It is crucial that families only bear wanted children. There is no doubt that unwanted children are more likely to become criminals and suffer unproductive and unhappy lives. If women cannot have sovereignty over their own bodies, humanity is doomed.

Please pass this legislation. The Alaskan people vigorously oppose abortion bans despite posturing by the governor and others. The Alaskan people voted to not convene a constitutional convention by more than 70% largely hinging on protecting a woman's right to choose enshrined in our excellent current constitution.

Thank you Dr Emily Kane Juneau AK

I am very much in favor of HB 17, which would ensure contraception can be dispensed for 12 months. This is important so Alaskans don't face gaps in coverage, including for people who work at remote job sites where re-filling a prescription is exorbitantly expensive if not impossible. This legislation also would ensure emergency contraception is available over the counter.

A prior version of this bill passed out of committee with bipartisan support last year, but did not make it to the Governor's desk for signature, so I and other Alaskans are hoping that it will get to the Governor's desk for passage in a new session.

Thank you

Sincerely, Constance (Connie) Markis Anchorage, Alaska