother. If a woman wants an abortion for any other reason, it should not be done at the taxpayer's expense. I honestly struggle with that fact that abortion is made so convenient in this nation while adoption is made so difficult.

I was told at a young age that I could never have children due to fertility issues. My husband and I looked into adoption in a couple states but discovered time and again that it was an arduous and expensive process that is seemingly unattainable unless one is independently wealthy. Meanwhile, abortions are performed in almost every populated area for a nominal fee and provided to girls and women of all ages. We were blessed after 13 years of marriage with a daughter and she will always know how precious life is and to respect it.

Yes, this is personal for me. I understand that I cannot evoke my morality on others nor would I try to in a free country. I do however, have a say on how my tax money is spent. In financially difficult times such as these, it should be spent on education, jobs, and infrastructure. Perhaps if we need to be involved in unwanted pregnancies, we could help these mothers through the pregnancy and find homes for the children where they would be wanted, loved, and cared for.

I urge my Representatives to support this legislation and thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.

Sincerely,
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Harmony Shields

From: gabrielle satterfield <gesatterfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 12:19 AM
To: GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov
Subject: Medically Necessary Abortion

Greetings Representatives,

When trying to define "Medically Necessary Abortions" I urge you to value Physical Life above all and in doing so value both the mother's life and the fetus' life equally. Please seek to close any gap in wording that would either elevate one life over the other or equate "quality of life" to actual "physical life." Please only allow necessary to mean "necessary to save the mothers life" as opposed to any number of so called necessities such as "necessary to maintain optimal health." And if a doctor deems it necessary to save the life of the mother then he should be able to prove within reasonable doubt that the mother would have indeed died - possibly with consensus from another doctor - after all, it should it up to a single man to carry the burden of choosing to end one life even if it is his best intentions to save another? If there is only one life that can be saved then it's worth it in the event that both would surely die otherwise. The truth is that abortion poses more risks and damage to a mother whose not at risk of losing her life and is never a good option for her health either physical or mental. It's my understanding that abortion only refers to ending a live pregnancy and not a miscarriage - otherwise I think the mother should have the option to have abortion procedures to remove the miscarried fetus.

Thank you for your time,
Gabrielle Satterfield

Harmony Shields

From: Scott Phillips <scottphillipsfamily@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 5:00 PM
To: GOV.ALLlegislators@alaska.gov
Subject: State Funded Healthcare Concerns.

Greetings,

I wanted to thank you for your service to the State of Alaska and its people. I am writing you today concerning the issue of State Funded Abortions. I would ask that you please take into consideration any proposed legislation that would aid in closing any present loop holes allowing State Finances to be used for Abortions that are deemed medically necessary. It is my understanding that the term "Medically Necessary" is not clearly defined and allows many abortions to be State funded while in fact they're Not truly medically necessary.

Our State Constitution in part exists for those that are voiceless, to protect their basic human rights which includes the Right To Life. Please do your part in seeing The Dignity of our State preserved in the midst of Western Trends that Devalue human life.

Thank you for your consideration,
Scott Phillips
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Sent from my iPhone