

Rep. Ivy Spohnholz

From: Janel Ryan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: Oppose HB25

Dear Representative Spohnholz,

Please do not support House Bill 25. I feel strongly that I should not be forced to pay for or participate in any way with abortion. Please uphold our freedom.

Sincerely,
Janel Ryan

Rep. Ivy Spohnholz

From: David Jorgensen [mailto:djorgensen@alaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Dan Saddler
Subject: House Bills 20, 25, and 54
Categories: Follow Up

Dear Alaska House Health & Social Services Committee Member,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE Alaska House Bills 20, 25, and 54. Here's why:

HB 20: HB 20 was amended in committee to add language saying that elected officials are not required or obligated to perform marriages, but this language only serves to highlight that the "freedom to say no" is not extended to others in the state who are authorized to solemnize marriages. There is no reason to have this added language only apply to elected officials. The wording should state that "NO person authorized to solemnize marriages is under the obligation or requirement to do so." The authorization to solemnize marriages cannot be used as a reason to compel any person having such authorization to solemnize a marriage which is against their religious or personal conviction. To do so would remove that person's constitutional right to exercise their religious or conscientious beliefs.

HB 25: The bill dictates that no insurance company can include a copayment or deductible for these contraceptives – it must be covered 100 percent. The physical act of sex is a choice, in nearly ALL instances. In this regard, I consider myself PRO-CHOICE...we all have the choice to engage in sex or not. But NONE of us have the choice to avoid the consequence of ANY of our acts. Any mandated 100% coverage for any item or class of items obviously increases the cost of that item, whatever it is, to the entire pool of the insured. It is morally wrong to force anyone to pay any portion of another person's insurance if that insurance cost includes coverage for items which are against their constitutional right to exercise their religious or conscientious beliefs. If a particular item causing a religious or conscience concern, such as abortifacients, are able to be separated out of the particular item class (contraceptives in this case), and offered and billed as a separate item, ensuring only the individual insured member is paying a premium for that right to use the item, then having the item covered to 100% could be okay. However, the same principle applies to any subsidized payments by taxpayers. NO subsidies should be allowed for any insurance items that are not life-saving or needed for INVOLUNTARY existing conditions. Except for rape, sex is NEVER involuntary. Police stations, hospitals, and social service centers can keep some of the appropriate medications on hand for those very RARE instances of rape. **BOTTOM LINE:** I should never have to subsidize contraception, nor should I have to have it on my insurance plan if I don't want or need it. And my premiums should be lower due to those choices being taken into account.

HB 54: On this bill, I'll simply quote Martin Sheen: **“People who are ill need real medical care and compassion. Not lethal drugs.”**

Please vote **AGAINST** these three troublesome bills. They are against the constitutionality of every American's right to exercise their religious or conscientious beliefs.

Thanks for listening to a constituent's thoughts on these important matters.

Sincerely,
David Jorgensen

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From: John and Kathy Tappel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: HB 25

Categories: Follow Up

Dear Rep Spohnholz,

I strongly oppose HB25. I do so as a pediatrician, with a pretty thorough understanding of this issue professionally.

Thanks,

JTappel, MD

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From: Debbie Sherfick [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. Dan Saddler
Subject: Obamacare Abortifacient Mandate – HB 25 and SB 53
Categories: Follow Up

I have no problem with people wanting an abortion. That is their choice. I don't think that this should be mandated. I don't think that taxpayers should have to pay for it either.

Please vote NO on HB25/SB53. Thank you for listening.

Debbie Sherfick
Willow, AK

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From: Barry Matteson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: HB 25

Representative Spohnholz

I am opposed to HB 25 and don't want to be forced to subsidize abortion with my health insurance premiums. We are looking forward to a new health insurance plan that will be good for all Alaskans!
Thank you for your service.

Barry Matteson
Anchorage Alaska