

Jody Simpson

From: T Box <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support for SJR 13

To all those involved,

I'm writing to voice my support of Senate Joint Resolution 13. Since there has never been an absolute right to an abortion in the state of Alaska, SJR 13 would be a common sense approach to clear any confusion on this matter. It will allow elected officials, or voters acting through the initiative process, to establish laws on abortion that reflect Alaskan values. Other states have adopted measures similar to SJR 13 as Americans unite to ensure clarity and common sense are restored.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration . Tony Box- Homer, AK

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Donna Meiners <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Oppose SJR13

To Health and Social Services legislators,

> I oppose the proposed change to the Alaska State Constitution of SJR 13. I have been a Registered Nurse in Alaska for over 30 years and know that all Alaskans have a right to privacy in healthcare. I also believe that these 2 rights, privacy and healthcare, should not be legislated by State.

> Please add me to the many who oppose this bill.

> Thank you,

> Donna Meiners

> [REDACTED] Juneau PO Box 34462, Juneau, Ak 99803 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: Renee Saunders <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SJR13

Please support SJR13

Renee Saunders, Houston AK

Jody Simpson

From: Kris W <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Strongly Oppose SJR 13

Hello,

I vehemently oppose any legislation or modification to our constitution that would in any way restrict the right of a female to obtain an abortion in Alaska. A woman's body is hers to do with what she wants. Any government interference in a woman's right to choose what she can or cannot do with her body is violation of her fundamental human rights. The government should never be allowed to regulate a woman's access to reproductive health care.

Please do not allow this constitutional amendment to go any further than your committee.

If the legislators are so worried about reproduction. I suggest that they also have a bill that speaks to having men have a vasectomy at a certain age or if they have had father so many children.

Why is it that women are the ones that are being prosecuted, stigmatized and held accountable when it takes two to have a child.

Thank you,
Kris Weixelman

Juneau, Alaska [REDACTED]

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From: Sheri Beck <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 10:30 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support SJR 13

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to submit my support of SJR 13. It is important that Alaskans protect the the rights of unborn Alaskans. This must be clear in our constitution. Alaskans should not use state dollars to fund abortions or services that support the murder of an unborn child.

I support SJR 13 and the amendment of our constitution that would make it clear that Alaskans support their unborn children. They are the future of our state.

Sincerely,

Sheryl L. Beck
Valdez, Alaska

Jody Simpson

From: Robert Ferebauer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SJR13

Dear Senators:

Please pass SJR13!

Thanks,
Robert Ferebauer
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From: Nancy Homstad <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 6:27 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SJR13

As a Mat- Su resident for 25 years, I ask you to vote in favor of SJR13 on Friday March 6th.

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Nancy Homstad
907-355-7828

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From: Jennifer Mannix [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 6:21 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Strongly Oppose SJR 13

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Please do not allow this constitutional amendment to go any further than your committee.

Thank you,

Jennifer Mannix
Juneau, Alaska
[REDACTED]

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From: Anna Nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Cc: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Opposition to SJR 13

I oppose the Alaska State Legislature, and any committee thereof, making any statement or recommendation for change to the Alaska Constitution about controlling my healthcare decisions.

Any woman has the right not to have an abortion. It is a sad day when a woman, with the counsel of her doctor, makes a decision to terminate a pregnancy, but it is her right to do so.

I understand that religious and moral arguments are complex, however, **the legal argument is simple: until the baby is born, it is part of my body. It has no legal standing.**

That being said, I support people who want to try to persuade women to have their babies if possible. To “persuade” is not to “intimidate.”

I support anyone who wants to pay a woman to have her baby, and then take responsibility for both of them.

I support physicians who choose not to perform a late term abortion when there is no medical reason. I also support physicians who would perform such a termination – because it is legal to do so.

It is a hard thing to think about a baby who might become a person not being allowed to do so; **BUT IT IS NOT MY CHOICE UNLESS IT IS MY BODY.**

I encourage this committee to leave this issue and SJR 13 where it belongs: in the streets, churches and doctor’s offices. People are welcome to persuade and argue the issue, but not to coerce or intimidate.

My body, my healthcare decision (Period)

Anna Nelson
[REDACTED]

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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From: Michael Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SJR13

I would like to urge all of you to support SJR13 and move it on to the next committee. Many lives are at stake here and I would like to support those lives who cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you,

Joann Miller

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From: Linda Schandelmeier <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SJR 13

Dear Senators,

I am opposed to this restrictive legislation. It is not the job of Senators to meddle in a woman's reproductive health issues. The passage of SJR 13 would harm many Alaskan women and that is one reason a majority of Alaskans are opposed to it.

Why don't you focus your energy on dealing with the Covid-19 virus?

Sincerely,

Linda Schandelmeier

Jody Simpson

From: John Davies [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Cc: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: SJR 13

Dear Senators,

I oppose this legislation and so do a vast majority of Alaskans. Don't waste your time on this regressive idea. What we need is more health care, not less.

Respectfully,

John Davies
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Sent from John Davies' iPhone

Jody Simpson

From: Windy Perkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Please keep SJR13 alive!

Thank you for hearing out the overwhelming voice of the people speaking up for SJR13 last week. I just want to encourage you all to keep this bill moving on into the next committee. Thank you so much!!

-Windy and James Perkins

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From: Ann Pilch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SJR13

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to support SJR13 and move it on to the next committee. I think SJR13 is an essential step in restoring to elected officials (such as yourselves) and the people of Alaska (such as myself) the ability to set policy on abortion.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Ann Pilch
Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Jody Simpson

From: Toby Burke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 11:17 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SJR 13 Testimony

Senate Health and Social Services Committee,

My wife and I, parents of 12 Alaskan children, are both in favor of SJR 13. Alaska needs an amendment to the constitution protecting human life from the caprice of Alaska's judiciary.

Of course we all know there currently is nothing in the state constitution that explicitly nor implicitly provides for the right of abortion. Nonetheless, activist judges have inexplicably manufactured this right attributing it the the right to privacy and equal protection found in the constitution.

SJR 13 is the first step in ending this abomination perpetrated upon Alaska by a corrupt activist judiciary. We strongly urge committee members to allow SJR 13 to proceed and allow Alaska residents to right the wrong foisted upon us by the Alaska Supreme Court. Let Alaskan have their say! We might find that their moral compass is superior to that of our state's highest court.

Most respectfully,

Toby and Laura Burke
Kenai, AK

Jody Simpson

From: Michael Szidloski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Cc: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: SJR13

Good Morning

My name is Michael Szidloski and I am a constituent in Fairbanks, Alaska. I have already contacted Sen Coghill's office and lambasted him for this waste of legislative time and effort, the affront to bodily autonomy and individual freedom that is SJR 13. Even if one ignores the legal, ethical, and moral implications of this disastrous resolution, it still is beyond asinine to try and get a ballot vote for a constitutional amendment predicated on a Supreme Court case that hasn't even happened (let alone been ruled on). Talk about putting the cart before the horse, especially when there are so many other *important* issues being met out. To waste legislative focus and political capital on this resolution is mind boggling.

Getting to the legal, ethical, and moral implications, why are we as a State, following the same line that Indiana is following, which has jailed women for having a miscarriage. What kind of legal slippery slope are we engaging with with this resolution and what is the end result? More government control over aspects they should have no authority over, with vaguely written laws that don't pertain to the wealthiest of our citizens but impose dire consequences on those who can't afford good legal counsel. A corpse would have more rights to bodily autonomy than a living being, if the end result of this resolution is met.

All in all, SJR 13 is a waste of space, time and money in an era when all three of those are at a premium. It should be relegated to the dustbin, killed in committee, so that this committee can move on to more important matters, such as mental health and medicaid coverage. I would speak more about how stupid this resolution is, but the verbiage that meets the level of ire I have for this legislation shouldn't be used in public.

Respectfully, get to work on more important things other than regulating private citizen's bodies.

~Michael

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One day posterity will remember, this strange era, these strange times, when ordinary common honesty was called courage. -- Yevgeny Yevtushenko

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From: Brenda - Mark Edens [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SJR13

Please keep till his going in the direct of original intent. Please do not vote to allow liberal judges to determine and promote abortion in our State Constitution.

Brenda Edens

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From: juliette boselli <j[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SJR13

I would like to voice my opinion to SJR13 since I am not able to testify in person at the hearing today. I am gravely concerned and opposed to changing our state constitution to take away a women's right to safe and legal abortion. Our constitution guarantees our right to privacy and this includes keeping government interference out of this very personal decision that has no right to be legislated.

Please note my strong opposition to SJR13.

Juliette Boselli
Denali Park, Alaska