
From: bellasarah99835@gmail.com on behalf of Sarah Ferrency
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Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 9:38 AM
To: Marie Murray
Subject: Testimony opposing SB89

Dear Ms. Murray,

Thank you for agreeing to forward this testimony to the relevant committee, as I had to leave the hearing this morning.

My name is Sarah Ferrency, and I am testifying on my own behalf, from Sitka. I am the mother of two girls, a school principal in the Sitka School District, and I taught Health for over 10 years at our alternative high school. I also just finished eleven years of service on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood, first of Alaska and then of the Great Northwest after a regional merger.

I am particularly opposed to two sections of this bill, the first requiring parents to opt-in to health education, and the second prohibiting volunteers for abortion providers from providing sexuality education in schools.

I support parents' right to direct their children's education. Parents already have the right to opt out of sexuality education. What the opt-in requirement does is cross the line between parents having the right to choose for their own children, into allowing a minority of parents who oppose school-based sexuality education to choose for all children. The opt-in creates a burden for children of less-involved parents, with the default being no sexuality education at all, while the majority of parents actually approve of and expect this education to take place. This is simply not right.

I would also like to echo previous testimony that this clause puts our most vulnerable children at risk. This bill would require a child who is being sexually abused by her parents- which is more common than any of us would like it to be- to receive permission from that parent prior to receiving safety education identifying his or her abuse. It would consign those children to a life of abuse, eliminating what may be the only opportunity to break that cycle. That is simply unconscionable.

I oppose the clause disallowing abortion providers and their employees or volunteers from providing sexuality education in schools because it appears to be intentionally vague. While the bill sponsor testified that it was not intended to prevent people like me, teachers who volunteer for Planned Parenthood, from teaching Health, the fact is that the language is vague enough that it is likely to be interpreted that way when it is inevitably challenged in court. The bill also does not adequately define "abortion provider." If the true intent is to prevent agencies for whom providing abortion is a "main component" or "the majority" of the work they do, then I request that be defined clearly. I am guessing it will not be specified, because there is no entity in Alaska who would meet that requirement, Planned Parenthood included.

Thank you for considering my testimony and I hope this bill as written does not pass.

Sincerely,

Sarah Ferrency

Daniel George

From: Alta Collins <readertoday2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 9:13 PM
To: GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov
Subject: Stop SB 89

Please do not support SB 89. Parents ALREADY have the right to withdraw their students from standardized testing, and to opt out of instruction covering human reproduction.

Passing a broad law to repeat something over which parents already have full options is a waste of time and money. Further, Alaska leads the nation in sexually-transmitted infections, particularly among teens and young adults. Making it more difficult to provide needed information will make the problem worse.

Please do NOT support SB 89.]

Alta Collins
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Daniel George

From: Ann Robertson <ann.evans.robertson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7:04 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: SB 89 Testimony

To the members of the Senate State Affairs committee,

My name is Ann Robertson and I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to SB 89, which I feel would have adverse consequences on the health of young Alaskans.

I believe a parent has every right to engage with educators and maintain a presence in their child's educational program, but after reading the text of SB 89 it is clear to me that this bill will negatively impact the health of young Alaskans far more than it will benefit their parents.

Alaska suffers from two worrisome sexual health problems: skyrocketing STI rates and rampant sexual assault. The rate of chlamydia infection in Alaska is nearly double the national average; among 15-19 year olds, this rate increases to three times the national average. In 2014, more than two thousand young victims reported child sexual assault to the Office of Children's Services. Additionally, the Office of Adolescent Health reports that Alaskan teens experience intimate partner violence and sexual assault in their relationships at a rate higher than the national average.

The best way to combat these troubling statistics is through comprehensive, accurate reproductive education that provides young Alaskans with the tools they need to maintain healthy relationships and recognize sexual violence when it occurs. Targeting providers of comprehensive sexual education like Planned Parenthood under the guise of parental rights will allow problems like STI rates and sexual violence to persist. Comprehensive sexual education has proven to be effective in delaying sexual activity, reducing STI rates, and preventing unintended pregnancies. We should be making every effort to empower young Alaskans to make healthy decisions, not impeding their ability to do so by enacting legislation like SB 89. When sex education becomes politicized, it is students who suffer the most.

Please join me in opposing SB 89, and withdrawing it from consideration.

Alaska's young people are counting on you.

Sincerely,

Ann Robertson

Juneau, Alaska

Daniel George

From: Dawnell smith <wickedspedia@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1:42 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Public Comment: SB89

Dear Senator Bill Stoltze,

I am writing to oppose SB89. I am representing myself. Please share my comments with your colleagues.

I am a parent of teenage boys. I want them to gain the knowledge, skills and internal resources necessary for understanding reproductive and sexual health and to grow into responsible men with healthy relationships. To me this means honoring consent -- theirs and others -- and knowing how to protect themselves and others from sexual violation, sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

I do not need to reiterate the impact of rape, STDs, FASD and sexual abuse in our state.

Excluding a particular group of well trained experts from presenting an effective sexual health training program in our schools diminishes the knowledge base available to my kids. It further puts into question the way in which the state dictates which community groups can or cannot do participate in our schools.

Keeping effective community resources in our schools improves our education system at low or no cost.

Please vote no on SB89.

Dawnell Smith
Anchorage

Sent by a device smarter than my own good.

Daniel George

From: E CFigus <ecfigus@alaska.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 8:42 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: SB 89

Dear Senators,

My name is Elizabeth. I am graduate student and a Juneau resident. Although I only moved to Alaska 3 years ago, I plan to make this my permanent home. I do not have children yet but I am approaching an age when I may start my own family, and for that reason I am concerned about SB 89.

SB 89 would 1) take away local control from schools by dictating who can and can not present or provide materials to a school, 2) negatively affect the efficacy of sexual health, sexual assault awareness, and healthy relationship education through a mandated parental opt-in policy, rather than the opt-out policies that already exist in schools providing sexual health education, 3) ban Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive, medically-accurate sexual health education in schools. Planned Parenthood is a trusted, qualified sexual health educator (that has been providing education to communities in AK for 20 years, when invited and tailored to each community based on its needs).

Please join me in turning down SB 89, and we can all look forward to a more educated and healthy future.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Kirsten Stanton <okstanton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 8:23 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please oppose SB89/HB192

As a school nurse, I know first hand the critical importance of children having appropriate sex education. I used to work at Crossroads High School, a fantastic alternative high school specifically for pregnant and nursing high school girls. I could not believe the lack of solid human sexuality knowledge most of these teens demonstrated. Many of the girls, refugees from foreign countries, are the victims of domestic violence, culturally (by their homeland) acceptable child sex trafficking in which young adolescent girls are sold into what I can only call "acceptable slavery," which is then perpetuated by their need to care for unplanned babies.

These children -- yes, CHILDREN! -- are woefully unprepared to become parents. Often the responsible boy leaves the pregnant girl. Early unwanted pregnancy basically is a one-way ticket to poverty and another family needing a great deal of social services. Entitlements. Yeah, that nasty stuff everyone wants to go away.

And this is not just about contraception. It's about sexually transmitted infections: STI's. It is about reproductive health. It is about maintaining the health of the sexual/reproductive organs of both boys and girls. It is about sexual abuse. It is about children who are reaching a peak of sexual exploration. They should know about their bodies and how to keep themselves healthy and safe!

I do not understand is why our nation keeps moving backwards, and this is just another example of that problem. Please do NOT approve this legislation. It is another whack at women's autonomy in planning their own futures!

Kirsten Stanton
Anchorage, AK 99515

Daniel George

From: Robin Boysen <rboysen@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:18 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Sen. Mia Costello
Subject: Senate Bill 89

Re: Senate Bill 89

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am a mother, a former high school teacher in both Fairbanks and Anchorage, and have worked in the Public Assistance office in Soldotna. There is no doubt that good education regarding sexual health is a priority for the well being of our society.

Planned Parenthood has been providing this for over twenty years in Alaska and should not be prevented from continuing this very important service.

I personally consider the current attack on all aspects of health care related to pregnancy an attack on women.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: samantha savage <sam-savage@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 10:20 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: SB 89 Written Testimony

Thank you for taking the time to read my written testimony in opposition to SB 89.

My name is Samantha Savage. Alaska has been my home for the last 15 years, and I am a senior at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I have been an active volunteer for Planned Parenthood for about two years now, in my time talking to people in my community, it has become increasingly clear how important sexual education is to not just Fairbanks, but to the State of Alaska as a whole.

SB 89 is a dangerous bill for several reasons:

It would negatively affect the efficacy of sexual health, sexual assault awareness, and healthy relationship education through a mandated parental opt-in policy, rather than the opt-out policies that already exist in schools providing sexual health education.

It would also ban a trusted, qualified sexual health educator (that has been providing education to communities in AK for 20 years, when invited and tailored to each community based on its needs) from providing comprehensive, medically-accurate sexual health education from schools.

By changing the way we teach sex ed in schools we stand to harm Alaska's children by not arming them with the knowledge they need to make healthy decisions. Alaska not only has some of the highest STI rates in the country, but we 59 out of every 100 women in Alaska has experienced intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence. We owe it to our state's future to do everything we can to help protect them.

Thank you,

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Daniel George

From: sara kozup <skozup@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 11:16 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Click Bishop
Subject: SB 89 Wrong!

SB 89 creates unnecessary bureaucracy for parents, students, teachers, and administrators. It endangers important federal funding for our school systems.

Parents already have the right ask questions, voice concerns, and remove their children from the classroom if they feel the curriculum is not in their best interest.

We are a state with epidemic levels of sexual violence and sexually transmitted infections. We need a diverse array of partners to create a healthy Alaskan future- including Planned Parenthood.

You are playing political games with our school system and adding administrative overhead to solve a problem where none exists.

Alaskan parents are watching these games you are playing with our children's health and future.

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Dear Chairman Stoltze and Senate State Affairs Committee Members:

I am a 53 year resident of Alaska, wife and mother of 3 children, all of which are recent graduates from the Anchorage School District. I've been involved in advocacy for children in various ways—I've been a CASA as a voice for abused and neglected children, a PTA leader for an elementary and middle school, coached a girls high school sports team and I currently run support groups for domestic violence victims facing custody challenges by theirs and their children's abusers. I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would jeopardize public schools federal education funding, place undue burdens on our educational system, and make it harder for Alaska youth to access the comprehensive sexual health education they need.

During my children's time in public schools, I took an active role in reviewing course materials involving reproductive health and sex education. There were times when I was concerned about presenters being invited into my children's classrooms. Those presenters I had hesitation about were NOT from Planned Parenthood. The presenters I was most concerned with had a history of providing religiously-biased, medically inaccurate and shame-based programs. I contacted the teachers in advance of the presentations, and expressed my concerns. In one of the first instances in a middle school scenario, the teacher indicated that if shaming, religion and inaccurate information was presented that he would stop the discussion or correct it with his students. In a later instance, the high school students turned the tables on the presenter by challenging their numerous inaccuracies, calling out their bias and asking their teacher to never ask that presenter back again. My point is that although I had parental concerns, I was not afraid of my children receiving differing points of view, sorting through what was opinion versus fact and I had full confidence their teachers would correct any glaring inaccuracies. Had I felt this would not have happened, I was informed of my right as a parent to opt out of these presentations. I chose not to exercise that right because I have raised my children to value facts and science and not be governed by fears based on ignorance. They are lucky children in that they know they can talk to me about anything. Not all kids are as fortunate.

I can assure you that our children need more, not less access to comprehensive sex education. I was appalled at the number of my teen's peers who were dealing with circumstances they could not or would not go to their parents about. Worse were the numbers of teens dealing with unintended pregnancies. One girl, pregnant with twins, drank heavily in hopes of miscarriage. Another nearly died from hemorrhaging in advanced pregnancy, having successfully hidden her pregnancy from friends and parents alike until the bleeding hospitalized her. One girl became pregnant by her step-brother and subsequently dropped out of school. Several girls had children while in high school and others had abortions. A grade-school child only came forward about an uncle's sexual abuse of her after hearing a presentation from STAR. Accurate information about their bodies, healthy relationships and their reproductive health could have helped every single one of these children earlier rather than later.

Stigmatizing Planned Parenthood as "an abortion industry" is politicized rhetoric that does Alaska's children no good whatsoever. Less than 3% of Planned Parenthood's activities involve abortion. I listened to all the hearings since

this amendment was added, and heard further misinformation implying that abortion is a "product", and that Planned Parenthood would push that "product" on unsuspecting teens. This again, is ridiculous fear-mongering not based on fact. Planned Parenthood does more than any other organization in existence in trying to reduce the incidence of STIs and unintended pregnancy. What will be next--will you keep doctors from talking to children about their bodies and their health? Planned Parenthood has consistently provided medically accurate, age appropriate and non-biased information. One of your legislators testified she was shocked about their presentations. I would challenge that she never actually sat in on one. I have, and went a step further by taking their parents course on how to talk to your children. It was excellent. Our kids deserve our help in getting information on how to keep themselves healthy and safe. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, as well as social surveys, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

This legislation is disingenuous from the start. It purports to solve a problem that does not exist. Parents could always opt out of standardized testing without penalty, they could always opt out of surveys, and they could always opt out of sex education presentations. This throws up road blocks by requiring opting-in to all of these things, which is far more burdensome for parents and educators alike, and will have lasting harmful consequences by keeping our children ignorant about things that could protect over the course of their lives.

Please add my written comments to the legislative record, as due to scheduling conflicts, I am unable to testify in person. Thank you for considering my strong opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paige R. Hodson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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Daniel George

From: Alexa M. <aemrtnsn@gmail.com>
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To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB89

Dear Senator Bill Stoltze,

April 13, 2015

It has come to my attention that there is an amendment to Senate Bill 89 being pushed that will prohibit Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education within Alaska's public schools. This amendment will be harmful to our state and communities as we are already suffering from the lack of sexual health education for our youth. Limiting students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information is absolutely asinine. Our state has devastatingly high rates of sexual abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexually transmitted infections and we need to be working towards a solution to ensure that our youth have comprehensive, medically-accurate information. Please do not bar qualified sexual health educators from our schools! Educated youth help to create a balanced and progressive future, and if SB89 is signed into law as it currently stands, students across Alaska could go without the education they NEED, and our communities will suffer. Sexual health education is not a subject to be swept under the rug!

Please OPPOSE SB89!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexa E. Mortensen

Alaskan Resident & Concerned Citizen

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Alfred Allen <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 8:59 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

For decades, Planned Parenthood has been instrumental in fighting sexual abuse and sexually-transmitted diseases. The organization's focus on birth control has dramatically reduced the number of women who choose to have abortions. Please allow them to continue this valuable contribution.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Ammie Tremblay <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 11:30 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
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Thank you Mr/Madam Chair.

For the record my name is Ammie Tremblay and I am representing planned parenthood of the great Northwest, Alaska and Hawaii.

Alaska is currently leading the country in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

SB 89 does not address measures to help reduce this issue I am opposed to SB 89, this bill creates barriers to comprehensive, engaging and scientific based sexual health education to our youth in Alaska.

Our young students deserve to have the facts, about the science of reproduction, disease prevention and the responsibilities of adult health promotion.

SB 89 creates barriers for community organizations that work closely with public schools providing a variety of fact based, engaging educational opportunities that address the social responsibilities and science of reproductive health.

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Ammie L Tremblay <altremblay@uaa.alaska.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 3:54 PM
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Cc: Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: Please vote to oppose SB 89, from a very concerned citizen.

Thank you for reading my concerns regarding SB 89:

For the record my name is Ammie Tremblay and I am a volunteer planned parenthood of the great Northwest, Alaska and Hawaii, and I teach woman's health at the University level here in Anchorage Proper. I am always surprised and the level of misunderstanding and lack of knowledge that our University level students do not have when it comes to Birth control and the science of Reproductive Health.

As you Know, Alaska is currently leading the country in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

SB 89 does not address measures to help reduce this issue

I am opposed to SB 89, this bill creates barriers to comprehensive, engaging and scientific based sexual health education to our youth in Alaska.

Our young students deserve to have the facts, about the science of reproduction, disease prevention and the responsibilities of adult health promotion.

SB 89 creates barriers for community organizations that work closely with public schools providing a variety of fact based, engaging educational opportunities that address the social responsibilities and science of reproductive health.

Thanks,

Ammie Tremblay

Ammie Tremblay RN, BSN, MSN, CNS

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“Where ever you go, there you are.”

“Excellence is not an act therefore it’s a Habit,” Aristole.....

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Amy Kadinger <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 6:57 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 8, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Everyone should have access to sexual education.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

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Please, allow quality education to be provided to Alaskans. Please, do not prevent qualified educators from teaching important information.

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Sincerely,

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Daniel George

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To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
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Apr 8, 2015

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Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Think of our youth and our people in Alaska, not political party lines of party rhetoric. Health first!

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Brita Fagerstrom <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
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You don't understand how important this information is for teens. My sexual education in high school has been little to none. Just telling kids "not to have sex" then turning a blind eye obviously isn't working. It isn't practical and it isn't what we, as young adults need.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Brittany Bauman <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 12:33 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 10, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Sex education is a key component to teaching students about their bodies and health.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Brittany Bauman
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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Carol Hedlin <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 10:04 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 11, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Sexual health education is the best way to prevent STDs and unwanted children. Please oppose SB 89. Thank you.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carol Hedlin
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Juneau, AK 99801-9538

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Carolyn Clift <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 6:26 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 8, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

There are serious issues here with our Republican leadership. While saying they are "fiscally responsible," they encourage young families to solve their problems by getting pregnant and using state (Medicaid) funds. Then they deny Medicaid coverage for contraception and reproductive health information. Sexual assault awareness and prevention requires knowledgeable youth, and education is key. Instead of going on a moralistic crusade, please recognize that boys, as well as girls, need the education to become responsible, self-reliant adults. Abstinence will not and has never worked. Sexual health education is needed.

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By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carolyn Clift
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Daniel George

From: Cathy McCorquodale <cathymcc@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 3:57 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB89

Dear Senator,

SB89 limits sources of **accurate** sexual health education in our schools. Why would we want to do that to our students? Please oppose SB 89. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cathy McCorquodale

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotessnorthwest.org> on behalf of Christina Kriedeman <ppaction@ppvotessnorthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 9:57 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Sexual education does not encourage teens to have sex, but educates them about how to be safe and provides important information to live a healthy life.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Christina Kriedeman
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Seward, AK 99664

Daniel George

From: Cindy Lelake <lakecindy60@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 5:21 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; sen.jerry.coghill@akleg.gov; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Charlie Huggins
Subject: Parental rights in education

Senators:

SB 89, dealing with parental rights in education, will soon be heard by Senate State Affairs.
I urge you to reject this measure as entirely unnecessary.

Parents already have the right to opt out of any portion of school curriculum, including standardized testing. Parental permission is required for students to participate in human growth and development (sex education) units.

Mears Middle School in Anchorage, where I work, is concluding two weeks of standardized testing. Four families requested that their students not participate. Their request was honored with no questions asked.

Parental rights are honored. Codifying them in state statute is redundant.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lelake
Anchorage

Sent from my iPad

Daniel George

From: Corey Cejka <corey.cejka@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB89

Senator Stoltze,

I'm writing you today to urge you to vote against SB89. I live in Togiak. In the last few years, many of the young people in my community have become sexually active without knowing the proper ways to protect themselves. When we restrict access to vital health information, we increase the risk of pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and sexual assaults. It's bad enough that standard std's are being passed around in villages; can you imagine if HIV became an issue of the same size? Parents here rely on religion to keep their kids abstinent, but one only has to look to current teen pregnancy rates in Native Alaskan populations to see that this alone is NOT working. We need comprehensive sex education to make sure our children know how to protect themselves now and in the future. Too many young women aren't able to enter the work force because they have children too early, and they end up relying on safety nets. Comprehensive sex ed can prevent this!

Please don't let this bill pass; our youth are depending on you to help keep them safe and educated.

Corey Cejka
Togiak, AK

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org> on behalf of Darby Sullivan <ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 3:00 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Education is nothing to be afraid of!

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darby Sullivan
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Wasilla, AK 99687-1894

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Deborah Tennyson <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 8:29 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Sexual health education is critically important to the health of our children and community.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deborah Tennyson
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(907) 317-7890

Daniel George

From: Deborah Tennyson <nushagak@gci.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2015 12:14 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB 89

Dear Senator:

As a grandmother of four and a former patient of Planned Parenthood for health (not abortion!) services, I can't tell you how important I think it is for our school children to have full access to sex education at school. Planned Parenthood provides great, fact based, unbiased sexual health education and should be encouraged, not prevented from being involved with our kids. I completely oppose SB89. If this is really about preventing abortions, than the way to do that is increase sex education and birth control education.

Thank you for your time and I'd be happy to talk with you if you any any questions of me.

Kind regards,
Debby

Deborah Tennyson
907-317-7890

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Drew Phoenix <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 10:30 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

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State Capitol, Room 125
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Healthy sexual health and health relationships are key to education.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Mr. Drew Phoenix
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Anchorage, AK 99517-1373

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Elena Gustafson <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 4:56 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 8, 2015

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Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Sexual health education is critical in Alaska if we ever want a chance of reducing our devastatingly and embarrassingly high rates of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, STDs, and teen dating violence. Parents already have an option to opt out of any class they so choose--forced notices of permission ignores the realities of already short-staffed schools, the lives of busy parents, and those children who have abusive and unhealthy parents who may not hear of safety resources in ANY other context. This bill is detrimental to our schools and is offensive in the face of the needs of our youth in this state.

I urge that you oppose SB 89 and any amendments or bills that would keep trained health educators from any organization from providing valuable education in our schools.

Thank you,
Elena

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elena Gustafson
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Sitka, AK 99835-7512
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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org> on behalf of Emily Tiller <ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 10:27 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

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Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

With Alaska being leaders in the nation for both stds as well as sexual assault, it is important to ensure our young people are educated about their bodies, so they can effectively protect themselves.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Emily Tiller
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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Faith Smith <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 11:33 AM
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Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

It's absolutely irresponsible to deny kids accurate information about their sexual health. Politicians are so busy catering to the religious right that they forget about the real people and the very real consequences of not having the facts of life. The whole "Just say no" program didn't work on the war on drugs, and it definitely does not work for sex ed.

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Miss Faith Smith
PO Box 7538
Nikiski, AK 99635-7538

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org> on behalf of Haley Jones <ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 4:56 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 8, 2015

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State Capitol, Room 125
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Stop oppressing the children of this country by preventing their access to information on their sexual health. Abstinence-based education does not work, and if you are truly opposed to higher rates of teen pregnancy, STDs, and abortions, better sexual education is the real answer. Without education, these problems will only get worse. This is the 21st century, give young people the chance to learn how to take care of their bodies before ignorance leads to the life-changing events of pregnancy or contracting a potentially deadly STD. In addition, give children who live in oppressively religious households or in the care of an abusive family member the access to health information that they would not be able to receive otherwise. The sexual education system in this country is not comprehensive enough as it is - don't make matters worse by allowing ignorant parents to completely cut off their child's access to responsible, scientific knowledge on their sexual wellness. All young adults - not just young women - need to understand basic methods of contraception, reproductive anatomy, how consent works, and how to prevent and diagnose STDs in order to be sexually responsible as adults. I will address these things specifically:

1. Methods of contraception: Abstinence-only education only works on the assumption that teenagers are morally incorruptible and will not give in to their impulses. Anybody who has been a teenager knows that this is usually not the case. Teens most likely will have sex, and when they do they need to know how to prevent pregnancy. Unplanned teenage pregnancy, especially when an abortion is not an option (for monetary, religious, or logistical reasons), can force young women into a motherhood role and has the potential to derail their plans to get a higher education or even graduate high school. Even if a young mother manages to stay in school, having a baby can cause a host of other issues, such as familial strife due to religious issues or the financial strain of supporting another child. Abortions are costly and not necessary if teens are taking the proper precautions.

2. Reproductive anatomy: Our young people, and even our U.S. Senators, do not understand how the human body works, especially the reproductive system which has been historically too taboo to be discussed scientifically in schools. My first boyfriend at age 18 did not know that a menstrual period lasted for several days until I informed him of this. At the same age, I did not know that erections could subside prior to the achievement of orgasm. In both of our cases, we took one sex ed class in middle school with none after. Imagine how great the misunderstandings about human bodies would be if we had never taken sex ed at all! Understanding the reproductive system is more important than for mere sexual reasons, however - it is important for teens to understand how their own reproductive organs work, so that you can understand and address any health issues they may have throughout life and seek treatment promptly.

3. How consent works: This could be the most important issue at stake considering the absurdly high rates of sexual assault in this state. A culture exists in Alaska, and in the rest of this country, that women are sexual objects that can be exploited. Young men grow up feeling entitled to a woman's body and due to ignorance - not necessarily malicious intent - will act on

those desires with non-consensual activities such as catcalling strangers, sexually harassing young women, or even sexually assaulting them. I myself have been a victim of sexual conduct that I did not consent to, and these situations only occurred because I had not been educated to say "no." I myself was a victim of a cultural norm that women are the passive recipients of sex and men play the active, controlling role. This is because men are never taught by a patriarchal culture that women deserve to be respected and treated as equals rather than subservient. Young people need to understand the basic rules of consent in sexual interactions so that they can treat each other with care and compassion rather than exploitation.

4. How to prevent and diagnose STDS: Without access to barrier methods such as condoms, and without the knowledge of how to use them, sexually active teens are vulnerable to whatever STDs are being transmitted in the area. Most STDs are easily treatable and non-fatal, but without even knowing what symptoms to look for, this treatment may never come. There is an oppressive stigma that STDs are a sign of sexual promiscuity. This type of sexual shaming will prevent a teen from seeking help from parents or doctors when they think they have contracted a disease. In the case of diseases such as HIV, ignorance of STD prevention and treatment can cause serious, lifelong health complications for teens - and worse, the potential to spread deadly diseases unknowingly to others.

The right's opposition to sexual education is paradoxical to its opposition to teen pregnancy, STD outbreaks, and abortion - if you limit sexual education, these problems get worse as a result of ignorance. Like I said, sex ed is the solution to, not the cause of, what the older generation sees as the sexual depravity and moral decline of the new generation. Give young people the knowledge to make informed decisions and treat each other with respect. Don't let misinformed or even abusive parents have power over the new generation.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Haley Jones
2330 Yorktown Cir
Anchorage, AK 99507-5358

Daniel George

From: Jan K West <jk51@me.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 7:52 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Bill SB89

This bill would create more unnecessary barriers to sexual health education for students. Please oppose SB89. Jan West

Ketchikan

Sent from my iPhone

Daniel George

From: Jane Burri <jburri61@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 6:31 PM
To: Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Cc: Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB89

Dear Senator,

I kindly ask you to oppose SB89. This bill will prohibit Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual education in Alaska public schools. Our state has excessively high rates of sexual abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexually transmitted infections. Rather than curtail and block important sexual health education from Alaska youth, we should be providing them with accurate medically sound information. I strongly oppose this legislation and hope you will too.

Sincerely,

Jane Burri
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Anchorage, AK 99515

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Jenni Lefing <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

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Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

As an Alaska resident and parent to a soon to be one year old boy, I am extremely disheartened by all of the education cuts, including the amendment to block Planned Parenthood from providing needed sexual health education in our schools.

Planned Parenthood education programs have been proven to be effective and are much needed in this state.

With the widespread cuts across prevention and education (from early learning to general education) in this state this session, it is imperative to keep Planned Parenthood programs accessible to all students.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jenni Lefing
434 7th St
Juneau, AK 99801-1031

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Jomarie Kougl-Schut <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 2:03 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 10, 2015

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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Putting our heads in the sand WILL NOT help with teen pregnancy! Teach teenagers about their bodies and contraception. It's money well spent on their futures!

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Judy Miller <judymalaska@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 1:31 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB89

Senator Stoltze,

I am in opposition to SB 89. Please do not allow this wrong headed bill to pass. It's obviously an attach on Planned Parenthood. That organization provides valuable education and vetted, medically accurate information to students, and should be allowed to continue their critically important work.

Judy Miller - Managing Member

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotesthwest.org> on behalf of Julie Castle <ppaction@ppvotesthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 9:31 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 10, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

As a practicing OB/Gyn in Anchorage, I can attest that our adolescents need as much accurate information about protecting from sexually transmitted infections as well as from unwanted pregnancy as possible! Studies in this area show that this type of information does NOT lead to more sexual activity in this age group, but DOES help kids learn how to stay healthy. As we know from our rather high rate of sexually transmitted infections and teen pregnancy, teens have sex whether or not they have information that will keep them from harm.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julie Castle
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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Julie Scheurer <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

There are many other areas that the legislature could be looking for cuts to the budget, but education should not be one of them. Reducing legislators' per diem rates to a more reasonable \$100/day would probably save enough to fund one or two educators of sexual and reproductive health alone.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Katharine Armbruster
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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 3:03 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 10, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

As a former teen Mom, who grew up with an "abstinence is the only way" education, I am proof that an "abstinence only" education is NOT an effective education to prevent teen pregnancy. My daughter, now nearing 18, is not sexually active because her Dad and I have been very open and honest with her about the risks and responsibilities that come with teen sex, unexpected pregnancy, and even deciding to keep an unplanned baby. We've talked about birth control, even gotten her on birth control for health reasons other than pregnancy, and have been honest about the hard times we faced as young parents.

My daughter knows more than 1/2 her classmates because of the way abstinence is pushed in schools but real education is denied. It's time to give our kids, ALL of them, a fighting chance against unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. With abstinence only education, you're denying our kids this, and denying the evidence that shows abstinence only education is ineffective. Take it from somebody for whom it was ineffective.

I heard all the reasons why I should "wait until marriage" and came from a rather devout family. It didn't stop me from taking risks, and in teaching "abstinence only" you're denying our kids the knowledge of what risks they really face. Please, please don't rely on parents to be a knowledgeable source of information.

Even under the best of circumstances, unless a parent is a medical professional, they often don't have all the most current information.

To expect them to reliably guide their kids toward a healthy sexual life without themselves having correct information is setting our state up for even more problems with unplanned pregnancies and prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases. Stop the insanity!

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Katherine White <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 12:30 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Who will teach the next generations about safely caring for their bodies? The internet?

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Kathleen Bailey <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 6:57 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 8, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

The youth of Alaska need information about sexual health in order to make safe decisions about their behaviors during the crucial pre-adulthood years. Please let them receive this information in an educational format to balance out what they are already learning from movies, tv, and gaming.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Kimberly Burke <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 1:30 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

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State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

As a young woman born and raised in Alaska I feel that it is my duty to speak up for the rest of my young Alaskan women/teens that deserve sexual education. Alaska has the highest STD rates and assault rates are very high as well. We need to be education our young women. Growing up in Juneau, AK I received sexual education and had access to female medication/needs regarding birth control/counseling. Because of the access to these facilities and education I received - I was able to make smarter and more knowledgeable choices for myself. I was able to protect myself and be a resource to my friends. We cannot take this away from our young women in Alaska. Education is prevention. Knowledge is power. Please let the young women of alaska have the same opportunities I did growing up to make informed decisions on their own health.

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Kira Hamilton <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 8, 2015

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State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Alaska teens need this information. Continuing to limit their access to comprehensive sexual health care is only going to make them more at risk.

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Krissy Tuffield-King <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 3:33 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 10, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

I think comprehensive sex education is incredibly important to the future of our children.

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Laila Allen <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 9:29 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Whether you are prochoice or prolife, it's a fact that sexual education helps reduce abortions. Sexual education and access to birth control need to be available and offered to all otherwise we will continue to have hundreds of children who need to be adopted. Let's aim to give our youth choices and the ability to reach their goals.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Latanya Odden <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 10:59 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Medically accurate, age appropriate education should be taught by professionals.

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Linda File <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 4:04 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 10, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

This bill is bad public policy. Directing legislation at one segment of society makes no sense, works against the right teens have to medically sound information, and goes against public testimony on this bill, which was soundly against its passage.

This bill is on the wrong side of the critical problems Alaska's youth and parents are facing due to epidemic rates of sexually transmitted diseases and sexual assault, both from within and outside of the home. It will burden schools with a consent approach most parents and schools see as ridiculous in scope. It is an effort by the far right to control public education and eradicate sex education.

Public education partners with the best experts in all fields. Sex education is no different. In fact, Planned Parenthood's teen peer program has been found to be highly effective and comes from educated students themselves, reaching out to help their peers. Do not slight our kids to fulfill an ideological agenda that is blind to what most teens are going through.

Sad to say, no information is not helping. Families who deny information to their kids find in the long run, their kids learn the facts somewhere. Reliable facts learned in a school setting are preferable to the streets. This approach will backfire on Alaska's attempts to help teens be responsible sexually.

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Lisa Eagan <lceagan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:51 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Cc: Sen. Dennis Egan
Subject: SB 89 Written Testimony - Opposition

Dear Senator McGuire, Senator Wielechowski, Senator Stoltze and Senator Coghill,

Have you attended any of Planned Parenthood's programming?

My understanding is the SB 89 with Amendment 2 would prevent Planned Parenthood from providing materials or instruction on sexually transmitted diseases and sexuality in public schools. As a parent of a 5 and 7 year old, I have attended one of Planned Parenthood's "Talking to Kids about Sex and Sexuality" workshops and found it really helpful. It has helped me decide how I want to talk to my sons about sex and sexuality. In fact, it was so informative that I am working on facilitating this course to be offer at my son's public school for any interested parent. Based on what I learned from this class, I would also think it was great for Planned Parenthoods, unbiased, medically accurate, comprehensive sexual health education courses to be part of my son's education.

Please pull this bill from consideration as it would prohibit this great resource.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Lily Herwald <lily.herwald@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 10:44 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: SB 89

Dear Senator,

Alaska is in crisis with many issues - sexual violence, sexually transmitted diseases, vulnerable youth and as you well know, the list goes on and on.

Please do not pass any bill that limits prevention education to our Alaska youth. Rely on groups that have the expertise to provide accurate information and DO NOT BAR qualified sexual health educators in our schools. I trust Planned Parenthood.

I am a parent and I talked to my children about these issues, but I needed others to also provide information. Too many parents will avoid difficult discussions, but children still need to have information on how to protect themselves.

Alaska leads the nation in so many horrible categories:

- child sexual assault
- chlamydia
- domestic violence

Please don't bar qualified educators from giving our youth a chance to protect themselves.

Respectfully,
Lisa Herwald

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org> on behalf of Lloyd Eggan <ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 9:59 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Quality sex education is an absolute must for Alaska's children. I don't want to believe you would cut out this sort of program, which any number of statistics about our state would show is very much needed.

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Lorrie Wright <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
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120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

We have some numbers in Alaska that no state should be proud of: our rates of syphilis, gonorrhea, and HIV are rising, and some sources say that we lead the nation in rates of chlamydia.

Combined with our high rates of sexual violence, and our high rates of teen pregnancy, we have a serious problem. Some STDs cause birth defects such as blindness, or mental/physical delays. If this were a different kind of disease, say TB, we would be encouraging education on disease prevention. But because these are sexually transmitted diseases, we have people trying to prevent such education. This just does not make sense.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Lylith Grody-Patinkin <lylithskye@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:03 PM
To: Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: Please withdraw your support for SB 89

Hello Honorable Senators,

I am writing to express my disappointment and dismay with SB 89. I am a family medicine physician practicing at SEARHC in Sitka, and I provide comprehensive women's health care—including contraception and obstetrical care—to girls and women in Sitka and the surrounding villages. Planned Parenthood has been a provider of essential reproductive and sexual health education in Alaska for over 20 years. They provide unbiased medically accurate information on key issues for teens including healthy relationships, sexual and domestic violence prevention, sexually transmitted infection prevention, contraception, and pregnancy prevention. Their work is crucial for the health of our state, as solid research consistently show that comprehensive sex education is highly effective at reducing STIs, delaying initiation of sexual activity, and lowering teen pregnancy rates.

By targeting abortion providers, who are also qualified providers of medically accurate comprehensive sex education, this bill would cut off Alaska's student from crucial information to make smart decisions about their health. Sexual and domestic violence, pregnancy, as well as sexually transmitted infection rates are the highest in the nation, and the last thing our youth need is limited access to this important information. Legislators who do not agree with Planned Parenthood's mission and provision of abortions—a safe and legal service—should not be scoring political points at the expense of the health of Alaskan students.

Please withdraw your support of SB 89 and stand up for Alaskan teens.

Thank you for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this further.

Lylith Grody-Patinkin, MD

Daniel George

From: Lynda Giguere <lynda.giguere@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 8:55 AM
To: Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: SB 89

I strongly oppose this bill, not only for the reasons that Senator Gardner so eloquently stated in the previous committee regarding the burden this bill would place on schools, but for its blatant attempt to shut down an organization that provides vital health services.

Planned Parenthood is not the enemy. Ignorance is.

Please act sensibly and kill this bill. And please, keep Alaska's politics local. We don't need this sort of legislation here.

Sincerely,
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Daniel George

From: Mara Hill <mara.e.hill@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 3:41 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB89

Sen. Stoltze,

I'm emailing you, and every other member of the Senate State Affairs Committee, as an Anchorage resident who opposes SB89. As a young woman who grew up in Anchorage and attended public school here, I know first hand that there is already a lack of information provided to our community, and especially to young people, regarding sexual health and relationships.

The mandatory health class I took at Central Middle School in 2003 was mainly comprised of graphic images of sexually transmitted infections and worksheets on how many calories I should eat each day. A woman who spoke to our class about sex preached abstinence and stated, "I'm not allowed to discuss abortion" before blatantly stating her opinion that abortion should be illegal. She then strongly suggested that we all sign multiple abstinence pledges, so that we could turn one in to our teacher and keep some to carry with us at all times.

The message I got was that sex is bad and having sex makes you a bad person. I was given no information about how to make sex safe and healthy, because I was simply told not to have it. Additionally, it was conveyed to me that if I were to somehow become pregnant, the only responsible and appropriate action would be to carry the pregnancy to term and to raise the subsequent child, regardless of how the child came to be, my readiness to raise a child, my own desires and goals, the state of my health, or my feelings about myself as an autonomous being.

My reaction to this presentation was so strong that for years after it, I thought to myself that I would probably kill myself if I were to ever for any reason have sex before getting married. That's how much shame around sex was instilled in me by one person, in one hour, when I was thirteen.

Suffice it to say, I wish I had received adequate sexual health education, especially from someone who was informed, provided information I could actually use, presented multiple options regarding sexual choices, and acknowledged that sex is a hugely important and hugely normal part of life. I didn't have that opportunity, and I want today's students to have it.

Please don't impose more unnecessary barriers to adequate sexual education for students.

Daniel George

From: LIO Fairbanks
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:45 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: FW: SB 89

From: Margaret Wiedeman <akwied@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:38 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: SB 89

My husband and I are totally opposed to this bill! Please do not let it pass.

Margaret & LeRoy Wiedeman

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Marit Vick <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 2:00 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

With high teen STD and pregnancy rates in Alaska, we clearly need to make sex education and services more available rather than harder to obtain.

While working as a librarian in a local high school recently, I was approached by a girl looking for information on STDs. When I started asking questions to determine just what information she needed, she burst into tears and proceeded to tell me her story. She was fifteen years old and had had sex for the first time with her first boyfriend and contracted chlamydia. Not knowing anything about the disease, she ignored symptoms until she had a severe pelvic infection which landed her in the hospital. Upon recovery she was informed by the doctor that she was now sterile.

If this girl had been educated properly in what constituted safe sex and what symptoms to watch for if she had engaged in unsafe sex, her future could have looked a lot different.

Statistics show that comprehensive sex education (at home or in school) and available services such as those provided by Planned Parenthood will significantly lower teen STD and pregnancy rates. There is nothing to be gained by cutting these services and an awful lot to be lost.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Marta McCracken <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 11:30 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

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The need is part of true education.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Martha Roberts <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 5:00 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

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State Capitol, Room 125
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martha Roberts
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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org> on behalf of Mary Elizabeth Kehrhahn-Stark
<ppaction@ppvotessouthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 8, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

1. We all agree on the importance of education in a person's life.

Academic education for a person's financial future and, the other important education, i.e. sexual education. With today's culture offering an abundance of opportunity for sexual exploration, whether we agree with it or not, our young people need to be armed with as much knowledge about their bodies and what they can do to protect themselves from unwanted assaults, diseases, infections and unplanned pregnancy.

As citizens and parents of young people we can not wish this natural exploration away, we need to provide and make easily available the Planned Parenthood education.... this is the armor we can provide for our children's self protection.

2. If parents want to "opt in" to the Planned Parenthood teaching scenario-fine- but to write up a Bill to make this so, is a waste of time and MONEY! In our schools, if requested, parents may sit in a classroom if requested. As far as doing good for the young adults present in the classroom, I doubt this is what would be accomplished.

Any person generally doesn't want their parents to have ANY inkling what kind of sexual interest, questions, worries, activity, etc. they are participating in, so having a parent "opt in" is going to do more harm than good. Please support having these kids learn how to take care of themselves. It's called self-care and it works.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Mary Therese Thompson <mttgardens@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:03 PM
To: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Bert Stedman
Cc: Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Mary Therese Thompson
Subject: Please do not support SB89

Dear Senators:

I am a 40+ year resident of Alaska and am a retired nurse, living in Sitka. Please do not support the SB 89's provision prohibiting Planned Parenthood from providing sexual health education in our public schools.

Although we would like to believe that sex education is provided by parents, it unfortunately is often not provided at all by parents, is incomplete, or is not current. It is important that accurate contraceptive information reach teenagers in order to prevent devastating diseases like AIDS and the personal and societal effects of an unwanted pregnancy.

To do away with this critical aspect of adolescent education will contribute to many negative outcomes--delayed or lack of high school graduation due to pregnancies, an increase in AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, and an increased need for public funding for teen births.

With a declining state budget, it is unlikely that the State of Alaska will step in to fill the void left if Planned Parenthood is prohibited from providing sex ed in our schools. Any legislator who supports this bill should also be accountable to specify exactly what the alternate plan will be, including funding, to replace what Planned Parenthood currently offers.

Sincerely,
Mary T. Thompson
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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Michele Vasquez <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 11:04 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 11, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Please do not pass the piece of legislation. Give our children access to critical education about sexual health so they can make healthy choices. Not every child has parents who will sit down and talk to their children about sex because it is uncomfortable. Protect our children and give them the opportunity to learn so they can become healthy, productive adults.

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By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Nicole Lynch <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 6:56 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 8, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

The only proven way to reduce sexually transmitted diseases and reduce unwanted pregnancy is through comprehensive reproductive health education. Knowledge is power and providing this necessary information to our kids through age appropriate education empowers them to make healthy life choices. This bill is dangerous and in necessary, it is big government overreaching.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Nicole Lynch
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Juneau, AK 99801-8754
500-7923

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Nicole Tozzi <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

I can't begin to tell you how many pregnancies have resulted from the Anchorage school district's lack of sexual education. I had a mother of three (3!) tell me you can't get pregnant if you have sex standing up...

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Nicole Tozzi
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Daniel George

From: Pat Madland <patmadland@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB89

I firmly oppose SB 89. Educate our children, don't keep them in the dark.

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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Rhonda Biles <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 10:30 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

I'm sure in your profession you realize that more information is always better to make intelligent decisions. Approving this bill would prevent essential information from reaching Alaskans. Do the right thing and please oppose SB89.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rhonda Biles
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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Robyn Stevens <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 9:01 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 10, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

WHY would you want to deprive the people who most need it high-quality sex education? Alaskans are ashamed of our astronomical rates of STIs and teen pregnancy. Medically-accurate sex education should be as accessible as any other health info. PLEASE Support Alaskan teens and give them the tools to succeed!

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Robyn Stevens
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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Sally Jo Ann Neumaier
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Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 10:57 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

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State Capitol, Room 125
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

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Sex education leads to responsible sex among adults and is a more effective deterrent for teens.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sally Jo Ann Neumaier
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Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Sambit Misra <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

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State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

In states that have a comprehensive sex education program the rates of teenage pregnancy and therefore teenage abortion are much much lower having this education is important not only for the students but for the adults they become their states in which people don't understand how to have sex or the consequences of having sex and when I went to school here having that comprehensive sex education helped me understand what sex was and what it was for without that I think I would have been really confused at end of the date I believe that it is extremely important for people to learn about sex and I think that limiting their opportunities to do so will be detrimental to them in the future

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I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Fairbanks, AK 99709-2466

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of shannon seifert <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 10:00 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

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State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

Sex ed isn't about telling kids it's okay to have sex. It's about getting information that can save lives into the heads of kids who are having sex anyway. Do the right thing and make sure they have access to information that will help them make better choices and stay safe. If you are opposed to abortion, you absolutely HAVE TO be PRO-SEX-EDUCATION.

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Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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Daniel George

From: Sharon Stockard <sharonstockard@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 3:50 PM
To: Gov.AllLegislators@alaska.gov
Subject: Planned Parenthood

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 89, sponsored by Sen. Dunleavy, which would bar Planned Parenthood from providing sex education materials in our schools.

As a parent, I want to see more sex education in the schools, not less. This bill is masquerading as a solution to a problem that does not exist.

Planned Parenthood provides a tremendous service to young people and Alaskans in general – especially women – by providing factual sex education, free cancer screenings, free HIV tests and affordable health care services.

The Legislature has yet to approve Medicaid expansion – thereby denying affordable health care to thousands of Alaskans. Now the Legislature is proposing further restricting affordable health care services by trying to ban Planned Parenthood from our schools.

SN89 goes against the best interests of our children. I urge you to vote against it.

Sharon Stockard

Daniel George

From: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org> on behalf of Shayna Rohwer <ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Protect Alaska Youth and Oppose SB 89

Apr 9, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 125
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to urge that you oppose SB 89, legislation that would make it harder for Alaska youth to access the crucial sexual health education and social services they need. Additionally, it would block Planned Parenthood from providing any sexual health education in schools.

I work with pregnant and parenting teens who have few resources--please at least help them have the knowledge of HOW to prevent unplanned pregnancies. These children are the most vulnerable in our community--and programs to support those children most in need are being slashed in our state.

SB 89 would limit students' access to reproductive health education and sexual assault awareness and prevention information. With Alaska's devastatingly high sexual assault and sexually transmitted infection rates, the consequences of SB 89 are simply too risky for Alaska's kids and youth.

By requiring that parents "opt-in" to any sexual health instruction, many kids will miss out on essential education to help them lead healthy lives. Parents can already remove their children from sexual health education in districts that offer such programs. The opt-in requirement will further harm students whose parents are already disengaged with their education, or worse, abusers who don't want their kids to get information on protecting themselves, rather than improving parental involvement. We all want to encourage parental involvement, but this bill harms more than it helps.

I also oppose any proposal that would block Planned Parenthood from providing comprehensive sexual health education in schools. Trying to score political points by making it harder for students to get the sexual health education they need is no way to govern.

Thank you for considering opposition to SB 89.

Sincerely,

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From: Sue & Tim Brady <ancbuckeyes@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 7:57 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Charlie Huggins
Subject: Senate Education Bill to allow opt out of a Standardized Tests

Please deny the proposed Senate education bill that allows parents to opt out of standardized tests for their children. This sets a terrible precedent on pick and choose education for the state.

Sue Brady

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From: Tom Bronga <tbronga@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 5:34 PM
To: GOV.AllLegislators@alaska.gov
Subject: Fully Fund Public Education and NO to SB 89

Please find a way to fully fund the BSA! Our students have felt the pain of budget cuts for four years now. An additinal \$47 million cut would be devastating. Our students deserve a sustainable, predictable, adequate source of public school funding.

Also, SB 89 is a bad idea! Parents can already opt their children out of sex education. School districts can already regulate sex education. Meanwhile, Alaska leads the nation in sexually-transmitted infections, particularly among teens and young adults. Making it more difficult to teach sex education will make the problem worse.

Thank you for your service!

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From: Zhenia Peterson <peterson.zhenia@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2015 9:07 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Linden, Kenni
Subject: Opposing Senate Bill 89 (SB89)

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The Honorable Senator Bill Stoltze

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RE: Opposing Senate Bill 89 (SB89)

As a proud Alaskan, I love this state and the many beautiful things it has to offer. However the lack of comprehensive sexual education is a problem and it is costing our state. This issue affects not only the vulnerable populations like teenagers and young adults, but it is also costing the state money. In 2013 alone, Alaska spent an estimated \$1.2 million dollars in treating preventable STIs costing the state money, which could have been used for comprehensive sexual education.

With comprehensive sexual education, the rates of STIs will decrease among teens and young adults; it can also help in delaying initiation of sexual activity, as well as increase the use of contraception.

I urge you to support comprehensive sexual education in schools in Alaska and oppose SB 89 so that we can help decrease high rates of STIs and make sure our state is healthy as well as educated.

Sincerely,

Zhenia C. Peterson

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