

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 3:25 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose HB 105 and SB96 SRH Education Schools

**From:** Mia Barrett <[REDACTED]>  
**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

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Sarah Kathryn Bryan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2023 9:09 AM  
**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.

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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,  
Ms. Sarah Kathryn Bryan

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## **Lindsey Causer**

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2023 10:18 AM  
**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,  
Mr. Quinton Smith

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2023 11:14 AM  
**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,  
Mr Mercy Cofield

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**From:** Brenda Taylor <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2023 12:26 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB105

Dear House Education Committee Members,

One late summer day, in my mid-20's, I was sitting in a class called, "Parent-Child-Teacher Interactions" - a required course for a master's in elementary education. The professor was lecturing about how teachers are mandated reporters of child abuse and how we all - no matter our background, education, family income or status - know someone who was sexually abused as a child. Not me, I thought; I don't know anyone. Riding down in the elevator after class, it hit me. I was the person I knew who'd been sexually abused as a child.

Sexual abuse. Child abuse. Those were the words - and the concepts that they described - that finally, finally gave me the language to be able to recognize and talk about what had been done to me as a 12 year old by my mother's boyfriend (who later became her husband). For the past 15 years, I had tried - unsuccessfully - not to think about it. I had felt confused, guilty, ashamed, bad, mean, and alone, very alone. I had talked to no one. Those words, though, gave me and my family a way forward and through. Those words were and are my superpower; my torch to shine light into dark corners.

Please, please, please. Do not keep children in the dark. **Sex education is absolutely essential information for all children; do not make it an opt-in part of curriculum as outlined in HB105.** Do not take away the power of knowledge and language from children and the adults they will become.

I have thought a lot about my own two children. My parents loved me and hadn't been able to protect me. What could my husband and I do differently? We didn't belabor it, but we did make absolutely sure that they had age-appropriate language and exposure to the ideas. We appreciated knowing when the "good touch/bad touch" presentations happened in school so that we could echo those ideas. We told them what happened to me - again, in age-appropriate ways; each year, we gave a little more information about when and who.

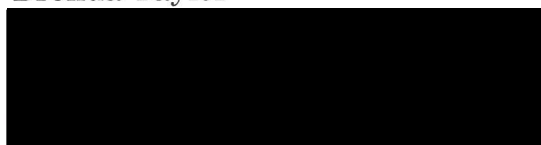
Please consider how revelatory and sense-making language can be - and how the lack of it can be harmful and debilitating. There is a lot of horrible and wrong stuff in this world. Not talking about it doesn't make it go away; it makes it worse.

I understand that parents want to protect their own children; you all, though, as legislators, have the weighty responsibility to protect and nurture all school children. Please use your superpower.

Thank you for continuing to think deeply about this subject.

Sincerely,

Brenda Taylor



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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2023 7:47 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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I urge you to pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality.

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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,  
Ms. Jessica Taylor

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Jordan Travers  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 26, 2023 1:51 AM  
**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. Jordan Travers



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**From:** Mary Ann Thomas <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 26, 2023 11:38 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Testimony in opposition to HB 105

To the House Education Committee:

My name is Mary Ann Thomas and I am writing from East Anchorage as an ICU nurse to oppose HB 105 / SB 96.

In my work, I see how important social acceptance and support is for the mental health of my patients, which is inseparable from physical health. Those who have had less support throughout their lives, especially their childhoods, are more susceptible to substance abuse, depression, and suicide ideation, which puts people in my ICU for frostbite from homelessness, self-inflicted shootings and injuries, and organ failure. This bill is harmful as a public health issue and will endanger young people not only while they are in school, but for decades to come.

As a queer and trans child of immigrants who did not have support from my parents around my gender and sexuality. I did not envision a future for myself and assumed I, like so many others, would die young. One of the main reasons I've been alive long enough to be a nurse for over ten years has been because of the support I received in school, through sex education, gay-straight alliance, library programming, and books. This bill is dangerous for people who do not have supportive families.

I urge you to oppose HB 105 / SB 96 and protect the health and futures of young people so that they can imagine expansive futures for themselves.

Thank you,  
Mary Ann Thomas

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**From:** Keelin Baughman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 26, 2023 11:48 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Testimony against HB105

Hello, my name is Keelin Baughman and I live in north Anchorage. I am writing to comment on HB105 specifically regarding the potential removal of sexual abuse, sexual assault, and dating violence education from school curriculum.

This bill has the goal of protecting children but removing this key educational piece of legislature in fact does the opposite. Alaska has the highest rate of sexual violence in the entire country, as well as the highest rates of STDs. In addition, Alaska is in the top 3 states for rates of domestic violence. When we don't teach our children to recognize the signs of abuse, we are inadvertently teaching them to keep these things hidden, leading to further abuse. Research shows that when children are given the skills and words to recognize and identify abuse, they are more likely to report it to a trusted adult. Is the goal of this committee not to protect our children from abuse? Wouldn't you want your kids to come to you in their hour of need to tell you when they were unsafe? That is exactly why we need to keep this piece of legislation.

I am urging the committee to vote against this bill and not move this bill to the House floor.

Thank you for your time,  
Keelin Baughman

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**From:** Nithya Thiru <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 26, 2023 12:32 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Testimony Opposing HB 105

To the House Education Committee,

My name is Nithya Thiru, and I am writing to you as a constituent in East Anchorage in opposition to HB 105. I grew up in Anchorage, and have spent much of my adult life working with youth in education. Youth development experts know that when youth feel safe to be who they are, and are supported by caring adults, they thrive. When they do not have access to this support, they are more likely to engage in risk behaviors such as substance abuse, and experience increased rates of suicidal ideation. HB 105 would directly harm youth in Alaska by cutting them off from important, gender-affirming school support that not all young people have access to at home.

I am also writing to you as a survivor of intimate partner violence. I experienced this violence as a high school student in Anchorage. As I have moved into adulthood, I have come to understand how important it is for everyone to have access to education on healthy relationships and sexuality, including age-appropriate consent education. Trauma prevention begins with education.

HB105 would block widespread access to this education, and would only increase rates of violence. I do not want to see young people in Alaska continue to experience the pain that I experienced when I was in school. You have the power to choose care over fear. I urge you to oppose HB105.

Sincerely,  
Nithya Thiru

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Nithya Thirugnanasambanthan (Thiru), she/her

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*Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)*

I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina. (English)

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**From:** Michele Vasquez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 26, 2023 2:54 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** re: Opposition to HB 105

Dear Chairs Ruffridge & Allard and Members of the House Education Committee:

I am staunchly opposed to HB 105. First of all, the bill is full of bullying tactics intended to hurt and harm LGBTQ+ youth. Secondly, it is grossly unfair to put teachers in the position of being tattletales about their students. For many students, their school is a place of safety, belonging and acceptance. This bill would eliminate that for so many of our youth.

Imagine if HB 105 passes and a teacher is forced to call the parent and "out" the student 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 that they are LGBTQ+.

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 where black/brown people were forced to drink out of separate fountains and use separate bathrooms, sit in separate areas of the movie theater or knock on the back door of a restaurant to order food because they weren't even allowed to enter the front door. I witnessed personally the shame and humiliation on the faces of countless people, including crying students who were my friends, 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 is 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

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Alex Barguagh  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 12:04 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,  
Mr. Alex Barguagh

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Esther Joseph <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 12:05 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Esther Joseph

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of April Beardslee  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 1:27 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. April Beardslee

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Seth Anderson  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 1:33 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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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,  
Mx. Seth Anderson

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Mazio Anderson  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 1:53 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Mx. Mazio Anderson

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Arin Underwood <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 2:04 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 protection and equal rights, period. I'm an LGBTQ+ Alaskan and so are my 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, we should be treated like anyone else and not be discriminated against based on who we are.

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

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Miss Arin Underwood

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Meli Syphus  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 4:24 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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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Mx. Meli Syphus  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Kasey Felipe  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 5:39 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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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,  
Mr. Kasey Felipe

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Christin Swearingen  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 6:06 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.

I'm a Catholic and believe LGBTQ+ Alaskans deserve equality, period. LGBTQ+ Alaskans are my 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.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Christin Swearingen

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## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Kalise Houchins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 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,

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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,  
Kalise Houchins

Sincerely,  
Ms. Kalise Houchins  
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## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Shoshana Kun  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 6:40 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Miss Shoshana Kun

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Kalise Houchins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 6:19 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Mindy Phillips  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 6:44 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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. Mindy Phillips

[REDACTED]

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Charles Phillips  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 6:46 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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,  
Mr. Charles Phillips

[REDACTED]

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Jonah Craig <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 7:16 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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,  
Mx. Jonah Craig

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## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Rachel White <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 8:21 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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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,  
Dr. Rachel White

[REDACTED]

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** Rachel White <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 8:32 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 105 - public testimony

My name is Rachel White and I am in Anchorage, Alaska. Below is my testimony for HB105.

I oppose HB 105. This bill would prohibit sex education of any kind below 4th grade. Sex education equips young people with the skills they need for a lifetime of good health, including the ability to make decisions for themselves, think critically about the world, and be a good ally to those who are different. Over 90% of Alaskan voters agree that sex education should be medically accurate, age-appropriate, and should cover healthy relationships, consent, and communication skills. With the nation's highest rate of child sexual assault, Alaska children need to be equipped with information on respecting boundaries, protecting their health, and knowing who to turn to for help.

HB 105 is an attack on LGBTQ+ youth and will undoubtedly increase bullying, harassment, and stigmatization towards trans students in particular. This bill targets transgender students by trying to force them to use a bathroom or locker room that doesn't match their gender identity. It would encourage teachers, coaches, and peers to police students' gender in bathrooms. The bill is a blatant attack on trans youth and student privacy. This bill would profoundly violate all students' privacy by forcing peers, educators, and coaches to police whether a student is trans or not, which the school is not legally or ethically authorized to do. 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, lawmakers should oppose this bill.

Please oppose HB 105.

Rachel White

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Jaybird Oliver  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 12:08 AM  
**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.

Queer people in Alaska deserve protection from the hate all around them. I urge you to pass HB 99/SB108 to secure our futures. Stand of for us! We are people too.

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

Best,

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Jaybird Oliver

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Kelly Aicardi  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 12:26 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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,  
Ms. Kelly Aicardi

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## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Katherine Eaton  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:11 AM  
**To:** House Education  
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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. Katherine Eaton

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Katie Jacobson  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 6:39 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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,  
Ms. Katie Jacobson

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## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of LA Piper  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 7:17 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** LGBTQ+ Equality

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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I've worked for around 15 years as an Alaskan educator in Anchorage, Lower Yukon, Haines, and the Matsu. In every high school, I have worked with students who deeply struggle with acceptance around LGBTQ+ issues. Many of these teens feel unseen, unheard, and helpless/hopeless. The last thing these teens need is another barrier placed in front of them telling them they are wrong or flawed. Mental health issues are soaring for most teens today, and especially for our LGBTQ+ teens. Please help support and protect them.

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Ms. LA Piper

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## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Michael Schmidt  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 9:20 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Michael Schmidt

[REDACTED]

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** Deborah Rinio <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 10:11 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** "Parental Rights" Bill

Greetings,

First, thank you for your service. I know that serving the public is often a thankless job and I appreciate the effort and attention you bring to your responsibilities.

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the proposed parental rights bill that is currently under consideration. As someone who values the well-being and safety of all children, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts this bill could have on the education and protection of Alaska's youth.

Equity exists when "every student has access to the educational resources and rigor they need at the right moment in their education across gender, ethnicity, language, disability, sexual orientation, family background, and/or family income" (Council of Chief State School Officers). In order to enact equity, we must value the contributions and experiences of our students. We must not impose an identity on them, but allow them to fully be themselves. Any action that limits their rights to learn, or engage in their constitutional first amendment rights of expression, limits their fundamental access to equity and will impede their growth.

Decades of research tell us that learners who do not feel supported in the classroom will not fully engage with the curricula (Hammond, 2015). School is, for many learners, the only place they can experience any amount of freedom to decide who they want to be and to share their personal stories. Denying learners that opportunity will seriously impact their ability to learn.

If our job as educators is to make sure that we prepare our learners for college, career, and community, we must be able to share with them the diversity of the human experience. As adults, they will interact with all sorts of people in their daily lives; they must learn tolerance to be a successful and contributing member of society.

Please do not support this, or any other bill, that denies equity to our learners and restricts teachers ability to engage fully with the curriculum.

Thank you for listening and for your support of our communities.

Deborah Rinio, MLS, PhD  
[REDACTED]

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation." - Walter Cronkite

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Karl Bergman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 11:19 AM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

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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,  
Mr. Karl Bergman

[REDACTED]

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** Familie Veh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 1:20 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** HB 105

Dear House Education Committee;

I'm writing to OPPOSE HB 105.

First of all, we have a teaching crisis shortage. My own niece, who is a teacher, took a job bartending because she can't afford to live on just a teacher's salary. If you add one more thing for teachers to do in the classroom, you will have to go into the classroom and teach yourselves.

Secondly, Alaska's Constitution has a privacy clause. How are you going to pass this bill while maintaining the privacy clause? How is that going to work in the schools?

This bill would ban gender nonconforming students from using bathrooms according to their preferred gender. How safe do you think it is for a trans girl to use the boys' bathroom? I can assure you, it's not. Kids have "gaydar" and many trans kids get bullied severely when they try to use the bathrooms at school. Trans kids get absolutely no help from the governor or people like you. They just go to school and try to survive.

I've watched this happen. When I grew up in the 80's, I had a trans friend, "Kellie". Every day, five idiots would trail Kellie from class to class yelling out "faggot" in the halls for everyone to see. Looking back, I can hardly believe this type of assault was allowed to continue in my public school without a lawsuit. If this happened today, I would definitely sue. And, guess what?!?! I would absolutely win and the school would have to pay me tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons & tons of money.

. . . I'm talking millions!

The thing is, LGBTQ+ people have put up with harassment & discrimination & expulsion from their own home & even murder of their population for years . . . and now they're fighting back. And, boy, do they ever have a case! You will not survive a lawsuit from these people. They have gathered a century's worth of strong evidence against you.

HB 105 is discriminatory & bigoted & hateful & transphobic & homophobic. I am amazed by the so-called "Christians" who have put this legislation forward. There is, indeed, no hate quite like "Christian Love". Wow. I am so disappointed in these so-called "Christians".

Look . . . legally the future belongs to LGBTQ+ people. You can't keep them locked up in the past century. You need to change, evolve, and grow. If you stay in the past century and keep harassing the LGBTQ+ population, I can assure you the LGBTQ+ community will take you to court and be laughing all the way to the bank.

Do the smart thing and vote against HB 105. And . . . leave the LGBTQ+ community alone!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kate Veh  
Soldotna, Alaska

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** Dael Devenport <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 1:36 PM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson; Sen. Cathy Giessel; House Education  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 105/SB 96 - Parental Rights (to Abuse) Bill

Most child abuse cases in Alaska involve parents or guardians. Denying children age appropriate sex education makes them more vulnerable to sexual abuse. Alaska has the highest rates of sexual abuse and assault in the nation and this law will only cause those rates to increase. Parents don't need more opportunities to hide the harm they inflict upon their children. If children feel safe and trust their parents they will tell them everything. If a child is not telling their parents something, it is because they do not trust them and do not feel safe. Do not violate a child's trust and safety by passing these bills. HB 105/SB96 attacks Alaskan children and will increase bullying, harassment, and stigmatization towards them, frequently by their own parents. All kids deserve to be safe. All children should be treated with dignity and respect and should have the opportunity to live a healthy life, whether or not they have abusive parents.

Thank you for voting 'NO' on HB 105/SB96 and protecting all childrens' privacy, health and safety.

Dael Devenport  
Anchorage, Alaska  
*With compassion for all beings*  
I've [pledged to give ten percent of my income](#) to [effective charities](#)



## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Liz Dean  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 2:48 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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I urge you to pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality.

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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,  
Miss Liz Dean

[REDACTED]

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Jaisse Swan  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 4:21 PM  
**To:** House Education  
**Subject:** Please Pass HB 99/SB108: LGBTQ+ Equality and Oppose HB 105/SB96

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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,  
Ms Jaisse Swan

## Lindsey Causer

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of isabelle speaks  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 4:57 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.

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,  
Ms. isabelle speaks