

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:35:46 AM

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: defeat HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:38:46 AM

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Pastor Jon Watson
Peninsula Christian Center
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:37:57 AM

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A concerned citizen,
Peggy Eymann
Wasilla, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:42:56 AM

Dear Committee Members,

My husband and I reside in Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of our email is concerning HB 17. We oppose HB 17 for the following reasons.

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Respectfully,
Quentin and Stacey Lange

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:45:02 AM

Vote against it.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:46:46 AM

Sent from my iPhone. I urge you to say no to HB17

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:54:12 AM

Please vote no on HB 17

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:59:42 AM

I oppose HB 17 for the following reasons.

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Please vote against HB 17.

Dorothy Denison

Wasilla, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: urge you to OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:14:26 PM

As an Alaskan resident I simply ask that all committee members OPPOSE HB 17.

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This is something the LGBT extremists who are using the apparatus of civil rights law as a bludgeon to crush anyone who disagrees with their sexual ideology. You as a committee member cannot allow men using restrooms and locker rooms that are designated for women. Our daughters and grand-daughters could be victimize. To force Christian-ran business to participate in same-sex weddings is encroaching on their religious beliefs. Where are their rights? Biological men competing on women’s sports teams and dominating the women athletes that have been competing for scholarships how is that fair to them?

Thanks for you’re NO VOTE on HB 17,

Tracy

Tracy Sumptio

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:16:35 PM

To the House Judiciary Committee:

We are writing to urge you to oppose HB 17.

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We hope you will seriously consider our objections to HB 17 and oppose it.

Thank you,

Alan & Melody Grisham

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:20:29 PM

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I could not have made these points better myself. Please oppose this dangerous legislation. Thank you so much for hearing my heart and protecting the children of this generation.

-Windy Perkins
[REDACTED]

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:21:10 PM

I ask you to oppose HB 17

Thanks

Raymond Walker

Homer, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:22:11 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:25:43 PM

I oppose HB 17 for the following reasons.

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Thank you for considering my opinion on this issue.

Mike

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:28:41 PM

Please OPPOSE HB 17! I am a very concerned grandmother here in the Butte. Thank you for receiving my text and all you do for our state.

Donnetta Rogers

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Have an AWESOME day! :)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:34:46 PM

I am a voting resident of Alaska and live at [REDACTED] in Soldotna, Alaska 99669. I am apposed to HB 17, please vote no.

Thanks,

Lloyd Stenersen

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: *****SPAM***** HB-17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 11:57:43 AM

Please consider that passing HB-17 creates a legal threat on business and organizations. Creating an environment that will encourage conflict is not something we need right now. The general public can threaten legal action for what would have formerly been obvious and moral. For instance denying access for a man to enter an environment for women. The current culture is so misguided and toxic on these trans gender issues, that young 13 year old girls in my daughters school are proclaiming themselves to be boys. Imagine you as the surprised parent. This is becoming very common in this age group. Ninety-eight percent of these children will “grow out” of this trans gender identity but it does cause harm along the way. We MUST stop encouraging this belief system that around every corner is a trans gender who’s life is upside down because they can’t use any locker room they want and that Christians are the problem. Legislating for exceptional and misleading situations is only bringing us strife.

Brian Boyd

[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:46:09 PM

For the overall best interest of the majority of the State of Alaska please make sure this bill is not passed into law.
Dave & Eileen Becker. Homer Alaska. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:51:08 PM

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- Linda Nott

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Liz Snyder](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#)
Cc: [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Christopher Kurka](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:56:10 PM

please note. Do not support this bill.

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Kathleen Madden

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99504

"Between stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space lies our freedom and power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and freedom"

-- Victor Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 12:58:53 PM

I oppose this bill! This bill is NOT good for Alaska or anywhere for that matter. There is letting people live their lives, then there is being forced to accept improper human behavior. Kill this bill in its entirety. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:05:47 PM

Please oppose HB 17.

John K. Powers
Owner / Operator
Powers Brothers Inc. DBA Tudor Bingo Center.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:08:39 PM

OPPOSE HB 17

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Thank you for your consideration,
Tiffany J. Wilkes

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:15:27 PM

To whom it may concern,

Good afternoon. I am a resident of Alaska living in the community of Houston. It has come to my attention that HB 17 coming before the committee for a vote.

I would like to voice my strong opposition to the bill and express my great concern for our community and our children's safety should this bill pass. My concern is not only for the children of this great state that I love, but for the individuals who would be foolish enough to cross very serious personal boundaries, such as using a public restroom that they "feel" aligns with their self conceived gender identity, that would certainly result in their immediate embarrassment and possibly physical harm from a protective parent or other family member. I strongly urge you to vote against HB 17 ,if for no other reason than public safety. Thank you for your time and your service to our state and it residents.

Respectfully,
Laurie A. Faubert

[REDACTED]

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S20 FE 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:27:02 PM

I am writing to say I oppose HB17 for several reasons that include the ones listed below as well as many that may or may not be listed that are merely based on simple reasoning and common sense logic.

*** Most of all there is absolutely no reason to give a special class of citizens "special" rights that are already granted by law in Alaska. Making such law would be redundant and only serve the special interest of a limited class of citizens that are already protected from discrimination under Alaska law. Quite possibly making the law itself discriminatory against others as well as unconstitutional. No "special" rights should ever be granted to any class of citizens that do not fully include ALL Alaska citizens. (see 14th amendment U.S. constitution) Specifically the Equal Protection Clause.

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In conclusion, Any legislation should not be designed to serve only a limited class of citizens and any and all proposed legislation should be written in a manner that serves all Alaska residents and citizens equally under the law.

Sincerely,
Jaydee Johnston

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 1:56:11 PM

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- I did not compose the above, but I agree 100%. I believe in treating people equally well; what that looks like in real time may differ. For example, a male identifying as a female who is homeless needs help in finding shelter. That does not mean it must be in a women's shelter, simply that he needs shelter, even if he identifies as a turtle. Perhaps, the answer is for the transgender community to establish a shelter specifically for their community.
- The issue of religious freedom was settled by our founders; if not for the search for religious freedom, America may never have happened. I would not expect to be employed by a Muslim company and eat pork products at my desk for lunch. Neither do I think a Christian church, school, or organization should be forced to behave in ways that are insulting to their beliefs.
- Again, providing equality is not a one size fits all practice.
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- Phyllis and Jerry Jost
- [REDACTED]
- Anchorage AK [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 2:00:48 PM

I wish to express my strong disapproval of HB 17 to the committee. This is a very strong rearrangement of protected categories under the law that is completely unfounded. We already have in existence a legal system providing protection for the those deserving of it and often persecuted.

John H Slone, Anchorage Alaska

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 2:32:03 PM

I am writing to express my opposition to HB17. This is a bill which actually promotes discrimination. I live in Anchorage. Recently a fine non profit entity, The Downtown Soup Kitchen was harassed and accused of a crime because they would not let a biological man sleep in an abused women's shelter. Eventually after having to go to court, the Shelter won. Regardless of one's "chosen identity " the concept of biological identity is what is important in the law. This bill threatens to punish individuals or businesses who decline to engage in speech or terminology or actions which violate their conscience or their sincerely held sacred religious beliefs.

As a grandmother with many granddaughters and grandsons I do not wish to have to use a public restroom or swimming pool locker room and have children exposed to members of the opposite sex in various amounts of nudity. For example, a biological man who identifies as a woman and comes and changes into a swim suit in a public locker room in our presence. That type of thing is unacceptable.

Please protect religious belief and practice freedoms that allow us to live by our conscience.

Thank you

Robin Marsh

[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99507

Life long Alaskan (58 years)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 2:57:03 PM

Vote Not a chance on HB 17

Wait until the rapes begin...Politically correct garbage.An Ace is an Ace and a spade is a spade.

Kathy Matta

Soldotna

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 4:39:06 PM

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members,

Thank you all for serving our great state.

Please as you consider HB17, I would ask that you oppose this bill. This legislation threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression and freedom of association, and this type of legislation has been found to be unsuccessful and with devastating consequences in other state and cities. This bill seem to discriminate and threaten to punish those individuals or businesses simply because they are standing strong on the religious beliefs or personal convictions. This bill does not end discrimination, it seems to just shift the discrimination toward religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Please oppose HB 17. Thank you

Sharon Walsh

[REDACTED]

Kasilof, AK 99610

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 5:46:03 PM

OPPOSE HB 17

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 6:06:30 PM

House Bill 17 is a slap in the face to anyone not LGBT and I oppose this bill and am asking the committee to do the same. Enough is enough. Donald Becker.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 7:17:07 PM

To whom it may concern:

These are the reasons that HB17 should not be passed.

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- Do we need more reasons not to pass HB17?

Virginia Kristiansen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); representativeliz.snyder@akleg.gov;
representative.harriet.drummond@akleg.gov; [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Christopher Kurka](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Cc: [Sen. Robert Myers](#); representative.michael.cronk@akleg.gov
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17 Please
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 7:32:24 PM

Good evening:

We are asking you to OPPOSE HB17 which proposes to add "sexual orientation and gender identity/expression as special protected categories under Alaska's anti-discrimination law. This will result in biological men competing on women's sports teams; Christian-run businesses being sued for not participating in same-sex weddings; men using restrooms/locker rooms designated for women. This IS NOT RIGHT!

HB 17 is a discriminatory bill! Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to act in a manner consistent with their consciences. Please OPPOSE HB 17!

Respectfully,
John Wisel
Patty Wisel
[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, AK 99712

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: H.B. 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 7:41:37 PM

Please OPPOSE HB 17, which threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association for Alaskans. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities

Barbara Johnson
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 9:00:48 PM

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Thank you for opposing HB 17!

Jerel and Kimberly Price
Anchorage, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Subject: No on HB17
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 6:09:02 AM

I oppose HB17 and hope you will also.

Peter Parker
Eagle River

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: I am opposed to HB 17
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 9:19:29 AM

Hi,

Humanity has a tendency to make fun (and worse) of those brothers and sisters who are different. We cast them as somehow inferior. Thus the BLM movement arose as a correction. For all of my 75 years there have been butch gals and effeminate men. I propose that it's our failure to respect them as "just folks" that's caused this growth in transgender stuff. If we accepted people for who they are, each with their own gifts (note the fashion industry as an example), people wouldn't feel they were the wrong sex.

So, the problem is respecting everyone. The solution is NOT to tear up what are natural long-standing societal practices. In terms of our epidemic, don't prescribe crazy medication that is ineffective, untried, and likely to do harm. That's exactly what HB17 is. Natural-born gender is what it is and is a distinction that is best acknowledged by everyone.

As a kid riding buses near Chicago, there were adds for hair straightening and skin bleaching. Pretending to be white may have seemed advisable until you look at the structure that made that appear a good idea.

Accept people for who everyone is. Don't legitimize a sub-class of unfortunates and start confusing athletics, bathrooms, and social support arrangements (shelters for women). That cure is most clearly worse than any disease it tries to solve.

Jim Durand [REDACTED] Anchorage 99515 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Rights bill
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 12:41:09 PM

Mr. Claman

I am opposed to this bill as I don't agree that sexual orientation should have rights which supersede those of biological males & females. To allow such is a travesty.

Thank you

Sheri Vance

Sent from my iPhone - Sheri Vance

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR;

COMMITTEE: HOUSE JUDICIARY

CHAIR: House Judiciary Chair & all Committee Members

BILL: HB 17

SPONSER: Rep. Josephson, Hopkins, Tarr, Hannan, Drummund, Schrage,
Spohnholz, Kreiss-Tomkins, Story, Snyder, Fields

DATE: 02/08/2022

My name is DENNY KAY WEATHERS, I live on Hawkins Island in Prince William Sound. For the record I strongly **oppose** HB 17.

I was born into a family with seven siblings (four boys and three girls), I am the mother of two adult male sons, the Grandmother of two Grandsons and two Granddaughters and two step-Grandchildren. I also am an Aunt to many nephews and nieces, Great and Great-Great of which out of all of us (approx. 113 and growing) only two have had gender issues (both are in their twenties). But with all families there are issues; there were a few in the family that were alcoholics, smokers, drug users and two ended up in prison for breaking the law but at no time did we ever turn our backs on any of them; no, a good Christian will try to help anyone in need but that person must be receptive to help first.

The problem is when the Government starts regulating the law by how a **certain group of people determine their "WILL"** (i.e. how they want to determine their own gender or wants to be identified as something different) it becomes a problem and rather than encourage their identity issues we should be helping them overcome them with loving kindness and truth.

Most people cannot tell the difference between a Paedophile and a Heterosexual but Paedophiles (as defined by the fifth Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) are **individuals** who are **preferentially or solely sexually attracted** to prepubescent children, generally 13 years or less. That is a Paedophile's sexual orientation and expression, but it is morally **WRONG!!!**

There are distinct classifications for other attractions to children, depending on the developmental stage the adult is **sexually attracted** to. Those who find children on the cusp of puberty sexually attractive are known as “hebephiles”.

“Ephebophiles” are individuals who are **sexually attracted** to children who have reached puberty. HB 17 as written would also protect the sexual orientation and expression of a Paedophile, a Hebephile and a Ephebophile or anyone else that has a misdirected view of a sexual orientation or expression. HB 17 is morally wrong!

I do agree that **NO ONE** should discriminate against your race, religion, color, national ancestry, physical or mental disabilities, age, **biological** sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood.

The new text added in HB 17 could add all kinds of new fantasy sexual orientation and expression (what do you want, Sodom and Gomorrah all over again). Your new text will also discriminate against my religion because how can I help someone without quoting the bible. All I see with your new addition is that you are fostering one group’s fictitious agenda over many Alaskans whom still believe in “Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Alaska”

WE THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA, grateful to **God** and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land, **in order to secure and transmit to succeeding generations our heritage of political, civil, and religious liberty** within the Union of States, do ordain and establish this constitution for the State of Alaska.

DENNY KAY WEATHERS
c/o [REDACTED]
Cordova, Alaska

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: RE: HB 17
Date: Monday, February 14, 2022 8:45:03 AM

Greetings Judiciary Committee Members:

Please do not pass HB 17 in the legislature. This bill seeks to prevent discrimination. However, the negatives from the passing of such a bill would greatly harm Alaskans with religious convictions. Now in America we have bakers who get put out of business because their religious convictions would not allow them to make a wedding cake for a same sex couple. These kind of laws destroy women's sports, businesses, etc. Freedom of religion and speech is very important part of our U.S. Constitution.

Please do not pass HB 17 or any other bills that violate our freedoms found in the U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely,

James K. Johnson

[REDACTED]

Soldotna, AK
99669

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:25:11 AM

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose House Bill 17!

It is a shame that we in America has come to this place.

The power or right to act, speak, believe and live as one wants without restraint – Freedom.

The obligation to agree with another individual with no choice to disagree or personal preference allowed – communism

If one has the right to say something is true, another should also have the right to say it's wrong.
That's freedom of speech.

If House Bill 17 passes it will just be another brick in the wall against freedom. One day we will wake and find we have willingly built our own prison.

I thank God for you and your willingness to serve this great nation. I am praying God to also give you wisdom.

- Stephen Ramirez

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:57:22 AM

I am unable to testify on HB17 this a.m. so please accept this as my testimony .

This bill as written will have a negative impact on students and society as a whole. It is inhumane and will subject many more students to bullying and stigmatization and lead to mental health and death by suicide of our youth! This bill not only denies students the right to participate in sports as their true selves but violates their right to privacy. How will the coaches and teachers determine who can participate? It will be based on stereotypes and fears or illegal body searches.

This bill is discriminatory and does nothing to equalize the playing of sports. We should be looking at equal funding and opportunity for students of all colors and stripes not banning students because of fear. Please vote NO on this bigoted and backward bill. I find no redeeming clause or words on this needless hateful bill.

Thank you for the work you do to support all of Alaskans!

Shirley Dean

[REDACTED]

Douglas, AK 99824

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17 - Oppose
Date: Sunday, March 13, 2022 7:44:00 PM

My name is Charlotte Van Zee, I grew up in Soldotna, Alaska played varsity soccer in High School, and now live in Anchorage. I still have strong connections to the KPenn. I oppose HB17 for the following reasons:

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Things that would have had absolutely no effect on me physically / psychologically as a teenage athlete: Transgender and gender nonconforming peers.

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This bill, if passed, will be used to punish not only trans youth, but any gender-nonconforming youth as well. A girl with short hair, a lean physique, and a record breaking run time would have to endure accusations and pointless exams in order to prove she was "female" enough to compete.

Gender is "assigned" at birth based on appearances, not genetic testing. To even begin enforcing this bill the state would have to start paying to test the genetics of all athletes. Then it would have to decide what to do with athletes who tested XXY, XXX, XYY, X, XXXXY, XXXXX, or XY intersex presenting as female since birth. Not even getting into mosaicism (where one person has two sets of DNA), plus 9 other sex chromosome mutations. That's not even opening up the controversy over what to do with athletes who naturally produce higher testosterone levels, male or female.

Once again, I oppose HB17, which is based in bigotry, likely unconstitutional, and unenforceable.

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Charlotte Van Zee

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:07:14 AM


PLEASE OPPOSE HB 17

Rather than ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination against religious institutions and private citizens based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Thank you,
Debora Deal

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: oppose HB 17 now !!!!!
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:05:20 PM

David L Lazer, Palmer , Alaska !!!!!

From: 
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 17.
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:04:28 AM

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Liz Snyder](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Christopher Kurka](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:06:06 AM

Dear Representatives.

I'm going to come right out and say this. House Bill 17 regarding Statewide LGBTQ+ Non-Discrimination is the best thing since the Toaster was invented. I can't think of anything that will help this state more than protecting our most vulnerable populations.

Right now, our state has the *highest suicide rate per capita* than any other state in the union. For parents and children to have legal protections against persecution is the first step in a long road to helping our youth.

Please support and pass this bill.

It's a tall ask for some folks, but I also gotta say it: LGBTQ+ isn't going anywhere. They'll be with us for the rest of time. The only question is if we're going to make their lives miserable by persecuting them or not. We talk a great talk about being inclusive and tolerant. What we're not good at, is being true to our words. We need to move that bar from Tolerant to accepting because if we don't, our children are going to continue feeling persecuted and suicides will keep being the biggest trend since sliced bread, and I don't think that's something anyone wants.

Good luck and best wishes.

Rob Wicwillow

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks Ak, 99712

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#); [Rep. Liz Snyder](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. Christopher Kurka](#)
Cc: [Rep. Andi Story](#)
Subject: HB 17 written Testimony
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:20:41 PM

Greetings Mr Chairman and members of the Judiciary committee,

For the record my name is Katie Botz and I am a constituent of district 34.

Shame. Shame. Shame. Shame on each of you. Shame on you for writing the bill. Shame on you for hearing the bill, and shame on you for allowing the bill go this far into the process!! There are FAR better legislation to work on, instead of this bill.

For the past few years, I've been trying to advocate for public safety, and in doing so, have shared with state legislators my personal story when state legislators were repealing SB91, and is what is now HB49. It is crystal clear need to take my personal story in a different light. If you'd like to hear my story which I've shared on basis, you can find it at http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SJUD%202019-02-18%2013:30:00#tab3_4e. 0:43:20.

In brief, when I was 12 years old, I was sexually abused by a person who was a friend of one of my brother. My mother ended up catching the predator in the act. 5 years of crying myself to sleep because I was dealing with nightmares. I truly wished there was true justice back in the day, and I respectfully suggest to watch that clip.

Here's where it. Relates to HB17. Knowingly that I was sexually abused at the age of 12, there were multiple of times when I HATED being a girl. I wanted to become a man in my mind because back in year 2000, I had the mindset that men were able to get away with murdering anyone of their choice from the inside and walk free. I surely hope it isn't the case today. If I actually were to go through with the transgendered medical procedure, would the legislative body as a whole see me any less?? Most likely.

I've been through years of turmoil and actually wanting to commit suicide. It wasn't until 2012 when I was able to find peace with my circumstances when I started reading King James Bible. In Genesis, God clearly stated that he made man in His own image, and woman came from the rib of a man. He later state in Leviticus that it is an abomination to sleep with the same gender. In New Testament God explain clearly in His words what happens to those who are for fornication.

I understand this is unorthodox for me to bring up the Bible to Legislators, but it is a SHAME for me not to being it up on such topic. We are going to reel what we stow and I cannot be for HB17. It goes agains everything that I believe in, and what I once thought that the Nation believes in as well. The Holy Bible.

I am ashamed that HB17 is in the state Legislature, as a constituent, and am in grave concern what our State is allowing to become by this bill. I respectfully ask that you kill the bill and pick up on other pressing matters.

Thank you for reading this written testimony.

Katie Botz
District 34

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: <No Subject>
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:31:16 AM

SOGI has unintended consequences that will be destructive to those lives it touches. Live & let live has been the "law" for 3 decades. Anyone needing proof has only to look at society today. Stop the activist agenda that destroys straight and LGBTQI people.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: An urge to House Judiciary Committee to OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:45:45 PM

— HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

— A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the “crime” of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women’s shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state.

— HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

— Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Do not pass HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:10:08 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am against HB 17 as it threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities and has no place in Alaska.

It is clear and obvious that, instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

I am opposed to HB 17 and ask you do not pass

Please feel free to contact me
Cell: 907-[REDACTED] or email.

In His Service
Barry Orzalli

Book an appointment by using this link <https://real-life-church.appointlet.com/b/barry>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Fairness
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:01:17 AM

To whom it may concern:

The passing of this law will endanger women. A woman goes into a restroom and a man is using the facilities. A woman goes to the gym and showers and a nude male approaches her.

Girls and women competing in sports must compete against transsexuals who still have the strength of a male. Please do not pass this bill. It will end up in discriminating against women!!

V. Kristiansen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: H.B. 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:00:06 PM
Attachments: [PastedGraphic-1.tiff](#)

Dear Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Sherrie Laurie and I am the Executive Director of the Downtown Hope Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Downtown Hope Center has an overnight women's shelter that exists to provide a safe place for women, many of whom have survived sex trafficking, rape, or domestic violence at the hands of men. Some members of the committee may recall that my faith-based organization had to file two separate lawsuits against the Municipality of Anchorage over its code provisions that sought to let males sleep alongside these women who have suffered physical and sexual abuse. I ask that you consider the vulnerable women my single-sex facility ministers to when deliberating on this bill and not put them in the same harmful position Anchorage threatened to place them in.

Sherrie Laurie
Executive Director



www.downtownhopecenter.org

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 14
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:59:45 AM

Committee Members,

I am writing to ask you to oppose HB 17. The reason is that Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences. It undermines religious liberty, privacy, freedom of association and freedom of speech.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Mary Ann Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17 Opposition
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:00:01 AM

Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for serving and representing the citizens of Alaska.

As one of those citizens, I would respectfully ask you not to forward HB 17 to the House for a vote. I believe it actually causes more discrimination than it solves and is an unnecessary bill.

Thank you for your time,

Peggy Talerico

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:50:51 PM

OPPOSE HB 17 it does not benefit Alaska.

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 12:48:25 PM

Dear House Judiciary,

Please oppose HB 17 as it actually opens the door to other discriminatory acts:

HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the "crime" of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women's shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state.

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Thank you,

Kristen Holland

Resident, Fairbanks, Alaska

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:37:49 PM

Committee members,
We urge you to oppose this bill.
It is not about stopping discrimination.
How have you allowed this kind of junk to come to committee?
We are praying for God Almighty to come against any one who supports this.

Frank Duncklee



Virus-free. www.avast.com

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:12:07 PM

Dear House Judiciary,

By considering this bill you are putting the rest of your constituents rights in jeopardy by giving special rights to one group over another. This bill does not stand on any merit. All people of this country and state share a right called liberty, it is my right to be who I am, LGBTQ have the same liberty too.

Stare decisis ,

John Zielinski

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:09:15 AM

I am asking you all to Oppose HB 17. It isn't fair for anyone.
This is going to create more discrimination.
Put it on a ballot and let people vote on it stop trying to inject all your own personal issues on everyone else.
Some of you really need to get some counseling yourselves.

Margaret Anderson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:33:00 AM

Urging you to OPPOSE HB 17. This bill will discriminate against women, christians and others who believe in traditional values. --

Cathy Moore

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:54:40 AM

Dear House Member,

It is time you focused on the serious issues in the state of Alaska and stay out of the lives of people. To compare sexuality to the color of someone's skin or a handicap is ridiculous. This bill tells people of faith their faith does not matter. I strongly oppose this bill and ask that you stay out of people's lives.

Regards.
Judy Eledge
Anchorage AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:14:09 AM

I know I speak for so many Alaskans when I say that HB17 is WRONG for Alaska, and it only makes discrimination WORSE.

HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association.

Please do NOT support passing this bill.

v/r,

Matt Lucas
Anchorage, AK 99515

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#); Senator.Peter.Macciche@akleg.gov; [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:39:35 PM

My name is Michael Chase, I live in Kasilof Ak. I represent myself and all the solid working class American patriots that know real science. I strongly oppose Hb 17 on the grounds that it does nothing but further divide our population. I hear the "bullying argument and it does not hold water. I am not saying bullying doesn't happen..... it does ,,,, but not just to these people. Bullying has been a part of school since schools began . It happens to all sorts of people and it won't stop with this bill. It will continue to get worse now if you give them a big hammer to use on the rest of the school population. I speak from experience as a victim. Also do not handcuff the teachers by forcing them to try to enforce an unenforceable law. That just opens them to all sorts of law suits and they then work to avoid prosecution instead of working to teach our students reading writing and arithmetic.

This bill will open a pandoras box of passing more and more laws to fix one loop hole after another when your job should be fixing our government instead of exasperating it. This is another example of "the tail wagging the dog" . the percentage of people you are talking about is a lot smaller than those who have to live in this world with them. I am not saying they are not important, they are, but this battle has been going on a lot longer than any of us have been alive and it will not be solved by one small bill that subjugates the rest of us.

Please stop wasting time on these peripheral topics and do the job we hoped you would do when we elected you. Fix our budget then worry about all these other things.

Thank you for listening'

Respectfully

Michael Chase

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:45:16 PM

Please vote No.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:12:00 PM

To all on the judiciary committee:

Please vote “NO” on HB17. Our laws already give equal protection to EVERYONE. This bill would make one category of persons MORE EQUAL. Then they would discriminate against ME. So please, please, please vote “NO”.

Patti Ireland

[REDACTED]

Soldotna, Alaska 99669

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:06:50 PM

Hello,

I am emailing you today to urge you in the strongest possible terms to stop HB 17. This is NOT a stop discrimination bill. In fact it will cause MORE discrimination of women who want privacy and fairness Christians who adhere to traditional beliefs about marriage and sexuality, and non-profit charities that prioritize people's real needs over "politically correct" ideology. HB-17 will be an unmitigated disaster for Alaska.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Randy McKinney

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 3:15:19 PM

Please stop HB 17 Alaska does not need any lawyer, like this!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:51:27 PM

Please oppose HB 17
Sincerely,
Ruth Stratton
Alaska Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:37:43 PM

House Judiciary Members,

I am opposed to HB 17.

It does nothing to prevent discrimination. All it does is lead to discriminating someone else. I urge you to vote against this bill. Shifting discrimination does nothing to protect anyone. This bill could have disastrous consequences.

Respectfully,
Renee Wellington

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10e, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:02:45 PM

I oppose HB 17.

I urge the House of Representatives to Oppose HB 17 that threatens the Religious Liberty and Prohibits Freedom of Speech of all Alaskans. This is America where we have Religious Liberty & Freedom of Speech.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:51:30 PM

I strongly oppose this bill!
40 year Alaska resident,
Joanne Rehn
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:47:55 PM

I urge you to oppose this bill. It is not fair to all individuals and adds to more discrimination. Please oppose.
Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:45:27 PM

I adamantly oppose Hb 17
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:27:19 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I absolutely oppose HB 17! This Bill creates more racism by its very nature than it protects!! This Bill has had disastrous results in other States, example WA state, and should not be a part of Alaska's legislation. I wholeheartedly oppose this radical legislation. This is not good for our children or the citizens of Alaska!!

Sincerely,

Jackie L Blankenship

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:22:15 PM

Please oppose HB 17

John Rathbun

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:25:02 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Benjamin King. I am a resident of Palmer, Alaska and I oppose HB-17. It would be a disastrous bill that would result in more discrimination, especially against women and those who believe differently than the LGBTQ community. As a resident, I ask that the house not pass this bill.

Thank you,
Benjamin King

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:24:40 PM

Good afternoon,

I am requesting that you oppose HB 17.

Thanks,
Dan Downs
Palmer, AK. 99645

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:24:28 PM

Hello,

Please reject HB 17. It is a bill that will erode my right to practice my religion and voice my beliefs. Further, it will:

- HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, that violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.
- A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the “crime” of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women’s shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state.
- HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Thank you,
Charley Larson
Juneau

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:52:41 AM

HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

Nikiski

Sybille Castro-Curry

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:38:32 AM

I am contacting this committee to ask you, urge you to oppose HB17. There is no need to add special protected categories- "sexual orientation", "gender identity or expression" - as our U.S. Constitution and Alaska Constitution already say discrimination based on sex, race, is not allowed.

Please oppose SB 17 and protect women's privacy and fairness, protect Christian traditional beliefs and nonprofit charities providing for people's real needs over "politically correct" ideology.


Thank you.

Praying

Dorothy DeBlauw

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: 
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:28:15 AM

I oppose HB 17. Why are we letting a small majority dictate what affects a large group of people. Please stop this bill.

Vicki Herman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:26:32 AM

I do NOT support HB 17. It is a step backward, and will add to discrimination, not reduce it.

There is NO ONE that needs any special protected category under our current anti-discrimination laws. No one is to be discriminated against. That covers every single person, no matter their sex, race, religion, gender confusion, etc. WHY are you wasting time, effort, and money on something that isn't broken?

Please just stop. Stop the nonsense. No one should be forced by your weaponized civil rights laws for refusing to buy into your LGBT ideology. SCIENCE proves there are only two genders. No one gives a crap what others wish to identify as. Science is science, and just because some people identify as a dog, doesn't make them a dog, and I do NOT have to enable or support them in their delusions. The law can require me to treat them respectfully and kindly and without discrimination, but the law will NEVER force me to believe something that just isn't true. I don't buy alcohol for an alcoholic, and I won't enable and support gender identify confusion. I don't care WHO you sleep with, what you do in bed, or what you believe you are. Why do you LGBT people think we want to know? I don't discuss my sexual preferences, why the hell do I need to hear about yours?? That's not discrimination! That's MY personal preference. And last I heard, I have rights, too! And so do they, already! They are already FREE to identify or express themselves as whatever they want to. I don't have to listen to it, and I don't have to agree. But the law requires that I treat them respectfully and equally already. Why is anyone wasting time creating a new bill making them a 'special protected category'? We're ALL humans. All humans are already protected by anti-discrimination laws. Can you just stop the nonsense already??

Thank you.

Deanna Chesser
Anchor Point, AK 99556

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:04:25 AM

I urge you to oppose HB 17 in order to preserve my rights as a citizen. A bill of this nature has been used in other states to deny personal rights of citizens, making them adhere to the belief system of this group instead of allowing the freedom to act according to our own beliefs,.

Please protect my rights as an Alaskan citizen to live according to my own beliefs, which do not infringe on others rights to live their own life styles, but not at my expense.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:51:52 AM

I am writing this email to urge you to OPPOSE HB17. Instead of ending discrimination it will encourage it to occur against people and organizations that have sincere religious beliefs or personal convictions. Have you done your homework on this? Is it right to destroy a person's business because of their personal convictions when you can just go to one that doesn't have those convictions? Should a man who thinks he is a woman be allowed into an abused women's shelter? There are plenty of examples of situations where people's lives have been destroyed by this kind of discriminatory legislation.

Thank you,

Kathleen Peters
Glennallen, Alaska

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:50:01 AM

Please oppose HB 17.
Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:43:02 AM

**HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Sampson
Fairbanks, Ak

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:31:57 AM

I am writing today to oppose this legislation, and to urge the committee to vote no. Rather than being anti-discriminatory in nature, it's passage will result in discrimination against half of the population - girls and women. It will also create a pathway to persecute those who hold long held traditional or religious views on gender. I witnessed the destruction of Baronelle Stutzman's floral business in Tri-Cities, Washington. Colorado continues their persecution of a baker who already won a lawsuit that went all the way to the Supreme Court. California defends naked men being in women's dressing rooms, exposing themselves to young girls. Young women athletes are being disqualified and diminished in their own sports by biological men.

This is a highly discriminatory bill, the opposite of what it claims to be.

We have seen the lawsuit brought against the Hope Center in Anchorage, an assault on all the good they do for our homeless community. Since 1959, I have lived in an Alaska that is welcoming to all, a colorful tapestry woven of the lives of the individuals who have stayed and worked for the betterment of all her people. Please vote no on HB 17.

Melinda Osburn
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99502

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:56:55 AM

I'm writing you today to urge you to oppose HB 17. At first look, it appears that this bill would end discrimination. However, in reality, it will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based solely on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations, and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences. We've already tried this in Anchorage, which led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the "crime" of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women's shelter! Please don't make the same mistake our assembly in Anchorage has already made! Enough with this government overreach! Oppose HB 17!

Shannon Wileman
[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99516

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:54:12 AM

Please dismiss HB 17 without approval.

There are already federal and state protections for general populations including ADA. There are existing laws against bullying, threats, etc. No special class creation is needed.

Thank you,
Mark (Atyátx'i Latíni) Dundore

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) secure email.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:38:08 AM

Hello House Judiciary members,

I am writing this email in response to HB 17.

I believe this law is flawed and should not be passed.

It will discriminate against everyday people's religious beliefs. The first amendment to the Bill of Rights protects freedom of religion, but this law will violate the religious beliefs of individual people by putting their rights second to HB 17.

Sexual orientation and gender identity is a choice not a right. You cannot change your biological sexual identity.

A person can change their outward appearance, but in the end they are either male or female.

Why should my religious rights be compromised in order to satisfy someone else's choice?

HB 17 is not equality under the law. It will make one class of people have more rights than another.

Politically correctness is killing the rights of everyday Americans. HB 17 is another example of politically correctness in action.

Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

I hope you Table HB 17 forever.

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Thanks,
Ernie Christian

[REDACTED]
Glennallen, Alaska 99588

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:29:12 AM

Please oppose HB 17

Thank you.

Tom Arminski

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:21:34 AM

We oppose HB 17. To allow legal discrimination to occur is wrong. That's what this Bill will do.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:03:40 AM

I urge you to oppose this bill due to the following well stated reasons:

- HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, that violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.
- A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the “crime” of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women’s shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state.
- HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Thanks,

Dennis Morris

Dennis & Bette Morris

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

(907) [REDACTED] Dennis Cell
(907) [REDACTED] Bette Cell

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:51:02 AM

I would like to voice my opposition to HB 17.

The LGBT/Q and whatever other letter they include are a minority population that has pushed very successfully to steer legislation action and policy.

As a result they have weaponized the court system for favorable outcomes.

While not a crusader I feel they are allowed adequate protections under current civil right and other laws.

This is just another bill to further their position and influence.

My family and I strongly oppose this bill

Thank you

Sincerely

L. Casey and family

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17,Opposition
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:15:49 AM

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members, Please vote NO on HB 17 which removes citizens' privacy rights, our religious freedoms as Alaskan citizens desires to keep all our liberties and freedoms. We appreciate your opposition to this discriminatory proposed law. Sincerely, James E. & Janice E. Preston, [REDACTED], Homer, Ak 99603.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:11:06 PM

Laws like HB 17 have been passed in many other states and cities, with disastrous results. We're told it's about "stopping discrimination," but so-called SOGI (sexual orientation / gender identity) laws result in MORE discrimination. **Who are the victims?** Women who want privacy and fairness. Christians who adhere to traditional beliefs about marriage and sexuality. Non-profit charities that prioritize people's real needs over "politically correct" ideology. Click [HERE](#) to learn how SOGI laws have been used to undermine religious liberty, privacy, freedom of association, and freedom of speech.

Consider the case of [Barronelle Stutzman](#), the florist from Washington state. Barronelle respectfully declined to decorate for a same-sex wedding, because doing so would violate her religious beliefs about marriage being a union of one man and one woman.

Instead of respecting the diverse views that citizens hold about marriage, the state attorney general decided that Barronelle needed to be taught a lesson. Using the SOGI law on the books in Washington state, he filed a lawsuit against her.

For eight long years, Barronelle fought in court for the right to operate her business according to her conscience. But the courts rejected her case, she was forced to pay a settlement, and the 77-year-old great grandmother decided to sell her business.

Barronelle's story will become OUR story if HB 17 becomes law. **Civil rights law in Alaska will be weaponized to persecute anyone who refuses to "bend the knee" to LGBT ideology.**



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Hb 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:07:10 PM

I urge all to oppose HB 17.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17 OPPOSE!!!
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:52:17 AM

Please do NOT support HB17.

Pam Nustvold 907 299-6253

[REDACTED]
Homer, AK 99603

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:27:30 PM

We highly oppose HB 17!

We tried to call in last Monday but was unable to get through on the phone.

Please vote No on HB17.

Thank you,
Leland P Brewer
Terrell V Brewer

[REDACTED]
Soldotna, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB-17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:24:54 AM

Please oppose this anti-Christian bill!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:37:19 AM

We strongly oppose HB 17!

Sincerely,

Leland P Brewer and Terrell V Brewer

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:47:27 PM

I strongly oppose HB17 on the grounds that it will further divide and blur the lines between decent common sense and the small percentage of people who identify with the gay community. The gay community is trying to become their own race based on the way they prefer sex! Gender confusion is also not a race. They are just people who have chosen a sexual lifestyle unlike the majority.

Cities who have put this language in their law have seen horrendous lawsuits against religious business owners. In the end, who was discriminated against? Our liberal courts seem all too eager to rule against a religious person....

Just look at all the religious exemption that got denied for the vaccine.

Please use common sense and see this for what it is, another "legal" rule to allow the gay community to discriminate against another protected right.

I strongly oppose this bill

Elizabeth Chase

Kasilof, AK 99610

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 7:34:18 PM

Don't support HB17.

Clois D. Fitzhugh

[REDACTED]

Salcha, AK 99714

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 5:08:52 PM

I urge you to oppose HB17, which will result in further discriminations against Alaskans in general, while proposing to protest select groups.

Thank you,

Renee Saunders, Houston, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:39:40 PM

I strongly oppose this bill. And so do most of my friends. This bill is irrational. George Clark

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:23:42 PM

I strongly urge you not to pass HB17, which will end in discrimination for all, except for the LGBTQ. This is not a fair bill at all....

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:08:16 PM

Please vote to oppose this bill, all persons are protected by federal anti discrimination laws and we don't need any special legislation. Thank you. Keith Sopp, Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:50:42 PM

Please oppose.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:59:40 AM

This bill has no purpose other than to cater to the woke left mob and continue to erode the natural family as the core foundation of our society. The bill has nothing appreciable to do with the role of the Alaska state government or the Alaskan Constitution. The current laws prohibits discrimination. This suggests that a person not hired because of sexual orientation does not currently have recourse under existing law? How about a person with 6 fingers? Neither is explicit in the law currently. Please.

Not to mention enforcement. How do you enforce the transexual not getting the job? Of course he will say it is because of his 'sexual expression' and the employer will say, 'no, they were not as good as the other candidate.'

This is really not about making sure the guy with same sex attraction has a fair shake at a job, becasue I guarantee in about 99% of the cases, he does. This whole thing is a way to drive another nail in the coffin of traditional family values.

Stop the madness.

Joe McElroy, Kasilof

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:20:46 AM

House Judiciary

HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

— A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the “crime” of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women’s shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state.

— HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

— Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Thank you

Jeremiah Hamrick and Family

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IN GOD WE TRUST

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:12:55 AM

Totally against this it is unconstitutional.It's time to stand up for what is right.Just because other states have it doesn't mean we need it.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:03:22 AM

HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions. It is a clear violation of the First Amendment of the US Constitution, and frankly illegal by that standard alone. It is offensive and an affront to citizens of the state of Alaska.

A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the "crime" of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women's shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state. HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage reverse discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

HB 17 MUST BE REJECTED IN WHOLE! If this law is passed, YOU will be as guilty as criminals for enacting laws that are contrary to the Constitution of the United States.

Thank you,

MR & MRS C. S. Hamman

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:46:26 AM

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

This is my request that you OPPOSE HB17. Although it supposedly will prevent discrimination it will actually do the opposite for many citizens. Women who have been traumatized by men will have no guarantee that they won't go through more trauma or have those traumatic memories again torment them. Women and children will no longer be guaranteed privacy when changing or showering. Citizens and businesses will no longer be able to live and operate according to their personal convictions or religious beliefs about marriage and sexuality. This bill would actually encourage discrimination against individuals, churches, and religious institutions who want to live in agreement with their consciences. This bill violates the constitution by going against freedom of speech, religious liberty, and privacy rights. Instead of being a step forward for our state this would be a giant step backward.

Sincerely,
Kathy Newman, Sitka

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:13:33 AM

With all the problems Alaskans are experiencing, you don't need to spending time on garbage legislation.

Wiley Brooks

(907) [REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:10:00 AM

We do not need HB17! We already have laws that protect all Alaska citizens. Extra protection for “sexual orientation” and “gender expression” are not necessary. This does not protect anyone, but instead takes away the rights of those who differ, by not allowing other views.

Please vote against this dangerous and unnecessary bill!

Thank you,

Christina Crabb

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:59:18 AM

To whom it may concern, I strongly oppose inclusion of sexual orientation into the states anti discrimination law. The genders are already adequately protected thru our constitution, the Bill of Rights and existing case law. Any further inclusion is unnecessary and tears at the very fabric of society!! John H Slone, Anchorage Alaska

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:58:17 AM

Please oppose HB17.

Laws like HB 17 have been passed in many other states and cities, with disastrous results. We're told it's about "stopping discrimination," but so-called SOGI (sexual orientation / gender identity) laws result in MORE discrimination. Who are the victims? Women who want privacy and fairness. Christians who adhere to traditional beliefs about marriage and sexuality. Non-profit charities that prioritize people's real needs over "politically correct" ideology.

John Hawkins

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022 10:35:38 AM

I have resided in Alaska and the Anchorage Municipality for over 30 years. I am requesting that Members of the House Judiciary Committee OPPOSE HB17. This Bill negatively impacts religious liberty and freedom of decisions as a business owner, or other organizations. Thank you for your time. L. Kathryn Holmstrom
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB-17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:16:32 PM

I urge you to oppose the above legislation in committee. Instead of ending discrimination of those in the proposed 'protected classes', HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against those of us in other 'protected classes.' This has been born out in state after state where similar legislation has been promulgated.

Religious institutions and private citizens, based solely and only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations, and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences have been sued into bankruptcy and destitution. Jack C. Phillips should not have had to take his fight all the way to the SCOTUS, but he did. Others have not been so fortunate as to have energized donors get behind them. Or have 'run out of time' in their fight for freedom of conscience.

Please allow people who share a particular conscience not be forced to bend to the will of others of a different mind when a) those others have alternatives available and b) the result is that you trade one act of discrimination for another. That's simply not right.

Damien*

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99517

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17 - I do Not Support this bill
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 5:01:08 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I OPPOSE HB 17.

Thanks, Debbie Richards
907-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17- I do NOT support this bill
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 2:16:13 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I OPPOSE HB 17.

Thanks, Hannah Lindfors
907-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:49:42 PM

I am against House Bill 17

Randy Talvi
907-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:35:42 PM

I urge you not to pass house bill 17 as in protecting against different genders, religious liberty and protection of women is curtailed or done away with. Please vote NO on this issue. I was not afforded more time to respond, so I have no argument except that when we protect LBQT rights , women are placed at jeopardy (Alaska has a bad track record here already, the perps don't need more help there) and religious liberty is curtailed. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Janet Luce. Hoonah Ak

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 5:06:30 PM

Hello -

This bill is anti-American. There is no such thing as a transgender.

We need to stop this bill. Our children do not need to be taught to live in fantasy land.

God Bless,
Adrelia

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:05:07 PM

Please Oppose HB17!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 3:50:18 PM

Please oppose HB 17. We need to respect others but this is not in line with our Christian values.

Sincerely,
Michele Christiansen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:57:17 AM

It's a nooo from me.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:38:00 PM

Vote NO on House Bill 17. This would be a direct assault on free speech and religious freedom. Stop with all the insane special rules and regulations. It is dividing our nation into tribalism.

AJ Bluma

Wasilla, AK

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:47:52 AM

Please OPPOSE HB 17. It presents itself as an anti-discrimination Bill. Instead it should be scraped and rewritten as a NON-DISCRIMINATION bill. The sleight-of-hand wording in this Bill would ALLOW discrimination against those who adhere to traditional beliefs about marriage and sexuality. Rather the Bill should obtain for EVERYONE the right to live their lives without discrimination. Do the right thing for everyone!

Respectfully,
Lou Anne Curley

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:46:14 AM

Hello distinguished sirs and madams:

I am writing to you to implore you all to vote this Bill down.

Thank you

Darryl Almandinger

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:13:21 AM

To the House Judiciary Committee:

I OPPOSE HB 17.

For the sake of Alaska NOT becoming a politically motivated mess as other "Ideology" States have become, do not fall into this trap.

Take a close look at the ongoing, confrontational results of such a Bill in other States?

The social harm and easily foreseeable "take advantage of" capabilities that will inevitably arise with such a Bill, just for sake of appeasing a particular political group, is a bad idea.

Sincerely;

Mike Proctor

Palmer, AK

[REDACTED]

Alaska Registered Voter

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:35:46 AM

As an Alaskan voter I OPPOSE the subject bill. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Michael Larsen
Anchorage Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:19:47 AM

We want to remind the Judiciary that all speech is protected equally without the need for special protection for some words.

We **oppose** House Bill 17.

Reed and Rebecca O'Hair

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 7:47:58 PM

I strongly oppose HR 17. Please kill this bill and preserve womens rights to privacy and also to protect religious rights. A biological man is a man no matter what.

Regards,
Rodney Maniaci

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: House Bill 17
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:22:52 AM

Please vote against this bill that will violate our religious freedom. We respect all people and their expression, but that is a two way street. This does nothing but cause more strife in our already divided political landscape.

Thank you,
Tim and Cindy Abbott

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: I oppose HB 17 !!
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:30:59 PM

Do not pass this Bill !!!!!!!

- Carol Smallwood, a 33 yr resident of Fairbanks, Alaska

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: I oppose HB7 and HB 130
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:07:30 PM

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: I urge House Judiciary Committee to OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:01:26 PM

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Input on HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:54:16 AM

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing about HB 17. I hope you oppose it. It would result in far more discrimination than it would stop. Have you investigated the results of similar legislation in other cities and states? Do you remember Hope Center coming under attack and scrutiny for not letting a man stay in their abused women's shelter--just because he said he was a woman? It wouldn't be much of a shelter if they started letting men in. Just because he said he was a woman doesn't make it true. Please stop this in Alaska before it starts. Oppose HB 17.

Sincerely,
Linda Williams
Chugiak, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: LGBT
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:20:22 AM

I strongly oppose HB-17. They are no better than any other Alaska or American and they are not special in any way. They do not need (SPECIAL) laws for their user group. They need to learn how to deal with life!

Neil DeWitt

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 6:42:34 PM

Hello,

My name is Everest Pearce, I'm 22 and I've lived in Alaska for my while life. I want ro express that I and majority of Alaskans don't support House Bill 17. If you speak on behalf of the people, you will side with us.

Falling into and accepting even a piece of this gender dysphoria nonsense and putting it into legislation is against the heart of this state and nation. By making laws to acknowledge this craziness, you are accepting and abiding be the standards of imbeciles. Our nation and state will fall apart unless we stand strange.

Oppose House Bill 17

Thank you for your time. Please listen to the people of Alaska.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 3:10:58 PM

I do not agree with this bill. Please do not let it pass. I want my rights to my religion and I do not want to be forced to accept the LGBQ community to take over everything. We are already considered a minority which straight people are not. Would that group of people treat us fairly and unbiased. I will not bow to the LGBQ elite that are trying to make straight people come under their authority. I serve only one God.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:57:40 PM

Hell no to HB 17.

Start worrying about the damage you've caused by stealing the PFD. Poor people are discriminated against when they can't pay rent, by food or pay their bills.
If you're poor, it's not about whether you're straight or gay.

Legislation shouldn't be about sexual orientation.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:00:14 AM

Please vote against HB71.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: No on HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:00:02 AM

Dear Judiciary members

Good morning

Im writing today to ask for your no vote on HB 17.

As a Christian woman, I look at this as a threat against my family, our local businesses and our community. Noone should have to be forced by the govt to employ someone depending on who or what they have sex with.

When we pass "sexual orientation" laws, what's to stop someone who relates with sex with children later on? Where are the boundaries if there's no obedience to the law of the Lord? Think about it, this is a direct violation of Christian values, so what's to stop any other violation? If we don't value God's rules and have no line of what's right or wrong, then the perversion can go in any direction and before you know it, we have to allow child molesters and rapists, because they "relate and enjoy" that type of sex.

Sodomites are a perversion. I understand that people disagree with that, but it is. It's an abomination and that rule is in place to protect mankind.

If you look at the history of other civilizations from the past that embraced perversions, they eventually were destroyed, either by God or they destroyed themselves.

People generally get angry with me for mentioning this point of view because they have family or friends who are practicing sodomy, and they think I'm judgemental and hateful. The truth is I love all my neighbors regardless of their sin because I have sin too in my life and I'm not better than anybody else and I am sorry for offending those who are offended. But God is the King of Kings and Lord of Lord's and I have to confess the sins I struggle with and try to do His will and in order to preserve a healthy society that is blessed by Him, and to guard everybody's freedom including those who serve Him, we cannot allow abortions, perversions, we need to take care of our elderly and support family values. In other words, love and protect the innocent, and stay holy and pure in thought, word and actions.

As leaders, which God will you serve, the true God or not? Eventually we will all meet Him someday, so please choose carefully.

Thank you for reading my email and have a blessed day.

Pamela Samash

907-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: NO on HB 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:03:17 AM

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House Judiciary Committee:

DISCRIMINATION: GENDER ID.;SEXUAL ORIENTAtion??? HB 17, An Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression?

Such a Bill CREATES discrimination; it ADDs to discrimination. This Bill THREATENS by right to speak out or decline to disapprove of a biological male being allowed to use the girls' restroom in a public school because they feel they are a female. Stop this ludicrous.

I am a lifelong Alaskan Native, Native Alaskan. This bill will take us back to the dark days when not all men and women were created equal!!! This Bill is a threat to my Constitutional rights to my personal convictions and religious beliefs. Why would the State of Alaska want to impugn the rights of its citizens to IMPOSE DISCRIMINATION.

HB 17 gives authority to the Commissioner of Human Rights to ENCOURAGE DISCRIMINATION against my religious convictions, against the Church I attend, against all religious institutions, even private businesses, to operate their businesses according to their own convictions.

I am OPPOSED to this Bill. I URGE the Committee to OPPOSE this Bill. It is divisive and overreaching. Justice does not take rights away, it protects them. This is not about race where justice has prevailed in our history. This is about an ideology where ones sexual preference, gender preference and sexual expression preference. This Bill empowers some to dictate the rights of others against their rights. This Bill must be stopped.

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Chi'nan,

Susan Wells

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: No on HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:39:45 AM

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members:

I am emailing you asking that you consider not moving HB 17 forward. This bill chances to seriously harm both women and children as well as discriminates against religious rights and free speech and even thought.

The community of people this bill supposedly intends to “protect” are already protected by other civil rights laws in important areas of education, housing, employment and healthcare.

A majority of the individuals in this group are biological men who would then be allowed to reside as clients in shelters and facilities intended for the protection of women and children, most whom have been abused by other men. This is not right! It is our most vulnerable we should be seeking to protect. By creating such laws as would happen with HB17, you are opening up a whole can of proverbial worms leading to more “discrimination” and harm.

I ask you to please consider putting this bill to rest and not moving it forward.

Thank you for hard work on behalf of our state.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Stark
Palmer

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: No on HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:58:40 AM

Hello,

I am a female and I oppose HB17. Please be considerate of our privacy and vote no on this bill!!!

Thank you,

Kristi Mulholland

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: NO To HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:30:43 PM

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for your service to Alaska.

After learning about HB 17, my wife and I would like to express our concern over this bill and its contents.

Please vote no. It's not in the best interest of any of us to support this bill and any bill like it.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you for the difficult work you do everyday.

God Bless!

Nick and Valerie Straw

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17 - Protect the individual freedoms and rights of all EQUALLY !
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:29:35 PM

Hello,

Please protect my individual freedom and rights. Quit pitting us against ourselves, carving out every special interest group as deserving of special / super protection under the law.

Liberty and Justice for all, not for some, or more for some, and less for others.

Not different laws for special classes of people, wanting to bend society to fit their preferences or special interests.

- HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, that violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.
- A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the “crime” of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women’s shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state.
- HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Gerard Farkas

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99508

Message sent using TLS Encryption

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17 Today!
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:17:38 AM

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Please oppose HB 17 today!!

Thank you!

Gina Senko

Anchorage

907-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17!
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:45:58 AM

Please oppose this bill!

These SOGI bills have been used time and time again to undermine religious liberty, privacy, freedom of speech and association. In the interest of trying to protect one category of people, these bills blatantly discriminate against others.

Renee Gartland, esq.
Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17!
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:53:17 PM

Respected legislators,

The proposed HB 17 legislation is unnecessary. If passed it will further divide people, it undercuts Christian faith institutions, and it adds nothing to help the cause it seeks to advance.

Do the right thing and kill this bill.

Steven Hatter
Anchorage, AK

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 5:23:58 PM

Dear Committee members,

I respectfully request that you vote NO on HB 17

HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, that violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions. A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the "crime" of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women's shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state. HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

Laws like HB 17 have been passed in many other states and cities, with disastrous results. We're told it's about "stopping discrimination," but so-called SOGI (sexual orientation / gender identity) laws result in MORE discrimination. **Who are the victims?** Women who want privacy and fairness. Christians who adhere to traditional beliefs about marriage and sexuality. Non-profit charities that prioritize people's real needs over "politically correct" ideology. SOGI laws have been used to undermine religious liberty, privacy, freedom of association, and freedom of speech.

Respectfully,

Craig Thorn

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99654

907-[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Cc: [Koehrer Ernest](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:48:55 AM

Dear committee,

As a long term Alaskan, Father and Physician, I urge you to oppose this bill.

It is not a necessary bill as we already have many law that address discrimination issues and the rights of Alaskan citizens embedded in our US and Alaskan Constitution, and there is no need to continue to create divisive special categories or “tribal rights” within our State that threaten to be divisive.

We are seeing clearly in States that are venturing into this steam, a very disturbing march to trample the rights of other groups such as women athletes, religious freedoms etc.

Our state has many issues before it which call for unity, and in order for us to survive as a cohesive, functional and productive community and State we do not have a need or a call from the general Citizenry of Alaska to embark in this direction.

Please do not introduce a Law that is sure to create division and endless lawsuits and frustrations for an issue that bears no true weight to us Alaskans at this time.

We have much larger fish to fry and we will need to be a united and strong Alaska, as we have been, to succeed.

Sincerely

Ernie Koehrer

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:44:13 PM

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— HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

— Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Sent from Billy's iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 5:03:04 PM

Dear House Judiciary Committee,
Please Oppose HB 17 .which adds “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as special protected categories under Alaska’s anti-discrimination law.
If this were to pass, then discrimination against those who think differently, or who hold religious beliefs that differ will then occur.
It already has in other states- I am reminded of Barronelle Stutzman in Washington State.
What happened to this gentle florist was awful.
We do not want this in our great state.
Please oppose this legislation.
Sincerely, Andrea Bennett
Eagle River

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:04:42 PM

Good day,
Please protect our religious freedoms and woman's rights by **OPPOSING HB 17**.
Thank you,
Tiffany

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:28:25 PM

Please do not pass HB 17!

If you pass this bill it is giving into the minority and will cause the majority to be discriminated against.

Please consider the majority in Alaska!

Laurie Clark

North Pole, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:03:27 PM

Greetings,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to HB 17. Please consider how HB 17 has the potential to lead to discrimination and threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

As an American citizen and small business owner, I value the rights of all; including the freedom to engage in society according to deeply held religious beliefs. From my understanding of HB 17, the bill will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Please look closely at the intent and potential outcomes of the bill...I urge you to OPPOSE HB 17.

Respectfully,

Jackie Marshall
Jacqueline J Pepi-Marshall
[REDACTED]
Seward, Alaska 99664
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:57:41 PM

House Judiciary:

My name is Marcy Sowers and I'm writing on behalf of myself.

We do not need to revise long established definitions of gender/sex/marriage. The actions of this bill disregards traditional values, Christian values, ignores science and furthers the departure of the long accepted values.

People can respect other human beings and their choices without having to change definitions in the law. Christians are expected to cave to the push normalization of relationships outside Christian values. Where is the respect for these beliefs and relationships?

If the respect was a two way street it would really not be an issue. However the best indication of future behavior is past behavior. The past indicates the opposite of mutual respect. Just think - law suits over cakes, floral arrangements, nuns forced to pay for contraception they don't believe in. One can respect others sexual preferences without devaluing or erasing traditional values.

I oppose the HB 17.

Sincerely,
Marcy Sowers

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:40:50 AM

Oppose HB 17:

It discriminates and threatens privacy rights, religious beliefs, freedom of expression and freedom of association.

It will Only punish businesses and individuals because they choose not to engage in speech or events based Only on their decisions to operate their business, school, organizations and careers that is consistent with their beliefs and conscience.

Please oppose HB17.

Thank You,

Debra Bales

[REDACTED]
Wasilla, AK 99687

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:24:40 PM

I oppose HB17 Many good reasons.

1 Article I, Section 1 of the State Constitution says “This constitution is dedicated that all persons have an natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the enjoyment of the rewards of their own industry; that all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities and the protection under the laws/ and that all persons have corresponding obligations to the people and to the State.” Note the ALL PERSONS is stated three times in this one Section.

2. Article 1, Section 3. “No person is to be denied the enjoyment of any civil or political right because of race, color, creed, sex or national origin”

HB 17, without two Constitutional Amendments adds “sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

If he sponsor wants to Change Article 1 Section 1 to where we add beyond “all persons” with “sexual orientation, gender identity or expression”, by all means try. If the author of this bill would like to make a Constitutional Amendment to add “sexual orientation, gender identity or expression” to Article 1, Section 3, that person is free to try.

Let me be clear “all persons” is just that ALL PERSONS! That includes all races, all Men and Women, which are the only biological sexes in existence in the human race, all creeds and all national origins.

As to “sexual orientations”, that still is a man or a woman, be it heterosexual or homosexual. Gender Identity is in the existence of the person's mind, period! Under the Constitution, they may believe they are a woman or a man as they see fit, however that belief makes no Chromosomal and inherent physical changes in the fact of being a man or a woman. The Constitution fully protects the “expression” of ALL PERSONS. One may express that they are a woman, while being a man all they want, however and this is where this bill is trying to go, that that expression gives one the right to go into a men or women's bathroom, locker room, sauna, etc., period!

As to cross dressers and “gender identification”, That person, no matter the amount of hormone replacement, surgical alteration, there is no “transition” to becoming a woman or man. That is settled science. If science can change that over the coming decades if not centuries, then we can explore this at that late day.

Stop with this insanity into WOKENESS, Cancel Culture and flat our intolerance of the facts and science!

Mike Coons
Palmer AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:50:12 AM

This law will result in MORE discrimination. We do not need more laws that discriminate against women and faith families or non-profits that help people.

Who are the victims? Women who want privacy and fairness. Christians who adhere to traditional beliefs about marriage and sexuality. Non-profit charities that prioritize people's real needs over "politically correct" ideology.

Please OPPOSE HB 17

Jean Kassube

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:03:28 PM

Oppose HB 17

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:17:56 PM

The body of this bill should be dismissed or cancelled as it does nothing to further rights of any person or rights. Choosing what a person wants for him or herself has already been enacted in law. This is a convoluted measure to pretend there is no right to choice in our American life. I oppose this and ask that it be dismissed or cancelled.

Diana Kuest, 907-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:57:17 AM

To all it Concerns:

Please oppose HB 17.

All people should be treated with dignity and respect, with equality and fairness. However, by passing a bill like HB 17, you are attempting to stop discrimination against one group of people by discriminating against other groups. It is not appropriate to grant rights to some by taking away rights of others. All people should be allowed to live by their personal convictions, have freedom of expression, privacy of their rights, and enjoy religious liberty as granted us through the constitution.

Please oppose HB 17 and refuse to discriminate against some people in order to attempt discrimination against others.

Sincerely,
Courtney Everard

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:41:11 AM

Representatives,

I am writing to oppose HB 17 as it is currently written. I am a Christian, health care provider, and mother in Palmer Alaska.

While all people should be treated equally with dignity and respect I oppose legislation that forces a group of people to play pretend, to violate their religious liberty, and in some cases create dangerous situations for children.

We are likely all aware of the transgender girl (really a teenage male) in Fulton county who has raped and sodomized a young girl on school grounds using the women's restroom under a transgender equality policy to which the school administration and the school board then tried to cover up. While the public employees were covering up the incident, the same male student raped and sodomized more young women. He was charged in court at a minor for rape, assault and sodomy.

I have grave concerns about biological males who are suffering from gender dysmorphia as determined by the Academy of Pediatrics, being able to use women's facilities. I do not permit my very young daughter to be seen naked by men or boys nor do I want her exposed to male genitals at the rec center, the Alaska club, the school bathroom, etc.

When we pass legislation like this we force individuals to use certain speech. That's is a violation of our first amendment. We endanger young women and girls who will be exposed to the genitals on young men and boys which is a violation of their privacy and religious rights. It makes schools, lockerooms, sporting events, pools all unsafe for young girls.

If legislation like this is to be passed it must recognize that you cannot force someone to use certain pronouns or speech and no civil or criminal penalties can be brought against someone who for instance uses the wrong pronouns for an individual with gender dysmorphia. You cannot allow a transgender person to use the private facilities of the physical gender for which they are not. They can be given their own facilities or private individual facilities to use. But there should never be male genitals in a women's locker room or bathroom where women and girls are at their most vulnerable.

In a State with the HIGHEST rape, sex trafficking, and domestic abuse we cannot force women in vulnerable situations to come in contact with men. The trauma of forcing rape victims to use facilities with men in the most vulnerable situations they could be in is horrific. Their rights to privacy should not be suspended to accommodate males wishing to be female.

This bill must be seriously amended to reflect the balance of first amendment rights, privacy rights and religious rights of other individuals.

You cannot force someone to speak your pronouns or punish them for not saying them

correctly in civil court or otherwise. That violates freedom of speech.

You cannot use the same facilities in which women and girls are naked and vulnerable. Separate facilities are required for transgender or gender fluid individuals to not violate the privacy and religious rights of biological women. If men expose themselves to young girls or women intentionally that is punishable by law. Forcing rape victims to be nude with men in locker rooms or bathrooms is wrong.

I look forward to watching the testimony on this bill, I urge you to consider the first amendment rights and safety of all of the women and girls in Alaska when looking at bills like this, not just the gender confused.

Thank you,
Kendal Kruse

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:34:09 AM

Please oppose HB 17.

This bill, if passed, would undermine religious liberty, privacy, freedom of association, and freedom of speech.

It is unconstitutional AND illogical.

Thank you,
James Wicker
99507

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:02:22 AM

Dear Committee:
I oppose HB17.
Robert
Represented by Revak and Shaw

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:57:04 AM

We ask you to OPPOSE HB17 as it does NOT ensure liberty to all. It definitely discriminates against religious liberty and privacy rights. Again, please OPPOSE HB 17.

Respectfully,

John Wisel

Patty Wisel

[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, AK 99712

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17.
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:17:27 PM

Please.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17.
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:00:45 PM

Defeat HB 17.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 11:30:31 AM

If this passes, then me, as a man, can self-identify as a woman and walk into the women's locker room at the health club and watch the women walk around naked. Does this really make sense to you?

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 8:45:37 PM

Please oppose HB 17

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:23:05 AM

This would go against freedom of speech.
Heath Fitzhugh

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:29:29 PM

I strongly urge you all to oppose HB 17.

W.S. Smallwood
North Pole

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:15:31 PM

We all need to oppose HB 17. Why should a small fringe of society be permitted to make rules that affect everyone. We should have the freedom to choose for ourself who and what we want to support.

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:55:02 AM

Greetings. I am opposed to HB17 and urge you to oppose it also. In theory, the supporters of the bill say it is to prevent discrimination. But in reality it actually promotes discrimination. HB17 forces people to bow to an ever changing ideology of gender fluidity. This bill would undermine our long standing laws that protect freedom, privacy, speech, and religious practice. If passed this bill would eliminate privacy protection for children and women in places like public pool locker rooms, and it would eliminate fairness in girls and women's competitive sports. This bill would punish citizens who hold to traditionally held standards and beliefs about marriage and sexuality. It would force citizens to live or run a business by having to be politically correct rather than by abiding by their conscience. It would hinder the real mission of local faith based non profits and charities by making them adhere to political ideology rather than focus on the actual needs of their clients. Alaska does not need divisiveness. This bill is a special interest political agenda. It is not good for respect and wellness in Alaska . Please oppose HB17.

Thank you

Robin Marsh
58 year life long Alaskan
[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99507

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:30:34 AM

AK Legislators - Please vote to Oppose HB17. This piece of legislation is not productive towards traditional family values, and hurts girls who want privacy and equality.

Thanks,

Spencer Moore

P: 907. [REDACTED]

E: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:40:49 AM

I am asking you to oppose HB17 and protect our religious convictions and stand with the people of Alaska to protect our citizens from this horrific bill. It is not about having freedom but taking it away and making others prey to wicked doers. Example protecting ladies in an abuse shelter from having so called men saying they are women coming in and wanting to stay there. This would violate and harm ladies that came to the shelter for protection and help. Plus any business should have the right to deny doing a service if it is against their convictions. Just the same we chose to do business with people we trust and want to support. If a person does receive business they have the freedom to go somewhere else not try to make that business go against their religious convictions and beliefs.

Please stand with Alaska and oppose HB17

Thank you,
Kathryn Mowery
Fairbanks

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:40:48 AM

Please OPPOSE HB17!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Oppose HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:35:08 PM

We are very opposed to HB17. They have no right to try to mess with Alaskans
Freedom to speak and live with religious freedom!
Mark and Beverly Berdahl
Nikiski Alaska

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Opposed HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:48:18 AM

I am strongly opposed to House bill 17 and ask you to opposed this bill. Where do we stop in naming ever group that comes along claiming they need some special protection or consideration? The law sufficiently protects its citizens as is. Please do not support this bill.

Sincerely
Jim Schulz

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Opposed to HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:37:24 AM

Hello,

I have been and Alaskan resident all my life and as a woman, I am greatly opposed to HB 17. Other similar bills that have been passed in the lower 48 have done great harm to religious organizations, women's sports, and in some cases, as in California, it forces women to share prison cells with men. Please keep this insanity out of our great state.

Respectfully,

Amy Van Diest
Ketchikan, AK.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Opposed to HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:05:16 AM

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Opposed to HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:19:15 AM

I'm writing today to voice my opposition to House Bill 17 that, I feel, would strip religious liberty rights from businesses that politely decline to serve LGBT requests that the owners feel would violate their beliefs.

Mrs. Stutzman in WA state was targeted by a former customer and, in predictable fashion, the ACLU and the attorney general of WA filed suit against her. Her business was all but destroyed by partisan politics and the well-funded pro-gay lobby. Mrs. Stutzman had gladly served this gay couple previously but, declined to provide flowers for their wedding, referring them to another florist. A similar case appeared in Colorado at the Masterpiece Cakeshop. The owner politely declined to make a wedding cake for a gay couple and now he's been the target of several lawsuits. It's as if he's been targeted as an easy mark due to intense political pressure. These business owners are not mean, heartless people. Read it for yourselves:

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2021/11/18/after-8-years-barronelle-stutzmans-court-fight-for-religious-freedom-ends-in-settlement/>

Contrast that with a comedian who went to a muslim bakery in Michigan and asked if they would make him a wedding cake for he and his gay partner. They declined and directed him down the street to a bakery that would. As far as I know, and as much as I've researched it, no one cracked down OR sued the muslim bakery owner(s).

If you pass HB 17, you will unleash potential lawsuits, fines, personal harassment and threats against business owners that only want to have the same rights as everyone else and, retain the freedom to exercise their religious liberties. If you won a lawsuit against someone who didn't want your business, would you then force them to provide that service? I don't know many people who would.

Please do the right thing and strike this bill down.

Thanks...

Brad Slama

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99507
907 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please do NOT support HB 17: no special rights for any group. General anti-discrimination already just fine.
Thank you.
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:32:00 AM

By implication, if a special group is added to anti-discrimination laws, then the "rest of the world" does not have the same protection. Please protect us all EQUALLY: no special rights for special interests.

I don't care if someone is purple with green polka-dots - all persons are created equal and should be protected the same.

Carving out special interest groups dilutes the protections for non-special interest groups/classes and spreads fear among citizens that they can err, be manipulated, misunderstood, etc.

Fear is not good. We have too much of it already. Everyone wants to feel secure, not fearful.

Thank you for listening.

C Steffens, Anchorage

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose Bill HB17
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:02:53 PM

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

These types of laws have been used in the past to undermine religious freedom, privacy, and freedom of speech.

This is not the kind of world I want my children to grow up in.

Please stop laws like this from going into effect in Alaska.

Kindest regards,
Heather Ray

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:24:19 AM

We can see that bills like this have caused more discrimination in other states. People who own business that don't want to violate their religious convictions should not be forced to violate those convictions. Religious freedom is at the foundation of our rights as US citizens. Religious freedom is the reason why America was founded. Every one should have the right to follow their own convictions. This is not a communist country!! Please stand firmly for religious freedom and against HB 17.

-Windy Perkins
Anchorage Resident

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE HB17!!!!
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:23:29 AM

Hello my name is Brenden Marquez I urge all of YOU to OPPOSE HB17 HERE ARE THE REASONS WHY.

— HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

— A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the “crime” of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women’s shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state.

— HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

— Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Brenden Marquez

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: please oppose HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:18:11 AM

Please oppose hb17

Thanks

jon eric thompson +

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:45:18 PM

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am opposed to HB 17. Our current anti discrimination laws are sufficient to protect the people in our community. By imposing laws that absolutely require use of correct pronouns, and provide extra rights to community members that are part of the LGBTQ or the Gay communities, curtail my rights to free speech, and create laws that not only micro manage the community, but are expensive and difficult to enforce. I appreciate your consideration of my views when considering passage of this bill.

Thank you,

Eileen Bostwick
Wasilla, Ak.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose House Bill 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:32:06 AM

Dear members of the House Judiciary, I am asking you to oppose House Bill 17 today. If passed, I strongly believe it would undermine religious liberty. Sincerely, Michael Gilboy
[REDACTED] Eagle River AK 99577

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#); [House State Affairs](#)
Subject: Please put in public record HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 7:47:08 PM

Hello,

**HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Sampson
Fairbanks, Ak

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Please oppose HB 17 !!!
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:58:56 AM

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Re: OPPOSE HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:49:07 AM

> On Mar 14, 2022, at 9:38 AM, Ron Kruckenberg <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> To all those whom to seek more rules and laws to satisfy the few and end up harming the many. STOP!

> You need to think of the majority of us whom are infringed upon with the short sightedness of the actions of this bill.

> NO on HB17.

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> Ron Kruckenberg

> [REDACTED]

> 907-[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Reject house bill hb17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:19:21 AM

Vote against hb17
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Say no!
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:48:14 PM

The United States Constitution doesn't need help by adding unconstitutional rules and laws.
Do not vote for HB 17.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Sogi laws
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:16:28 PM

I am asking for you to evaluate how many people will be affected by your vote. By voting for the additional words, you are voting that free speech is altered and that freedom of religion is no longer a right. By voting against this you are voting that the current verbiage is correct. SOGI already is a protected right by the word sex in the current verbiage.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Tlazohcamati,

Maggie Matheson, MBA
(907) [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Stop this bill
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 12:40:47 AM

With this Crazy world we live in we Don't need to implement more segregation or division
.We all need to learn common sense and get oalong .Not implement more crazy policies.
Now where is are full statutory Dividend ?

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Veto
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:21:41 PM

Do NOT pass HB17!!
Thank you.
Marilyn and Ken Cowles
Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Vote down HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:31:25 AM

Honorable Representatives:

I write to encourage you to vote down HB 17. Here is why:

HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

A similar law in Anchorage led to the harassment of the Downtown Hope Center for the “crime” of not allowing a biological man to sleep in an abused women’s shelter. This disastrous policy should not be imposed on the entire state.

HB 17 threatens religious liberty, privacy rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association. Similar laws have had disastrous consequences in other states and cities.

Instead of ending discrimination, HB 17 will authorize and encourage discrimination to occur against religious institutions and other private citizens, based only on their decision to operate their businesses, schools, organizations and professional careers in a manner that is consistent with their consciences.

Thank you for voting down HB 17. Have a good day.

Rudy Poglitsch

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Vote No on HB 17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:32:42 PM

— HB 17 is a discriminatory bill that threatens to punish individuals and businesses simply because they decline to engage in speech, or participate in events, which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: Vote NO on HB17
Date: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:55:56 AM

This email is to ask you to vote **NO** on HB 17.

The role of the Government is to protect the individual rights of ALL citizens.

When you single out one group, you are not protecting the rights of ALL. This never considers the long term effects on that one group and as well as ALL the other citizens.

Reverse discrimination is still discrimination! HB 17 is not a solution.

VOTE NO!

Respectfully,

Bernice E. Hanson
Anchorage, Alaska
District 6/26

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Liz Snyder](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#)
Subject: Oppose HB 17
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 7:51:50 PM

HB17 needs to be killed because it is in direct conflict with our US Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights. We have individual rights, not group rights. We citizens are created equal and any division would show favoritism to those specified and would leave out the rest of us.

Furthermore, the Human Rights Commission should not have policing powers. This commission needs to be eliminated entirely because those outside sources who paid to have the liberals put into office are trying to pressure us state by state through the legislators, HHS, and this Commission without regard to the citizens of each state in the United States.

HB17 shows favoritism to a group according to that groups' lifestyle choice. That is not what individual rights guarantee and protect. There is a reason that the Founding documents were created and it was to lock in the principles that have led to America's Greatness. We are individual people who deserve to be respected equally without the stipulations laid out in this bill.

This Bill divides us and that is not good.

Sincerely,

Jon and Ruth Ewig
Fairbanks, AK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 8:30:54 PM

Please OPPOSE HB17.

A blanket bill to protect a few people's choices is discriminatory against a majority of people with long held beliefs, religious values and righteous opinions.

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on why you support or don't support this bill.

Thank you
David Sunday

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Liz Snyder](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Christopher Kurka](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 9:33:09 AM

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House Judiciary Committee:

DISCRIMINATION: GENDER ID.;SEXUAL ORIENTAtion??? HB 17, An Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression?

Such a Bill CREATES discrimination; it ADDs to discrimination. This Bill THREATENS by right to speak out or decline to disapprove of a biological male being allowed to use the girls' restroom in a public school because they feel they are a female. Stop this ludicracy.

I am a lifelong Alaskan Native, Native Alaskan. This bill will take us back to the dark days when not all men and women were created equal!!! This Bill is a threat to my Constitutional rights to my personal convictions and religious beliefs. Why would the State of Alaska want to impugn the rights of its citizens to IMPOSE DISCRIMINATION.

HB 17 gives authority to the Commissioner of Human Rights to ENCOURAGE DISCRIMINATION against my religious convictions, against the Church I attend, against all religious institutions, even private businesses, to operate their businesses according to their own convictions.

I am OPPOSED to this Bill. I URGE the Committee to OPPOSE this Bill. It is divisive and overreaching. Justice does not take rights away, it protects them. This is not about race where justice has prevailed in our history. This is about an ideology where ones sexual preference, gender preference and sexual expression preference. This Bill empowers some to dictate the rights of others against their rights. This Bill must be stopped.

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Chi'nan,

Susan Wells

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB 17
Date: Sunday, March 20, 2022 7:36:42 PM

Honorable Representatives,

I don't know if I'm too late with this note, but passing this bill is a very very very bad idea!

This is what has made the case with Baronelle Stutzman in the State of Oregon, where they had passed this same kind of law, so terrible to litigate. She was a florist who had served a homosexual couple for years and actually considered them her friends, but when they asked her to arrange the flowers for their wedding, she had to decline, because that went against her religious beliefs.

This case has been in litigation for years, and I believe it is now headed to the US Supreme Court. It could have been a much quicker and smoother fix of the situation, if the State had not added the sexual orientation and gender identity language to their discrimination law.

Please please consider our religious freedoms and DO NOT vote to add this additional "special interest" designation to our discrimination law. After all, these are life style CHOICES, NOT immutable characteristics.

Respectfully,
Laura Christiansen
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone with God's blessings!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: HB17
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 11:02:45 AM

Please do NOT vote for this bill!

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Dana Swanson
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: In opposition to HB17
Date: Saturday, March 19, 2022 9:56:26 AM

Honorable representatives,

I am opposed to HB17.

On the surface, this legislation appears to ensure equal treatment of all citizens under the law, by adding “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as special protected categories under Alaska’s anti-discrimination law.

However, the effect of such laws (as enacted in other states) has been to require the endorsement and approval of practices which many citizens find unacceptable for moral and religious reasons, thus stripping those citizens of their right to speak and act according to their convictions.

If enacted, HB 17 would threaten punishment of individuals and businesses which decline to speak, or act, in ways which violate their religious beliefs or personal convictions.

Not long ago, a similar law in Anchorage threatened the closure of the Downtown Hope Center for the “crime” of declining permission for a biological man to sleep in a shelter which serves abused women. Only through expensive and time consuming legal action, was the shelter able to continue its mission.

If enacted, will result in similar discrimination and disruption against religious institutions and private citizens, within our state. It will thereby undermine the federal and state constitutional guarantees of religious liberty and freedom of association and freedom of expression.

I urge you to reject HB17.

Respectfully,

David Wurm

[REDACTED]
907-[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, AK 99706

From: [REDACTED]
To: [House Judiciary](#)
Subject: OPPOSE HB 17!!
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022 8:36:18 PM

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members,
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PLEASE OPPOSE HB 17!
John & Johanna Ray
Fairbanks, Alaska