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To: Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Adam Wool; Norm Wooten
Subject: SB 89 Opinion

To: The House Health and Social Services Committee members

RE: SB 89

I am currently serving as a board member on the Delta/Greely School Board. Mr. Norm Wooten (AASB) indicated that the HSS committee would like to hear from board members on their position on the prohibition of abortion providers from delivering sex education in public schools. Our school district does not have a policy concerning this and our district has not obtained services from Planned Parenthood as we are located 100 miles south of Fairbanks. **My opinion does not necessarily represent our board, but only represents myself as a friend of education.**

I am opposed to having an Alaska school district contract with an abortion service provider in order to furnish course materials or provide instruction concerning sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases. Our school districts in Alaska reflect a population that is deeply divided in regards to the morality of abortion. As so many parents feel deeply that the taking of a life in the womb contradicts the teaching of many values in the school, they feel the delivery of sex education should come from teachers or entities not involved in events they deem to be a crime against humanity. The fact that Alaska does not prohibit some abortions after a certain point in pregnancy makes it even more paramount that abortion providers do not have a presence in our schools, as late term abortions are extremely violent and painful to the smallest in our society. It is interesting to read studies on how care to children in the womb extend from good eating habits to singing. Perhaps educating our children does start in the womb. I think it is important to impart to our school children the value of life – as Doctor Seuss says “A person’s a person, no matter how small.”

Thank you for your service,

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