From: Anne & Bill <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:54 PM

To: House Education

Subject: Oppose HB 105/Senate Bill 108

Thank you for your your service to Alaskans.

As a 30 year RN in Fairbanks AK I have experienced first hand the impact of hate and violence on many marginalized Alaskans, including many LGBTQ identifying people and also many children younger than 4th grade who are physically and sexually abused by family and close community members. (4th grade is the lower limit this bill proposes for any education about body safety from sexual abuse).

We need to ensure protection of all human rights, as well as safety, and respect for all Alaskans. And young children need appropriate education in schools about body safety and what touches are wrong and how to stay safe.

HB 105/SB96 attacks our neighbors, family members and friends and I oppose it.

HB 99/SB108 is a positive and well crafted alternative that I urge you to support.

Sincerely,

Anne Doerpinghaus

Fairbanks, AK 99709

From:

Michael Kruse <

Sent:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:13 PM

To: Subject: House Education
HB 105 Testimony

Good Morning -

I am writing in support of House Bill 105 for the parent bill of rights for education. and ask that this be read aloud and entered into the office testimony. Parents have the right to know what discussions are being held in their children's schools and at no time should any part of the education staff be encouraged to keep secrets with children. Parents are the first educators of children and continue that education outside the minimal 30 hours they attend school per week. At no time are staff more in tune with children to be able to make any decisions.

With the abysmal failure rate of basic education, nothing outside of the standard curriculum should be discussed until these metrics are improved to 80 or 90% proficiency in all subjects, and sexual education, sexuality, and other radical ideologies should never be discussed. This is not education but indoctrination. Kids are being graduated to keep school success number up who can not read, write, think critically, and woefully unprepared for the world.

Additionally, a statistic reported by Rep Story that 90% of abused children are abused by their parents is a flat-out lie. The actual statistic from the US Department of Justice reads: 90 percent of children who are victims know their abuser and that about 30 percent of children are abused by family members. Nowhere in this statement does it state that all abuse is from a parent.

Rep Story should apologize for demonizing parents in that statement and recognize that this attitude encourages "people the child knows" to be emboldened into keeping secrets and participating in sexual grooming behavior with minors. This is disgusting behavior for an elected official.

The real question we should be asking is why adults in the temporary care of children are so obsessed with talking about children's sexuality on such a personal level. Nowhere in our society would we find this acceptable for a temporary caregiver to have such detailed and intimate conversations with a minor or anyone. If this occurred in a workplace it would be sexual harassment, which is what this behavior should be classified as such.

Children are not sexual beings. Stop oversexualizing children for pleasure.

Respectfully

Mike Kruse

From:

Patty Wisel <

Sent:

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 9:38 PM

To: Subject: House Education Support HB105

#### Good evening Representatives:

My husband and I support HB 105 and urge you to do the same. Every single bit of this bill is in the best interests of our children, grandchildren and families. Among other things, this bill clearly states that schools may not selectively withhold information regarding a child's physical, medical or mental health from a parent, foster parent, or guardian. Please support and pass HB105!

Respectfully, John & Patty Wisel Fairbanks, Ak

From: Jon and Ruth Ewig <

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 9:56 PM

To: House Education; Jon and Ruth Ewig;

Subject: HB 105

We support this bill considering parental rights. We parents are the guardians of minor children and are bonded to the children. Parents have a lifetime investment in their children. God gifted parents with children and within families as the stable unit in society.

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Jon and Ruth Ewig

Fairbanks, AK 99701

From:	DuncanAandS <	28, 2023 10:50 PM	>
Sent:			
То:		House Educatio	n;; _
Subject:	Re: HB 105		
Yep, great!			
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Jon and Ruth Ewig
Fairbanks, AK 99701

From: Bonnie Kulzer <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:54 AM

To: House Education

**Subject:** Parents Rights in Education

YES THIS BILL MAKES IT CLEAR THAT SCHOOLS MAY NOT SELECTIVELY WITHHOLD INFORMATION REGARDING A CHILD'S PHYSICAL, MEDICAL, OR MENTAL HEALTH FROM A PARENT, FOSTER PARENT, OR GUARDIAN.

From: Betty Jo Moore <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:00 AM

**To:** House Education

**Subject:** Fwd: Written Public Testimony SUPPORTING HB 105

House Education Standing Committee:

Please accept my written public testimony below. I initially wrote only to Co-Chair Allard but I do want all of you to have a copy.

Thank you for your service.

Betty Jo Moore

Begin forwarded message:

From: Betty Jo Moore <

Subject: Written Public Testimony SUPPORTING HB 105

**Date:** March 29, 2023 at 8:33:02 AM AKDT **To:** Representative.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov

Representative/Co-Chair Allard,

My name is Betty Jo Moore. I am representing myself.

Is the Alaska Public Education System violating the constitutional rights of a parent? Is the Alaska Public Education System acting like that of an **unfit** parent? Judge Mead in an ORDER wrote "...By extension then, a parent with a history of domestic violence could properly be viewed as unfit. A history of domestic violence is statutorily defined as an incident causing serious physical injury or engaging in more than one act of domestic violence..."

The Alaska Legislature is responsible for protecting all Alaska's children constitutional right, Article VII Section 5. Article VII Section 4, Is the Alaska Legislature protecting the health of our children by not allowing a parent to see any and all information regarding a child's physical, medical or mental health?

The Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact Between Certain Alaska Native Tribes and Tribal Organizations and the State of Alaska <a href="https://dfcs.alaska.gov/ocs/Documents/icwa/TribalCompact.pdf">https://dfcs.alaska.gov/ocs/Documents/icwa/TribalCompact.pdf</a> on page 2 also supports the protection of Alaska's children protection from abuse, neglect and abandonment. Alaska Constitution Article VII Section 4 in the second WHEREAS.

What **remedy** is there that would protect a parent's constitutional right should the school district curriculum abuse and violate the safety or public welfare of a child? Article I Section 8 "....The power of grand juries to investigate and make recommendations concerning the public welfare or **safety** shall never be suspended." The parent(s) has a **remedy** to protect their constitutional right as a parent, and the safety of their child's well-being against any and all forms of sex information.

What is domestic violence? What is sexual assault?

Women's Legal Rights Handbook Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Page 125 "Child abuse and neglect include abandonment and denying children necessary food, care, clothing, shelter, and medical attention. Physical, emotional and sexual abuse are also forms of child abuse, including exposing your children to these forms of abuse between family members or parents. [AS 47.17.290]" <a href="https://andvsa.storage.googleapis.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/08115618/Womens-Legel-Rights-Handbook-2021-Final.pdf">https://andvsa.storage.googleapis.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/08115618/Womens-Legel-Rights-Handbook-2021-Final.pdf</a>

The court can override parental fitness if it's in the best interest of the child. What is the best interests of a child?

Alaska Statute AS 25.24.150 (c) defines in determining the best interests of the child the court shall consider. "Section (9) other factors that the court considers pertinent. Section (9)(h) A parent has a history of perpetrating domestic violence under (g) of this section if the court finds that, during one incident of domestic violence, the parent caused serious physical injury or the court finds that the parent has engaged in more than one incident of domestic violence..." Is subjecting a child to any information regarding sex that is NOT approved by the parent(s) sexual abuse, an act of domestic violence?

It is in the best interest of a child that a parent should at all times have full access and knowledge of any and all school information relating to their child's safety, sex, human reproduction, human sexuality education, etc., to ensure their child's physical, mental, and spiritual well-being are protected at any and all times.

Thank you Governor Dunleavy for HB 105.

From:

Jon and Ruth Ewig <

Sent:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:53 AM

To:

Alaska Watchman; Suzanne Downing; House Education

Subject:

HB 105

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Jon and Ruth Ewig

Fairbanks, AK 99701

From: Mike Coons < Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:48 AM

To: House Education Subject: Support HB 105

As President of Concerned Conservatives of Alaska we support Governor Dunleavy in passing HB 105.

The latest figures I have seen is that of the entire population of Alaska, only 3% of Alaskans "identify" as LGBCDQ. "CD" stands for Cross Dresser"

since I refuse to use false language of the far left. There is no "transition" to another biological sex and as such I refuse to use the language that promotes such lies.

Let us be clear, as Americans, we are endowed by our creator, free will.

What we do with that free will is up to each person. However, nobody has the right to impose their views and actions on others and be required to accept those views or actions. What an individual does in the privacy of their lives, so long as they do not infringe on the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness of others, is up to them. The imposing of the LGBCDQ lifestyle however over the last recent years has reached a boiling point.

We have School Boards, School Superintendents, school administrators and teachers who not just promote LGBCDQ but mandate that children are exposed to it, no matter what the parents views are. This has manifested itself in Drag Queen hours with as young as Kindergarten and even younger! We have teachers who proudly state they are "non-binary", gay, queer, etc. and demand the students accept those individual views are "normal". We have school boards, library boards that push outright porn in the libraries of the schools to "educate" children that any means of sex is "normal". Yet, within our society outside of the schools children under the age of 18 are not allowed to buy a Playboy, Hustler, Playmate, etc. magazine, cannot enter into The Bush Company or porn shops. Rightfully so! Yet our schools have become cesspools of porn by teaching gender identity, allowing people of the opposite biological sex to use bathrooms of any sex, locker rooms and showers where a male or female can disrobe, change cloths, take showers with children of the opposite biological sex! As happened in

Loudon County Virginia, two girls were raped by a boy dressed as a girl.

Most recent, we have a case of three children ages 8 and 9 along with three adult faculty killed by a person that identified as a man and upset at the school for not embracing her beliefs, that is still on going as to further facts, but that is what we know today.

We are a nation at a cross-roads where a very, very small minority are dictating to the vast majority what they demand. We are all equal. We all have equal standing as to our beliefs and behaviors. Yet, we do not have the right to dictate to others and expect others to turn a blind eye to what those people believe to be amoral and a violation of their civil liberties. If any parent who supports the LGBCDQ mantra, then they have the right to have their child partake in whatever legal group, activity etc. they wish. If they are OK with their child wearing clothes of the opposite sex that the child is biologically, then they have every right as a parent to do so. We also have those same rights, to support our children in growing up as a boy or girl and into adulthood as a man or a woman, free from harm. We all have the right to speak our minds so long as we don't advocate harm to others. Sadly, the actions of the LGBCDQ "community" has been harmful to others in so many ways.

HB 105 confirms the rights of all people. It does not however confirm that children are adults. It does not allow parents to give up their rights as parents as to whom their children are, on the say so of a teacher, school administrator, School Board or any level of government, period! I have sent to Co-Chair Allurd some proposed amendments that I believe would strengthen this bill and the rights of all. I look forward to those amendments passing. Please pass HB 105 out of committee as soon as possible.

Mike Coons President, Concerned Conservatives of Alaska Palmer, AK

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From: Andrew Satterfield <

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 4:00 PM

To: Rep. Jamie Allard

Subject: Testimony for DEED presentation of the Rights Bill to House Education Committee

Hi Jamie,

These people are willing to speak on the phone. I'll send written testimony in a few hours.

Jay McDonald, Rachel Ries, David Boyle,

Here is written testimony from Karley Fesseau:

Dear Members of the Alaskan House and Senate,

I am writing to express my strong support for Governor Dunleavy's new Parental Rights Bill. As a concerned citizen, veteran, healthcare provider, and advocate for children and families, I believe that this bill is a crucial step towards protecting the fundamental rights of parents and ensuring that Alaskan families can raise their children according to their own beliefs and values while retaining and recruiting critical teachers in the field.

The Parental Rights Bill would strengthen the legal protections for parents in Alaska, by affirming that parents have a fundamental right to make decisions about their children's upbringing, education, and healthcare. This would help to ensure that parents can exercise their rights without interference from the government or other third parties and that our children can grow up in a safe and nurturing environment.

As you know, parenting is a challenging and often thankless job, but it is also one of the most important and rewarding roles that anyone can take on. Parents are uniquely positioned to guide and support their children as they grow and develop and to impart the values and traditions that are important to their family. However, too often, parents' rights are undermined by overreaching government policies or other outside forces.

My own daughter, a former second grader at Denali Elementary, came home last school year on more than one occasion admittedly confused regarding transgender and queer discussions they were having in her classroom which hosts grades 1-3. This was not something we as parents were prepared to be discussing at this age, nor did we have any advanced notice that these talks would be taking place in her class. As a concerned parent in a bid to protect my daughter's innocence, I was forced to leave an already short-staffed healthcare workforce, in order to homeschool my daughter full-time this year. Had we been informed and given the opportunity to consent to these discussions beforehand by her school, the outcome may have been different. But I cannot in good conscience allow her to be confused about basic biological concepts, risk her exposure to pornographic materials in our school libraries, or face potential predatory threats in her school bathroom.

By passing the Parental Rights Bill, you can help to ensure that Alaskan families have access to a well-staffed education workforce, are protected from misguided government interference, and that parents are empowered to make the best decisions for their children. This bill would promote family stability, protect the rights of parents, improve safety in our schools, improve teacher retention, and ultimately benefit the well-being of all Alaskan children.

In closing, I urge you to support Governor Dunleavy's Parental Rights Bill and to prioritize the interests of families and

children in your legislative work. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and for your service to	the t
people of Alaska.	

Sincerely,

Karley Fesseau

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Warm Regards, Andrew Satterfield

From: Sandy Blomfield <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:08 AM

To: Rep. Jamie Allard

**Subject:** Parents Rights in Education

Representative Allard,

I have been following your committee online.

I fully support PARENTS RIGHTS IN EDUCATION and thank you for endorsing parents rights on behalf of our children.

Sandy Blomfield

From:

Eva LoForte <

Sent:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:07 AM

To:

Rep. Jamie Allard

Subject:

Parental Rights Bill

Rep. Allard -

3/29/2023

I join in the caring parents who take the responsibility of parenting seriously. We, the

PARENTS are the most important standard for what our children are taught (School should be first: Reading, Writing, and Arithmatic. Second: History, and Civics.

Third: Opportunity to explore the trades, focusing on creating productive, participating members of our society with strong economies, strong faith, and strength in our

children's body, soul, and spirit.

Please support the Governor's bill,

Eva LoForte

From: Betty Jo Moore <

**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2023 7:16 AM **To:** Senate Education; House Education

Cc: House Health and Social Services; Senate Health and Social Services;

tyson.gallagher@alaska.gov; attorney General LAW sponsored

Subject: HB 105

Senators and Representatives,

What are the Constitutional fundamental rights of parents regarding their right to direct the care, upbringing, and education of their

children? <a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=parental+constitutional+rights&oq=Parental+constitutional+rights&aqs=c">https://www.google.com/search?q=parental+constitutional+rights&oq=Parental+constitutional+rights&aqs=c</a> hrome.0.0i512i0i15i22i30j0i22i30j0i390.7741j1j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

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(1) the physical, emotional, mental, religious, and social needs of the child;

AS 47.17.290 (3) "child abuse or neglect" means the physical injury or neglect, mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or maltreatment of a child under the age of 18 by a person under circumstances that indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened thereby; in this paragraph, "mental injury" means an injury to the emotional well-being, or intellectual or psychological capacity of a child, as evidenced by an observable and substantial impairment in the child's ability to function;...(6) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services;............. What are the Alaska Constitutional rights of a child? Article VII Sections 4 and 5. The legislature shall provide for the promotion and protection of public health. The legislature shall provide for public welfare.

Is it in the best interest of the child for the parent, foster parent, or guardian aka FIT parent, foster parent, or guardian to have all records from the school?

#### What does the Alaska Statue say about an UNFIT PARENT?

AS 25.24.150 (h) A parent has a history of perpetrating domestic violence under (g) of this section if the court finds that, during one incident of domestic violence, the parent caused serious physical injury or the court finds that the parent has engaged in more than one incident of domestic violence. The presumption may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence that the perpetrating parent has successfully completed an intervention program for batterers, where reasonably available, that the parent does not engage in substance abuse, and that the best interests of the child require that parent's participation as a custodial parent because the other parent is absent, suffers from a diagnosed mental illness that affects parenting abilities, or engages in substance abuse that affects parenting abilities, or because of other circumstances that affect the best interests of the child.

Can the court still override parental preferences when they are so clearly contrary and detrimental to a child's best interests?

Does HB 105 as written meet the best interest of a child and protect the child's FIT parent aka prudent person's Constitutional right to ensure protection and the whole well-being of their child?

Our children are paramount and we each have to always do what is best for all Alaska's children.

Thank you for your time and service.

Betty Jo Moore

From:

Michael Monagle <

Sent:

Monday, March 13, 2023 5:05 PM

To: Subject: House Education Support of HB105

In 1992 I served on the Site Council at my child's local elementary school. Several parents raised the concern over the book *Daddy's Roommate*, which had recently been added to the school's library. During the ensuing debate a school district librarian said, "As trained educators, we are in a better position [than parents] to determine what is best for a child's education."

On February 15, 2023, a teacher testifying on SB1700 in the Arizona Legislature made a similar statement: "I have a master's degree, because when I got certified, I was told I had to have a master's degree to be an Arizona-certified teacher. We all have advanced degrees. What do the parents have? Are we vetting the backgrounds of our parents? Are we allowing the parents to choose the curriculum and the books that our children are going to read? I think that it's a mistake — and I'm just speaking from the heart — the one line that I love is, 'we must remember that the purpose of public education is not to teach only what parents want their children to be taught, it is to teach them what society needs them to be taught."

Unfortunately, this has become the prevalent attitude of educators today. "We know better than parents what's best for their children." I willingly defer to educators when it comes to matters of reading, writing, and arithmetic. However, when it comes to shaping the moral values of our children, I stanchly believe that a parent should have the right to participate fully in what is being presented and taught to their children by local school districts and teachers. Especially on matters of human reproduction education, gender identity, and policies related to the physical safety and privacy of students in locker rooms and restrooms.

Some educators, legislators, the media, and LGBTQ+ organizations label HB105 as just another conservative 'don't say gay' bill, aimed at taking away LGBTQ+ rights to privacy, equal protection and due process. It is not. This proposed legislation returns to parents their inherent right to be fully informed and engaged in their children's education during the most formative time of their children's lives.

I urge the House Education Committee to adopt and move HB105.

Mike Monagle

Juneau, AK

March 13, 2023

RE: HB 105

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Our children are paramount and we each have to always do what is best for all Alaska's children. Please read AS 47.05.060 and AS 47.05.065 Legislative findings related to children.

Thank you for your time and service.

Betty Jo Moore

From:

Rep. Sarah Vance

Sent:

Friday, March 24, 2023 3:20 PM

To:

**House Education** 

Subject:

FW: HB 105

From: LaMantia Kat <

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 6:10 PM

**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh

<Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 105

I am writing in support of House Bill 105, SEX/REPRODUCTION EDUCATION; SCHOOLS.

I support the governor's efforts to return common sense and parental partnership to public education. For too long there has been an attempt to steal our children away from the very people whose responsibility it is to raise them. There is a groundswell of support for this type of legislation at a local, state and national level. You should be on the right side of this.

Kat Cavanaugh LaMantia Anchorage

From: Rep. Sarah Vance

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 3:25 PM

**To:** House Education **Subject:** FW: Please Pass HB105

----Original Message----

From: Jennifer Adams <

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 8:51 AM

To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman

<Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh

<Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov> Subject: Please Pass HB105

Dear Representatives,

As a grandparent in Alaska, I am urging you to pass HB105 allowing parents the right to be involved in any sort of sexual education or related topic with our children in Alaska.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Adams Wasilla, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rep. Sarah Vance

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 3:26 PM

To: House Education Subject: FW: HB 105

----Original Message-----

From: Mary Ellen Wurm <

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:05 AM

To: Rep. Sarah Vance < Rep. Sarah. Vance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 105

Dear Legislator,

I strongly support HB 105 to protect parental rights for the education of their own children. I applaud our Governor for his support of this life changing legislation. I am calling on you to also add your support for the sake of Alaska's future.

Mary Ellen Wurm

Fairbanks, AK

From:

Lin Davis <

Sent:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:10 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

HB 105

#### Dear House Education:

"Parent's Rights" legislation never involves most parents, especially those parents who want schools to help create confident, work-ready youth who are comfortable with diverse cultures.

"Parent's Rights" is another name for "States' Rights." It isn't about all parents and all kids and all the rights they might have.

"Parent's Rights" as we see coiling now through state legislatures is an attempt for a vocal minority to dictate extreme curriculum and education policy.

"Parent's Rights" promotes the ability of some parents to dominate the rest of the parents, and as journalist Jamelle Bouie notes, this is an extreme strategy to weaken public education.

As Alaskans who believe in democracy, will we let an extreme minority drag us away from public education, a pillar of our democracy?

HB 105 coils under your legislative chairs, hoping to strike. Venom-ready.

HB 105 stirs up scrutiny, distrust of others, separation of those who are different, those lgbtq+. This winnowing leads to vilification.

Interestingly, in Scotland now, it is illegal to stir up hatred against people based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

HB 105 is based on the idea that Lgbtq+ can be fixed, must be fixed. This concept is an assault on all basic human rights. It has no place in Alaskan work and life.

Instead Alaska should focus funds and attention on ways to increase the health and safety of Lgbtq+, my community. Time for kindness and care especially for Alaskan trans, people of color and youth.

This Education committee should focus on improving attitudes toward Lgbtq+ and all minorities. Many states are uncoiling fresh ways to make our Lgbtq+ lives unsafe. New brand of terrorism. Let's show other states our everyday Alaskan embrace of neighborliness, live and let live.

When I taught high school, I found most students secretly harbored some quirk or unspoken quality about themselves. If Alaska provides Igbtq+ inclusive education, more students will grow up confident in who they are. And not just Igbtq+ students.

And let's remember how many non-lgbtq+ kids get brutally bullied for any perceived "homo" signs. HB 105 would expand this harmful scrutiny and censure.

HB 105 distracts us from our real AK educational needs. Let's focus on school environments that turn out bright engineers, medical providers, scientists, community leaders with broad experiences able to understand the needs of everyone.

HB 105 puts Alaska on the wrong track. No value added to Alaskan life with HB 105.

Thank you for considering these points.

I'm 80 yo, a 30 yr AK resident and have been working for equality since the late 1970's when Anita Bryant and her oranges decided to stir hatred, and California's Senator Briggs proposed that gay people should not work in public education.

Lin Davis

Juneau 30 year resident

From: David A. James <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:06 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

One of the stated objectives of this bill is to protect the safety of children. I'd like to speak to that.

There is widespread fear of sexualizing children through sex education in schools. Ironically, it's the absence of sex education in schools that leaves them vulnerable to sexualization by predators.

Let me illustrate this. Recently, news broke in Fairbanks about the behavior of a youth pastor at a local church. He has been charged with horrific sexual abuse. It has taken the victim fifteen years to step forward.

What does this have to do with public education? A lot. Children enrolled in the church's now shuttered private school, where proper sex education was not provided, had no means of understanding their legal right to not have their bodies violated. The result in regards to the incident with the youth pastor is that instead of alerting authorities that a crime had occurred, the victim merely told the church. She likely didn't know what else to do. The church treated it as an internal matter despite a clear violation of the law, and for the subsequent fifteen years, retained an accused pedophile as youth pastor. Part of his job was driving the church bus around town on Sunday mornings, gathering children from the streets of Fairbanks. We do not know if there were further incidents.

This is abominable. It also could have and should have been prevented. Had this young women, when she was a child, been armed with the education our children receive in the public schools, she would have had the tools to understand what was being done to her, and she might well have reported it to the proper authorities at the time, preventing this man from patrolling my community, collecting children off the street. He should have faced justice at the time, and he likely would have, had the victim known her full rights (here I will note that this church, which covered up for its youth pastor, wants this bill to pass, and a good question to ask is, why?).

We cannot, of course, regulate private schools under present law, which is why this victim passed through the cracks of our justice system at the time she was violated. To be uniformed is to be a victim. Leaving students in public schools uninformed of the fact that unwanted contact from adults needs to be reported, information they receive in the course of sex education, will render them vulnerable to victimization. With an opt-in system in place, children whose parents keep them out of sex education, regardless of the reason, will miss vital lessons on how to resist and report unwanted sexual advances. Especially from adults, but also from classmates. Far from protecting children from harm, this legislation will leave those already most vulnerable to exploitation, owing to conditions in their upbringing, even more vulnerable. Because they won't know what to do. While endangering children is precisely the opposite of the bill's stated objective, it will be the bill's inevitable outcome.

I have a personal stake in this. My late sister was improperly groped by an uncle as well as by a beloved elder in the church we attended. This was in the 1970s, when such behavior was commonplace. At that time there were precious few laws protecting children from predators, but more importantly, no education in the schools to help children understand that sexual assault is wrong and that there are systems in place they can turn to when parents and their support network don't offer aid. Passage of this bill will curtail this knowledge. It will help predators get away with their crimes.

This is what happened with my sister. The two grown men who assaulted her both got away with it. My creepy uncle was divorced out of the family, but carried on with his activities. The elder in the church died and received a loving funeral no doubt attended by young women and girls who had felt his unwanted hands on their bodies. Neither man

was ever prosecuted or held accountable for his actions. Those were the bad old days, and I have no wish to see them return. One way of preventing such an outcome is to teach children their right of autonomy over their own bodies, something my sister did not know she had at the time she was victimized.

Passage of this bill as written will not protect children. It will prevent children whose parents don't opt-in to sexual education from knowing what is improper and how to respond. This is nothing but a boon for sexual predators. We have seen where this leads with the private religious school in Fairbanks, where a young girl was not provided with proper sexual education, and as a result lived for fifteen years with the complexities of guilt, shame, fear, revulsion, trauma, and more before she has finally fully grasped what was done to her and sought justice, a process that in itself will require further reliving of the incident. Had she received proper sex education, she would have known to speak to authorities at the time, the man who violated her body would be in jail, and she could have perhaps lived a relatively normal life these past fifteen years. Instead, lack of sex education was a huge factor in prolonging her agony while allowing the predator who violated her to freely patrol our town. This is sickening to anyone with a moral conscience.

If House Bill 105 passes, this scenario will become far more common in Alaska. I cannot believe this is what Alaskans want. Please refuse to pass this bill out of your committee. It's a trojan horse for predators, and a danger to children.

David A James Fairbanks, AK

From:	Kira Brewer

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 5:57 PM

To: House Education

Subject: Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

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To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Mrs Kira Brewer

From:

Melissa Patterson <

Sent:

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:06 PM

To:

House Education

Subject:

Vote NO on HB 105

Hello,

I am writing to voice my opinion and concern for the bill HB 105.

Please vote NO.

While I am a parent and agree that parents need to be better informed about and tuned in to what's going inside of our children's schools socially, emotionally, and academically; this bill is an example of the growing queer-phobia in our state and conservative ideals that are not in step with or attuned to today's world.

This bill will specifically target an already vulnerable population of trans students who often need a safety net in school that they do not find at home.

This bill also puts educators and school staff in the middle of the growing culture wars, once again, at a time when moral among educators is extremely low.

I agree that more transparency and better communication is needed between the schools and families, but I don't think that this bill is an appropriate way to move forward. Please vote no.

Thank you for your time, energy, and consideration,

Melissa Patterson Douglas, Alaska

From:	Marjorie Thomson <			
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:44 PM

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I am a gender therapist and a queer Alaskan. This impacts me personally and professionally. LGBTQ+ Alaskans deserve equality, period. LGBTQ+ Alaskans are our friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers. When it comes to being able to earn a living, having a place to live, or being served by a business or government office, they should be treated like anyone else and not be discriminated against.

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Thank you for your time. Marjorie Thomson

Sincerely, Ms Marjorie Thomson

From:		on behalf of
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Mrs. Annie Enderle

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Ms. Constance Miles

From:	on behalf of Jennifer Campbell	<

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:00 AM

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Thank you for your time. Jennifer Campbell

Sincerely, Ms Jennifer Campbell

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mx. Corrina Pariyar

From: Kal Bacon < klbacon@alaska.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:31 AM

To: House Education Subject: I Oppose HB 105

To whom it may concern,

I am a 29 year old Transgender man and I am writing you today to state my strong opposition to HB 105. I had a really difficult time in middle school and high school because I knew that I was Transgender but didn't feel comfortable in being my true self because of the attitudes of people around me and society at large towards the Queer community. I almost took my life at the age of 15 because I had lost faith that things would get better.

Thankfully representation in the media saved me and gave me the hope that I needed to keep going. However, if a bill like HB 105 had been introduced, when I was in high school I can say with certainty that would have put me over the edge. Trans and Queer kids lives are at stake so please think of the consequences before passing legislation that would make their lives even harder and make them feel even less supported than they already do.

Sincerely,

Kal Bacon, A.A.S.

Pronouns: He/Him/His What is this?

Alaska Native, Indigenous, and Rural Outreach Program Coordinator

Department of Residence Life University of Alaska, Anchorage

907-751-7452

klbacon@alaska.edu

Dena'inaq enen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu.

I live and work on Dena'ina land.

Pronunciation: <a href="http://bit.ly/denainaland">http://bit.ly/denainaland</a>

Translation: Helen Dick, Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart, Joel Isaak

From:

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Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 7:01 PM

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Annie Enderle

From: Julien Jolivette <

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:58 AM

To: Rep. Jamie Allard Subject: Oppose HB 105

Dear Representative Allard,

I am writing to encourage you to oppose HB 105.

HB 105 represents an overstep of government, proposed by a party that purports to stand for small government.

The Alaska Constitution explicitly enumerates the right to privacy. The state has to demonstrate that there are no less restrictive means to advance their interests. HB 105 violates the constitutionally protected privacy of students; it is also redundant, as AK law already protects parental rights, ensuring that parents can object to and withdraw students from programs, events, classes, and even state-required testing.

HB 105 imagines that parents and/or other family members are necessarily the safest adults in the lives of our children and youth. However, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement, 34% of perpetrators were family members of victims. Requiring that parents provide written consent for sex education classes increases the potential that victimized students will not have access to the resources or the support they need to identify and report abuse.

Sometimes the safe adults in students' lives are their teachers. For LGBTQ+ students specifically, The Trevor Project's National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health shows that having one supportive adult in their lives reduces reported suicide attempts by 40%. The same survey also found that only 1 in 3 LGBTQ+ youth had supportive families. Requiring teachers to disclose students' sexual or gender identities to parents potentially undermines the mental and physical wellbeing of the students HB 105 purports to protect.

Our students deserve better. Support student health and privacy by opposing HB 105.

Sincerely, Julien Jolivette



From: Lena Merrell <

**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2023 1:42 PM **To:** House Education; Senate Education

Subject: LGBTQ attack legislation

#### To those with the power to stop this:

The introduction of HB 105 and SB 96 by Gov. Dunleavy is a slap in the face to all Alaskans and completely goes against his weak attempt at claiming he is 'pro life'. This transphobic legislation is a blatant attack on trans youth, who, left unsupported, have the highest rates of suicide. This bill may take away a child's only safe place. In addition, Alaska prides itself on privacy and a 'live, let live' philosophy- this bill is the opposite of that. In a time where many teachers and students are needing more support than ever, this is a deadly bill. Please stop this bill in its' infancy and get back to the very important job of finding a way to keep our schools funded.

Lena Merrell Juneau

From:

Rep. Sarah Vance

Sent:

Monday, March 13, 2023 10:54 AM

To:

**House Education** 

Subject:

FW: Oppose HB 105 and SB96 SRH Education Schools

From: Mia Barrett <

Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2023 12:46 PM

**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov> **Subject:** Oppose HB 105 and SB96 SRH Education Schools

#### Hello Ms. Vance,

I am a citizen of Homer, Alaska and I write to urge you to oppose this bill. Time and again, the research has shown that sex education is effective at reducing unintended pregnancy, STI transmission, and gender-based violence. Sex education can decrease bullying and make schools safer places for our young people. It is imperative that we support our young people in making healthy decisions for their lives and they can do so if they have the information necessary. Legislation that restricts youth's access to medically accurate sexual health information endangers our youth and makes our society weaker. I urge you to oppose these bills.

Thank you, Mia

From: Michele Vasquez <

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:19 PM

To: House Education

**Subject:** Re: Opposition to HB 105

Dear Chairs Ruffridge and Allard and members of the committee:

For those of you who know me, it will come as no surprise that I vehemently oppose HB 105, the so-called Parental Rights bill by the governor.

First of all, the bill is full of bullying tactics intended to hurt and harm trans youth. Secondly, it is grossly unfair to put teachers in the position of being tattle-tales about their students.

Imagine if HB 105 passes and a teacher is forced to call the parent and reveal what the student shared with them all under the guise of "parental rights." What do you think the impact of that betrayal of confidence would be on the student? I don't think I have to spell that out, however, if the child lives in a home that has a plethora of issues or the parents are part of a very strict religion, etc., the threat to the child is heightened ten-fold in the form of physical abuse, mental/emotional abuse and potentially kicking the child out of the home. We already have far too many homeless youths in our communities and many have been kicked out because their parents don't approve of who they are: Gay, trans, bi, etc.

And on top of that, Alaska is struggling now to attract and retain teachers in our state. If this parental rights bill were to pass, you would see more teachers leave the state and others less interested in coming here. For so many students, there is a teacher they trust and feel comfortable confiding in. It could be the only adult in their life that they trust. This bill would force the teacher to betray the student if it relates to gender identity or how they wish to be addressed in school. What if a student confides they are being physically or sexually abused by a parent? Are teachers going to be forced to tell the abuser what the student said? This bill is outrageous, hurtful, discriminatory and aimed at an extremely vulnerable population of students.

Another aspect of this bill is to force students to use the restroom based on the anatomy they were born with. How humiliating! Whatever happened to treating ALL students with dignity and respect? As someone who grew up in the deep south at the end of Jim Crow and during the Civil Rights era when black/brown people were forced to drink out of separate fountains, use separate bathrooms, sit in separate areas of the movie theater and were not allowed to eat in restaurants, I witnessed personally the shame and humiliation on the faces of countless people, including students, when they were treated as different and unequal. I will never understand why society has to choose someone to victimize, punish, hurt or traumatize, but America certainly has a very long history of doing just that. The target right now in the country is trans youth or drag queens or the LGBTQ+ community as a whole. This bill equals government overreach to the extreme.

Reject this hateful piece of legislation and focus on the BSA, bringing more teachers into our classrooms and strengthening our schools. All children in our schools should be respected and treated with absolute dignity no matter who they are, what their gender identity is or who they love.

Regards, Michele Vasquez Soldotna, AK

From: Kate Veh < Tuesday, March 14, 2023 2:54 PM

To: House Education

Subject: HB 105

Dear House Education Committee;

On Saturday, March 5, 2023, a Mr. Michael Knowles walked into the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) and publicly called for transgenderism to be "eradicated". Those were his exact words. Is it any surprise then, that you are hearing from me?

Gov. Dunleavy has just proposed HB 105 (Sex/reproduction Education; Schools). This is one of the 463 anti-trans bills being introduced across the country. Honestly, I have better things to do with my time than to fight facism, but currently I have to stop everything just to fight this thing.

This bill is problematic. It states schools must notify parents of a student's preference to change his/her/their pronouns or name. The problem with that is sometimes transgender students have abusive and bigoted parents. That means if they're "outed" to their parents, they risk being sent away to conversion therapy, being kicked out of their house and becoming homeless, or even being murdered by their own family. I understand that's harsh language, but some transgender kids have a tough home life.

The other problem with this bill is that it places an incredible ethical responsibility into the hands of the teacher and then it penalizes them for making the moral choice (of protecting the student) Currently, we are having a tough time just getting people to take on teaching positions. We ask so much from teachers in the way of training, reporting, and educating, and there is very little money to reward them for their work. I don't think you can realistically lay this added burden on the backs of teachers. If you do, you just add to the teaching crisis.

This bill forces trans kids to use the bathroom of their chromosomal anatomy. A trans male student who has a beard and male physique would be forced into the girls bathroom. How would you like it if you were forced to use the restroom of the opposite gender? Obviously, this is very degrading and disrespectful to our trans kids and fellow humans. Please stop forcing kids to go through this humiliation. Instead, try to work towards building and developing public privacy bathrooms in Alaska's public schools.

Look . . . we are coming to a generational shift. Fox viewers are starting to die off due to old age, and young TikTok users are starting to grow into voting age. And, guess what? The younger people *accept* their transpeers. They've grown up with LGBTQ friends and family members. Young people don't discriminate like older generations did. Of course, there will always be Republicans and Democrats. But the new Republicans will no longer be obsessed with transgender issues and trying to put everyone back into the closet. They will go back to trying to make gobs of money and increasing national military strength. It's time for conservatives to ditch the "eradication of transgender humans" agenda. We are not going back to the 1950s.

Thank you for reading through my letter and please get rid of HB 105.

Sincerely, Kate Veh

Soldotna, Alaska

From: Melanie Hadaway <

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 6:26 AM

To: House Education Subject: Reject HB 105

To the Education Committee members,

As a retired educator, parent, and advocate for ALL children, I'm asking you to strongly reject the governor's proposed HB 105. This bill is directly harmful to children, and to claim its about "parent's rights" is a false premise.

Looking at the bill's proposed changes, each section is problematic.

- 1. Adding "gender identity" to the list of topics requiring notification specifically others certain students and their families.
- 2. Making parental consent "opt-in" instead of the current "opt-out" puts a HUGE burden on schools and teachers. The logistics of this would be horrendous. And, as a high school teacher for 20 years I can assure you that for certain families getting parental permission on forms is a challenge due to demands on time and work. So this stipulation means that getting permission may be a factor of demographics and socio-economics instead of being related to the topic being studied.
- 3. Requiring parental permission for students to use different names or pronouns makes schools an unsafe space for certain students. And sadly, the reason students don't want their parents to know is because the type of parents who would utilize "the right to 24 pursue legal action against a school district if the parent's rights have been 25 violated" are often the parents who would react badly to their child's use of a different pronoun. What this language does is appease a small percentage of parents who want their personal beliefs to dictate the safety and identify of all students. This is simply wrong.
- 4. The proposed addition of language around school records is ridiculous in that it requires a common agreement about what defines "a reasonably prudent person." I would argue that the entire premise of the proposed additions is unreasonable!
- 5. Lastly, the requirement to separate locker rooms and bathrooms by "biological sex" is harmful. I have seen trans students in high school whose classmates had no idea their "biological sex" wasn't the same as their presented gender identity. Think of the confusion and harm it would cause to require their biological sex determine their daily lives.

While some people try to justify HB 105 and anti-student/ anti-trans actions, there is no justification. Our country is founded on the idea of freedom to follow personal beliefs around faith and action. That is not the same as the right to impose one's beliefs on everyone else, which is what this attempts to do. Our world, our young people deserve to be respected - even celebrated - for who they are, not put into shame and fear.

Melanie Hadaway Goldstream, AK

From: Ruth Nelson <

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:33 AM

**To:** House Education

Subject: HB 105

#### Dear Committee,

I am writing to vocalize my absolute distain of HB 105. This bill unfairly and maliciously attacks transgender youth. The concepts behind this bill are narrow minded, cruel, and directly infringe upon the rights of transgender students. A bill such as HB 105 would place unnecessary dangers upon an already susceptible population. There is absolutely zero evidence to suggest transgender youth pose any dangers by using their preferred restroom. There is however, overwhelming evidence that confirms the need to support transgender youth, this includes allowing them to use the restroom they identify with. I trust as representatives of the people, you understand the importance of protecting Alaskan children, all Alaskan children, especially transgender children.

Sincerely, Ruth Nelson

From: David Arthur K. <

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 3:56 AM

To: davidarthurk@gmail.com

Subject: HB105

I **am** a gay man. I was a transgender woman for over 20 years, and a member of the lgbTQia TransQueer Gender movement for over 30 years. I have lived, breathed and been this movement. I am here to tell you, there *is* an agenda.

With very graphic sexualized books making their way into school libraries and classrooms there is a strong desensitization happening right before us all. **Desensitization** *is* a **grooming technique.** 

Parents must be the only ones making the decisions on whether or not their children are reading, viewing or being taught about same-sex sex, opposite-sex sex or any sex at all. It is important children know it is okay to be gay but that they do not have to run into the rainbow only to be lost forever.

When a 7 year old can come home crying because she doesn't want to "turn into a boy" or when elementary school children are being taught about anal or oral sex; a line has been crossed!

I have heard parents <u>after</u> their sons or daughters have tried to take their lives, after having been secretly & aggressively told by teachers or counselors that they must hide crucial information from their own parents or families which only tells these children that it is okay to deceive, lie to and hide things from their own parents. And that their parents must be the enemy!

Let me tell you about this curriculum and this **movement** that is being pushed wherever youth gather.

I was targeted, groomed, indoctrinated, sexualized and victimized by this very agenda, and that was before it gained the footing it now has. It is much more powerful and in-your-face than it was back in my day.

There are adults, teachers, counselors and doctors pushing this agenda, but there are also those that are warning whoever will listen to just stop, breath and think about it logically.

To hide **irreversible** and **damaging** mental or medical therapy or procedures about a child to his/her parent/s is above and beyond **criminal**. This must be stopped.

The parents have a right to know if their child gets an "F" in math, was sassy to the phys. ed. teacher or if there was a suspension or detention but not if their child has a mental disorder that is being encouraged, promoted or celebrated?

I suffered from gender dysphoria. One of the most important lessons for me was to learn what dysphoria meant; 'dys'-abnormal condition and 'phoria'-mental confusion. I suffered from, and with, an abnormal condition of mental confusion.

That is the medical definition of gender dysphoria so let there be no qualms with keeping it separated from any of the sexual orientations like heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual. Those are sexual orientations and not based on thoughts & feelings, but innate individual design.

Please watch this new award-winning documentary on the medical & mental health ethics of pediatric trans care, "AFFIRMATION GENERATION." It cites 45 academic medical studies, platforms 12 experts (pediatrician, physicians, mental health professionals, an Oxford sociology professor and others) and features the stories of six detransitioners. Please pass it on to colleagues. <a href="https://www.vimeo.com/800032857">www.vimeo.com/800032857</a>

I am a detransitioner. Detransitioners are not uncommon, nor are we a small population of those who have transitioned. I was the confused "transkid" often mentioned in these discussions. I was suicidal as a transkid but I was also suicidal as a trans-adult because affirmation or acceptance did not change any of my underlying comorbidities or issues. I began taking wrong sex hormones at age 14 and I was on them for over 20 years. I had Osteoporosis, diabetes and I was sterile all before the age of 30 solely due to the wrong sex hormones.

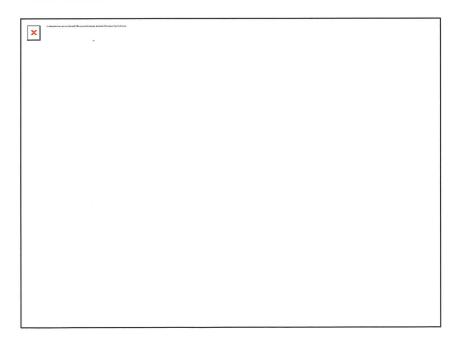
PLEASE consider my own life knowledge & experience in making any decisions on this Bill or other Bills similar or related. Thank you.

In HIS Firm Grip, David Arthur K. CEO/Founder <u>IBA Ministries</u> ibelongAmen@gmail.com

**Detransitioner Starring In Documentaries;** 

AFFIRMATION GENERATION: The Lies of Transgender Medicine
&

# **#RESIDUE**



From: Mary Burtness <

**Sent:** Sunday, March 19, 2023 1:47 PM **To:** House Education; Rep. Ashley Carrick

Subject: HB 105

Dear Members of the House Education Committee:

I find this bill totally unnecessary. I am a retired teacher and school transparency and rights of parents have always been foremost in my teaching, in the districts I have worked at and especially in Special Education.

This bill is just a copy-cat of the Florida don't say Gay bill. It has nothing to do with rights, but instills fear in people who are afraid and think they are morally right to push their "religious" agenda on all students. This bill will harm a vulnerable portion of the school population.

Please do not give this bill any credence.

"If you have to make laws to hurt a group of people just to prove your morals and faith, then you have no true morals or faith to prove." G. Takei.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my concern. Mary C Burtness Fairbanks, Alaska

From: Jenny Blanchard <

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:12 PM

To: House Education
Cc: Rep. Jennie Armstrong

Subject: HB 105

#### Hi-

I am an Anchorage resident and vehemently oppose HB 105. LGBTQ youth are some of our most vulnerable children, with already dire rates of suicide and homelessness. School is supposed to be a safe place, and we are required by the constitution to provide an education for ALL Alaska's students. That means providing an equal education to our LGBTQ students. HB 105 does nothing but further marginalize and stigmatize these children, and demonizes sex age appropriate education and health class. The Governor is using LGBTQ children for political posturing. Please do not approve this bill in the education committee.

Jenny Blanchard

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cheryl & Mark Lovegreen <

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:17 PM

**To:** House Education

**Subject:** HB 105 Written Testimony

Hello, I'm Cheryl Lovegreen from Anchorage. I am testifying as an individual.

HB 105 is against medical and ethical principles. The American Medical Association stated in 2021 that trans and non-binary gender identities are normal variations of human identity and expression. The American Psychiatric Association stated the best course of treatment is acceptance and support of transition.

Parents already have the right to know what schools are teaching, and to opt out of lessons they object to. There is no reason to flip that to an opt in system, except to make life more difficult for children who may be LGBT+. There is no scientific evidence that this bill would protect children. In fact, it would harm children who are trans and non-binary.

Please vote against this bill. Do not send it out of this committee.

Thanks for your time,

Cheryl Lovegreen

From:		on behalf of	Katelyn Kanga	as <

**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2023 6:19 PM

**To:** House Education

**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

Please pass HB 99/SB 108: LGBTQ+ Equality and oppose HB 105/SB96, Governor Dunleavy's attack on LGBTQ+ youth.

LGBTQ+ Alaskans deserve equality, period. LGBTQ+ Alaskans are our friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers. When it comes to being able to earn a living, having a place to live, or being served by a business or government office, they should be treated like anyone else and not be discriminated against.

I urge you to pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality.

Governor Dunleavy's HB 105/SB96 is an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and will undoubtedly increase bullying, harassment, and stigmatization towards trans students in particular. Through this bill, Dunleavy is attacking Alaska students' sense of safety, making it extremely difficult for LGBTQ+ kids to live healthy and safe lives. All kids deserve to be safe at school. Trans youth should be treated with dignity and respect and should have the opportunity to live a healthy life.

To protect all students' privacy and health, I urge you to oppose HB 105/SB96.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Miss Katelyn Kangas

From: Scott Miller <

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 2:17 PM

**To:** House Education

Subject: HB105

### I oppose HB105.

LGBTQ+ people are our friends and neighbors and citizens that should have equal rights and protections under the law. Discrimination is not an Alaskan value and I resent the Governor bringing these ridiculous lower 48 "culture wars" here. This is not governance. It is simply our governor's attempt to shore up his conservative credentials.

Please toss this offensive piece of legislation into the trash where it belongs.

With respect,

Scott Miller

Homer, AK

From:

Rep. Sarah Vance

Sent:

Friday, March 24, 2023 3:21 PM

To:

House Labor and Commerce; House Education

Subject:

FW: Please Pass HB 99: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

----Original Message----

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 4:01 PM

To: Rep. Sarah Vance < Rep. Sarah. Vance@akleg.gov>

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Subject: Please Pass HB 99: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Hate has no place in Alaska, and

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