

Riley Nye

From: HARRY HOLT <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:56 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: H B 52

Dear Chairwoman and HHSS Members,

We, Harry and Jean Holt from Palmer, AK., are not affiliated with any group but concerned Alaskans.

We are in total support of HB 52, No Patient Left Alone Act.

So sad and hard to believe we have to fight with a bill to be with our love one's within the hospital, etc.

I had first hand involvement with the lost of fellow Patriots at Providence Hospital and Mat-Su Hospital during COVID. And the father who had to sit outside for days to be with his daughter.

Enough of harsh reality, Big

Mistakes.

Pass this bill, end of conversation.

Harry and Jean Holt

Riley Nye

From: Queen Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:36 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: Please support HB52

Riley Nye

From: Marilyn Wick [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 2:24 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: No patient left behind

HB52 needs to stand in place. There is no medically ethical reason to mandate a patient to be without family holding their hand when dying.

Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:53 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Sen. Robert Myers; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Frank Tomaszewski; Rep. Will Stapp
Subject: HB 52-Vote YES

Dear Committee,

As I testified a few weeks ago by phone and still feel the same

Several years ago I had an adult aged son who came down with a terminal condition. As parents, we promised him that he would never be alone. During this period of time if it was not my husband or myself to be with him, we had friends who would come in and sit with him so that he would never be alone...he was with persons he felt comfortable with and trusted 24/7. Yes, I slept in his room even when medical staff made it less than desirable. This is what we do for our family and especially our children. Having him feel not alone made dealing with all aspects of treatment... surgeries, medical services, doctors appointments, paperwork with different agencies more calming and secure for him and myself, as his mother. No matter the age, your child is always your child! During the pandemic those options of making your child or love ones and oneself feel secure disappeared. The result is that any future government control upon our lives for medical care will diminish the small amount of trust that is left in the field of medicine. While laying in a hospital bed alone is a very vulnerable time for anyone of any age. Please move forward House Bill 52 to allow an individual to have a person or persons with them during medical services if our government imposes State or federal declaration of disaster policies.

Thank you for allowing me to share.

Adding to testimony....** Medical facilities are not 100% private run entities. They receive funds from Federal (Medicare), State (Medicaid) and local (insurance) monies for payment. The State of Alaska can advise medical facilities if they want to have clients/patients and receive payment other than out of pocket they need to allow patients to have a support person with them during an state declared emergency; matter a fact, a person in medical care should ALWAYS be able to have one person who may be by their side during medical care as a spokesperson, in addition to mental support..

Rita Trometter
North Pole
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



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Riley Nye

From: Randy Daly [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:22 PM
To: House Health and Social Services; Rep. Sarah Vance
Subject: House Bull 52

Ladies and Gentleman of the Alaska State Legislature;

I support House Bill 52
No one should die alone.

Respectfully submitted,

'Randy'
Thomas R. Daly
108 Deepwood Court
Kenai, Alaska 99611

[REDACTED]

Senate District D
Judicial District 3
House/Precinct 07-020

Riley Nye

From: DeAnna Koranda [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:05 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB 52

Legislators,

I fully understand that the medical industrial complex may be pushing back on the concept of a medical advocate program as they believe it may cause disruptions in their healthcare procedures but I wish to share my personal experience on the other side of this argument.

On SEP 21, 2021 the Love of my life, Nicholas Brockett passed away at MatSu Regional. I took him to the emergency room on SEP 17. They allowed me to walk with him down to the ICU where they slammed the door in my face and I was never allowed to see him again, until it was time to unplug him. Nick could not hear well without his hearing aids and so he had trouble communicating.

He needed an advocate but was denied.

Most of you know Bill Topel had a familiar story. They just let these two great patriots, my friends, die alone. There are many more.

I am writing you to implore you to move HB 52 out of committee and to the floor of the House where it can receive the public debate it deserves.

It is the least we can do for our fellow Alaskans.

No PATIENT LEFT BEHIND HB52
KEEP THIS BILL INTACT!!

No change in visitor policy. We need support services.
If Covid taught us anything, People should not die alone.
We need this bill intact! As it is!

De Koranda
Wasilla

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Riley Nye

From: DAVID NEWLON [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 1:35 PM
To: House Health and Social Services; Rep. Mike Prax
Cc: dnewlon56
Subject: Support HB 52

Please support this bill,
I personally seen where the longtime wife was denied to be with her husband during his last days.
If Covid taught us anything that the experts don't know it all and people opinion do.

No One needs to die alone

Dave Newlon
Wasilla Alaska
[REDACTED]

Riley Nye

From: doug [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 1:19 PM
To: House Health and Social Services; Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: in support of bill HB52 No patient dies alone, bill HB105 Parental Rights

Please support your voters and vote for these Bills HB52 No patient dies alone and HB105 Parental Rights.

Becci and Doug Lange
Palmer, AK

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10
Douglas A Lange

Riley Nye

From: Linn McCabe [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:50 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Kevin McCabe
Subject: Testimony HB52 No patient left behind

Dear committee members,

I am writing in support of HB52; however, I would like it to be amended to include more family members and loved ones—not limited to just one.

Patients should not be treated as prisoners or hostages, as was experienced during Covid. It is a great travesty that so many people died alone, and their families and other loved ones were not allowed to advocate for them, and/or say their “goodbyes.”

I personally know several people who endured horrific psychological and emotional trauma in the name of “health care,” as they were denied access to their ill and/or dying loved ones; trauma which continues to affect them. And I have to question if things may have turned out differently if they had not been locked out.

Medical treatment throughout history has been about compassion and health CARE. Part of a patient’s care is their mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being, even when their prognosis is dire. The presence and the touch of a loved one is invaluable to the healing process, often boosting the will to live. Medical treatment administered by limited staff is no substitute for the love and care of family and other loved ones.

As paying clientele, in a business arrangement, even though much of the bill may be paid by a third party, the patient and the loved ones must be allowed access to each other.

When we exclude people from being with their loved ones who are being treated in medical facilities, we have lost our humanity.

Thank you!

Linn McCabe

Riley Nye

From: DaLonna Sprinkle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:17 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB 52

I am writing to show my support for HB 52. Hospitals should not have the right to decide who lives or dies, or if a patient should have to die alone. I had a good friend that was admitted to providence hospital during Covid with Covid. Providence administrators refused to administer the Ivermectin that his doctor had already prescribed to him, he ultimately passed away. It was heart wrenching, losing William(Bill) Topel. His death may have been avoided, but since Providence took matters into their own hands, and didn't follow his representatives wishes, we will never know. Therefore I fully support HB 52,

Sincerely:

DaLonna Sprinkle

[REDACTED]
Anchorage,Ak,99518
[REDACTED]

Riley Nye

From: Gail Limbaugh-Moore <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:06 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB 52

Noone should die alone, period.

I support House Bill 52

Thank-You,

Gail M Limbaugh-Moore

Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:30 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Ben Carpenter
Subject: HB52

Dear Health & Social Services Committee Members,

Please support HB52 - AS WRITTEN!

"An Act relating to the right of patients and residents to have a support person in person during treatment and during stays at certain facilities; and relating to a requirement that health care facilities make certain information available to the public."

Please do not let it the bill get diluted!!

The way so many people were treated in hospitals during covid should be considered crimes against humanity!! People had to die alone without seeing their relatives!

Please ensure that going forward, Alaskans that are in hospital-like settings are allowed a support person!!

Thank you!

Regards,

Katie Gibson

Riley Nye

From: Carol Carman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:45 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB 52

Please pass HB 52.

Carol Carman
D29 Chair
d29@mtaonline.net
907-746-8670 (home / msg)
[Facebook](#)

Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:37 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB52

Support 'no patient left behind' HB52. Having spent my entire working career in a major medical center, I can say family is very important to the patient, and loved ones also; even if near the end of life.

Liz Taylor Forsman
Gov. Hill JBER area

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Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:24 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: ATTN: Chari Prax and Committee Members

HOUSE BILL 52,

I am the care giver for my 96 year old father, I make his medical decisions as my family has directed. I know his wishes and comfort levels by just looking at him. This has taken me 60 years to develop I know more about what his medical and emotional needs are than a Doctor that has just met him. I will always demand to be with him in any medical decisions. And HE WANTS ME THERE WITH HIM holding his hand. This bill is extremely important in all regards and it needs to pass as is with NO corrections or deletions. If you have further questions for me please contact me at the email or phone number below.

Lisa Roberts, GRI Realtor
Century 21 Realty Solutions – Soldotna
[REDACTED]

Riley Nye

From: Kelly Nash [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:16 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB52

The last three years have been horrific.

The medical business, I mean industry has been horrific.

I am the founder of Interior Patriots in Fairbanks Alaska and I want to let you know that we were passing out ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine to people that needed it so they would stay out of the hospital. We saved lives. We knew if they went in for any reason at all the chances of them staying in and dying alone were huge.

I have heard stories from people all over the state and I'm sure you have yourself, of loved ones dying alone. Being marked as having Covid but in reality the dollar signs over the patients head was worth more than the human life.

We saw what you did.

We know what you did.

Next time we will not allow this.

Thankfully to Patriots all over the world many now know their rights in a hospital.

This only happened for the commoners. No elitist had to endure anything like this.

I am in full support of this bill and I am speaking for every Patriot in the FNSB.

Representative Prax I am deeply ashamed that you want to gut this bill. I realize your libertarian is showing but you got hired to protect your people. To protect the ones that voted for you.

If any of you had of been down here on the ground and listening to stories and sitting in the hospital parking lot with a Loved one who had a family member that was being murdered in the hospital you would think twice about gutting this bill.

This bill is perfect just as it is.

Covid was a virus. Part of a plan. The fact that it also caused division and lack of humanity is not the fault of the virus but the fault of the humans that allowed it.

None of you had to go along with it.

The blood is on your hands.

I hope you don't die alone while a hospital is murdering you.

Every patient has rights. Those were stripped away. So people thought, but none of you took the time to educate people that Their patients rights were still intact.

By the way. We still have a stockpile of the meds just in case.

We will try and save as many lives as we can.

Oh and we also were able to pull some patients out of the hospital by educating their loved ones that they have rights.

We saved lives.

Kelly Nash
[REDACTED]

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Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:56 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: HB 52

From: Sybille Castro-Curry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:19 AM
To: House Health and Social Services <House.HSS@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kevin McCabe <Rep.Kevin.McCabe@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 52

Please Support HB 52, no Alaskan should ever die alone.
This can never be allowed again.
Sybille Castro-Curry
Nikiski

Riley Nye

From: Sybille Castro-Curry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:19 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Kevin McCabe
Subject: HB 52

Please Support HB 52, no Alaskan should ever die alone.

This can never be allowed again.

Sybille Castro-Curry

Nikiski

Riley Nye

From: Kim Nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:56 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB52

Please keep this bill intact
No patient left behind

Kim j Nelson

Riley Nye

From: John Bowen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:56 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB52

I support HB52

Sent from my iPhone

Riley Nye

From: Shelly Shupe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:38 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Sen. Robert Myers; Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB52

Good morning, committee and my representation.

I am emailing this morning with concern over HB52 and the possibility of changes that would mean people that I love would be forced to be alone in hospital. I will be perfectly honest, I do not understand most of what I have heard about this bill and these changes, just that these changes could possibly mean that I would be forced to be alone in hospital and the people that I love may be forced to be as well under some circumstances.

Here is where I stand after the absolute mess that was the covid BS. NO. No changes of this sort. My heart still breaks for all of those that went into the hospital with covid only to be forced to die scared and alone. I don't care what malady or virus that we are afraid of. Please do not force folks to endure that ever again. Please. If I ever find myself in these circumstances one way or the other, I would sign away all liability to the hospital to be with my loved ones. I think most of you would too.

If I am misunderstanding this bill and its status please reply with some helpful information that will get me to an understandable version that I may read.

For now, leave HB52 alone.

Kindest Regards,

Cheryl Shupe

[REDACTED]
Moose Creek, AK 99705
[REDACTED]

Riley Nye

From: Steve Carhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 6:28 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Kevin McCabe
Subject: HB - 52

Committee Members.

I am reading that HB 52 which is the medical advocate bill is hung up in your committee. This bill would allow medical advocates to be with their loved ones during a medical crisis.

I fully understand that the medical-industrial complex may be pushing back on the concept of a medical advocate program as they believe it may cause disruptions in their healthcare procedures but they are not very realistic or compassionate.

We all are also aware that most of the medical information from the CDC and other Covid experts was tainted somehow. Democrat Robert F. Kennedy Jr., scion of one of the country's most famous political families has reported much of the Covid information was false. Words like isolation, masks, and somewhat vaccine were used to the wrong extent. Isolation in the final days not only lacked compassion, but it also likely lacks science.

I am writing you to urge you to move HB 52 out of committee and to the floor of the House where it can receive the public debate it deserves. It is the best hope to prevent Alaskans from facing the end of life trauma by themselves. It is the least we can do for our fellow Alaskans.

Thanks for your consideration on this bill of compassion

Steven Carhart
Big Lake, Alaska

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Riley Nye

From: Sarah Hamilton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 6:20 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dying alone Bill

I lived in Alaska for 23 years from 75-97. So I still care what happens there. My mom was 101 in an assisted living facility, here in Pullman WA, and they called me up to tell me she was dying (October 22, 2020) they locked me out. I could not be with her at all. then on the Death certificate they put she died of Covid. down below "Age related Death"
I'm still hurt and pissed. Please pass this bill.

Sarah Hamilton

[REDACTED]
Pullman, WA 99163

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Riley Nye

From: Mick Bradford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 3:19 AM
To: House Health and Social Services; Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB52

Please support this bill
Mick Bradford
Anchorage Ak

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Thanks,

Mick Bradford

Riley Nye

From: bruce walden [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 2:47 AM
To: House Health and Social Services; Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB52

To Whom it May Concern,

During the course of the last couple of years I lost friends who died alone because of the prohibition of visitors at our hospitals during the Covid 19 issue.

I myself, ten years ago had a quadruple bypass and though this was not during a lock down, I received very few visitors and can attest to the fact that someone in such situations require visitation. Knowing that someone cares if they recover is a great help to a patient.

Please support HB52 for Alaska.

Sincerely, Bruce Walden

Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 2:00 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Justin Ruffridge
Subject: HB52 support

Please leave this bill intact. Don't gut the bill!

Our children and I weren't allowed to be with their dad when he passed away in Anchorage hospital in 2021. He died alone. I was told I would be called at my motel room if he turned for the worse. I got a call after he passed.

None of our family will forget this painful memory.

Vote for HB52. Stop allowing hospitals to lock family visitors out. I sat in a camping chair in snow storms to see him in his wheelchair through a window for one hour a day. The rule was one hour a week! I was persistent and showed up everyday. Sadly he was later moved into ICU and died alone. It's unfair, abusive and inhumane.

Vote YES for HB52 and leave it intact. Do the right thing!

Sherron Collins
District 7B

Sent from Sherron Collins iPhone

Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 9:23 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB52

To whom this concerns I support house bill 52 I don't want people to die alone especially if they are family members

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Murrills

Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 7:54 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: AS A REGISTERED VOTER I SUPPORT THIS BILL

No PATIENT LEFT BEHIND HB52

KEEP THIS BILL INTACT!!

We need to flood HHSS with emails in support of this bill! We have until April 17th!

Everyone in this state should be sending an email!!

Representative Sara Vance, Kevin McCabe and Ben Carpenter brought this bill to the table.

Representative Mike Prax is gutting it along with the hospital boards.

How many people do YOU know that died alone in the hospital the last three years?

Who wasn't able to sit and hold the hand of your loved one?

No change in visitor policy. We need support services.

If Covid taught us anything, People should not die alone.

We need this bill intact! As it is!

They don't want you to see what they are doing to our loved ones!! ❤️

We saw this way too often the last three years.

Stand up for the ones you lost due to Covid and stand up for the the loved ones that will end up in the hospital.

Riley Nye

From: Jan DeLand [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 8:21 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: No PATIENT LEFT BEHIND HB52

Legislators,

It is imperative that hospital patients be allowed a support person to be with them. My own experience has taught me how important a concerned support person is to the hospital experience.

When my dad was hospitalized, more than once I brought a crucial issue to the attention of his nurse that was buried in the notes but the nurse was not aware of.

When I was in the hospital, a family member kept track of things when I was out of it which was not only helpful but vital.

I have a number of friends who died unnecessarily and alone over the past few years and also some of my friends lost family members who were not allowed support persons to be with them.

Heartbreaking doesn't even cover it. This situation has many ramifications including avoidance of hospital care when it would be otherwise warranted.

Please keep HB52 intact and pass as originally written.

Jan DeLand, lifelong Alaskan

Riley Nye

From: gail mcbride <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 7:26 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Mike.prax@akleg.gov
Subject: HB 52

No PATIENT LEFT BEHIND HB52
KEEP THIS BILL INTACT!!

Thank you,
Gail McBride

Riley Nye

From: The Armstrong [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 11:02 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB 52

We wish to express our concern about HB 52. We support HB52 in it's original form. It should NEVER EVER happen again that a patient be alone in a medical situation. No matter how what the situation. No one should be forbidden to be with a family member or a close family friend in the even of any pandemic or medical situation. No healthcare facility or Hospital should ever have the right to keep people apart. Advocates are always necessary and should never be forbidden for ANY reason whatsoever. We the undersigned stand behind HB 52 in it's original form.

Sincerely ,

Vickie & Kenneth Armstrong
Delores Smith
Victor Smith

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: Support of HB 52

-----Original Message-----

From: Chloe Braun <chloebraun_ak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 2:25 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support of HB 52

Hi, my name is Chloe Tauriainen, and even though I am not from the Homer area (I am from Nikiski) I am wanting to thank Representative Sara Vance for HB 52, which would protect hospital and care facility patients by ensuring visitation rights regardless of the support person's vaccination status.

HB 52 is especially important as people have been denied access to their loved ones for not having Covid-19 injections. No one should be discriminated against based on their Covid-19 injection status. Especially when the CDC admits that Covid vaccines do not prevent transmission. Unvaccinated visitors do not pose any greater risk than vaccinated visitors. I thank Representative Vance for supporting HB 52, which would protect patients and their advocates.

Chloe Tauriainen

Riley Nye

From: michael gendreau [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 9, 2023 9:43 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB52

From: Michael Gendreau 99705

I support HB52



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Riley Nye

From: David Burford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 9, 2023 10:14 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: Support HB 52

Dear Ak Legislators,

Let this Bill stand as is! Nobody should die alone! I repeat...No human being should have to die alone! Do not gut this bill! We the people are watching you.. and waiting for the next chance we get to vote for or against you. Hospitals are paid for from the public's hard-earned dollars and should be subject to public regulations.

Thanks for your time,

David Burford & We the People of the Great State of Alaska.

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Riley Nye

From: Kassie Owens [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 9, 2023 9:06 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB 52 - Don't let it die on the vine

Legislators,

I am deeply interested in the passage of HB 52. I speak from experience on this as I had a major back surgery in January of 2022 that I had to endure by myself. Unfortunately I also have friends who did not have a familiar face with them who sadly perished in the hospital during the pandemic. It is cruel and unusual punishment to deny humans access to their loved ones during their final stages of life, or in life altering situations where the very basic need of a human connection is so critical. Highly concerning is what appears to be the growing desire to remove self-autonomy from select industries, in this case being the healthcare industry. It is oddly similar to a technocracy where citizens are systematically stripped of individual sovereignty and ruled by a scientific dictatorship. Many states are ahead of Alaska on this and have swiftly passed legislation to protect their citizens.

As representatives who have an obligation to serve their constituents, please ensure this makes it to the floor before the end of this legislative session.

Thank you,

Kassie Andrews

Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 9:48 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: Support HB52

Please support HB52 intact. The state of medicine in this country has deteriorated so significantly that they can no longer be trusted with sole decision making when it comes to medical policy. It was evil that they allowed people to die alone. The medical malpractice that has been done to the American people is tragic.

We expect you the Legislature to stand for we the people, Mike, not your Fat cat Hospital lobby. Show that you are not bought and paid for... vote for the people.

Sent from my iPhone

Riley Nye

From: Aileen Cotter [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 8:25 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB 52

In favor of this bill! No one should ever die alone!

Ella Cotter
NP,AK 99705

Sent from my iPhone

Riley Nye

From: Lcretia [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 1:34 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: representativemike.orax@akleg.gov
Subject: HB52

It is a shame that this bill needs to be written because the medical/pharma/government has legislated protection from prosecution for negligent malevolent assault, manslaughter, and murder.

It is criminal that prosecutions are not in the works for the harm brought about by the highly profitable, but deceitful, malicious fraud we refer to as 'covid' and the covid 'vaccination -- even though it remains possible that the conspirators, co-conspirators, inciters, accessories, aiders and abettors, and cooperative minions may yet be walked down by justice.

The medical/pharma/government oligarchy evolved out of profit seeking, ignorant medieval germ theories, and exists in a cultish bubble of arrogance, denial and actual stupidity that destroyed and continues to destroy their own ilk.

The maiming and death of medical personnel alone should require severe investigation for truth.

What has been done to humanity deserves transformative justice.

HB52 should be made law as a start.

Sincerely,

Lcretia Ballance

Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 12:01 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB52

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to ask you to support HB52, and to take any and all measures which would result in assuring that family members are NEVER excluded from physically joining, supporting and being with their loved ones who make be sick or afflicted in the hospital, or care facility. The obvious example of this was the way family members were excluded from people who were sick and dying from the manufactured Covid virus. Never again!

Bests,

Scott Anderson

Riley Nye

From: Nanette Lemcool <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 10:21 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Mikeprax@akleg.gov
Subject: HB52

Leave HB52 alone! As an older Alaskan I would like to see this bill left alone!!
Sent from my iPhone

Riley Nye

From: Leslie Lance <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 9:54 AM
To: House Health and Social Services; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: HB52

Dear Representatives--

I am writing to strongly encourage you to move HB52 out of committee to a vote during this legislative session. I also highly encourage your final support of the bill. I honestly think this Patient's Rights bill should be codified nationwide.

I am both a nurse in a hospital and the daughter of a mother who was forced to pass away alone in a nursing home during the early stages of the recent pandemic. So, I take this bill very personally.

My 83 year old mother transitioned to Hospice care in a nursing facility outside of Alaska the beginning of March of 2020 just as things were starting to go "crazy". Nobody ever considered the human factor of the rules they were making. My mother, whose life revolved around her huge extended family, did not have one family member visit her, hold her hand or give her comfort for over TWO MONTHS before she died! She will never get that time back and neither will we! She may have been given physical care and comfort by her caregivers, but there was no emotional support from her family except for the weekly video calls we were allowed to have. Can you imagine how difficult those calls were? She didn't have any understanding of what and why things were the way they were. She had a very difficult time communicating while using the tablet. The tablet couldn't hold her hand, give her a hug or a kiss. At the end, she died of a broken heart as much as the illness that slowly drained the life from her. The other tragedy was her funeral was very important to her. She had even written the program. She was a prominent citizen from a pioneer family in the community where she lived. She never got that funeral and people were not ever allowed to pay their final respects.

As a nurse working in the hospital during the pandemic, what I saw broke my heart. I've always felt strongly that an advocate at the bedside was crucial for patients--for their comfort, emotional and physical support, healing and especially safety. I saw so many lonely, confused, sad and vulnerable patients. It's not that they didn't get good health care, but the staff couldn't reasonably meet their emotional needs. Even though we tried, it was extremely difficult to communicate with their families about the progress of their care, so the family members were suffering as well. The isolation never made any sense to me and in a way, I believe what we did to our most vulnerable citizens was bordering on criminal! We should have and could have done better! This bill will promise and guarantee our loved ones and patients their most basic need--a support person at their bedside!

Respectfully,
Leslie Lance
Chugiak, AK
[REDACTED]

Riley Nye

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 9:18 AM
To: House Health and Social Services; Rep. Mike Prax
Subject: I support HB 52

Sent from my iPhone

Please support HB52!

During Covid I had to Drop my husband off at ER (Providence). (We have been married 57 years). He had a heart attack. Fortunately it was a mild one but we didn't know that at the time. Our daughter was in same hospital serious condition on same floor (not Covid). They would not even let them see each other!

Carolyn Lewis

Riley Nye

From: Ed Sawyer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 9:12 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB 52

I support this bill.
cheers, Ed Sawyer

Riley Nye

From: Ed Sawyer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 8:59 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: Mike.prax@akleg.gov
Subject: Bill HB 52

I support this bill.

cheers, Ed Sawyer

Riley Nye

From: Michael Chambers [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 8:52 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Cc: mike.Prax@akleg.gov
Subject: HB52

Legislators,

I fully understand that the medical industrial complex may be pushing back on the concept of a medical advocate program as they believe it may cause disruptions in their healthcare procedures but I wish to share with you a personal experience on the other side of this argument.

On October 13th 2021 my good friend William Topel passed away at Providence Hospital, alone with no medical advocate at his side. If I were to share the texts of desperation he sent me on his death bed, it would break your heart.

William was a man who did everything he could to pay attention to politics and to encourage legislators and the public to support conservative, Christian causes. He was one of the most dedicated citizens in Alaska. His passing left a vacancy in the heart of vast numbers of Alaskans who came to know and appreciate him over the years.

He died alone. Bill is not the only Alaskan who died alone during the Covid crisis, but his is my most familiar story.

I am writing you to urge you to move HB 52 out of committee and to the floor of the House where it can receive the public debate it deserves. This bill, unfortunately, will not bring my friend back but it may prevent others from facing end of life trauma by themselves. It is the least we can do for our fellow Alaskans.

My high regard for your consideration on this bill of compassion,
Michael Chambers

Riley Nye

From: Pamela Samash [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 8:27 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes on HB 52

Dear Committee members

Please vote yes on HB 52.

The hospitals are not like other private businesses since they are regulated and receive govt funding through Medicaid, therefore this bill is an appropriate way to protect the rights of the patient and their families and close friends in the case of another pandemic.

HB 52 is an ethical and compassionate step towards restoring trust in the medical system and way forward to begin the healing process of those who's loved ones tragically and cruelly died alone.

Thank you

Pamela Samash
[REDACTED]

Riley Nye

From: Jon and Ruth Ewig [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 8:24 PM
To: House Health and Social Services; Rep. Mike Prax; Jon and Ruth Ewig
Subject: We definitely support HB 52

It should be a no-brainer that someone should always be allowed to have an advocate/witness accompanying the patient in medical matters and that the public has the right to know what is going on. Secrecy is dangerous and dishonest.

Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 3:05 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: Support HB 52

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Coons <m[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:37 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support HB 52

I am sorry that I was not able to testify at previous hearings for this bill. I just had a long conversation with Rep Prax's staff on this and the so called "issues" by the Hospitals.

My understanding from the call today is that the Feds say that Hospitals can have any rules and regulations they deem necessary to protect themselves and the workers. Fine, but and this is the big but, those regulations can and should be challenged when they are wrong, harm patients and patient families as was done during the China Virus pandemic. To deny families from being with their loved ones is violating basic rights of the patient and those families. The actions of the hospitals was more out of fear vs real science. All hospitals had PPE at many different levels that any and all family members could have used to protect the workers from a possibility of contracting the China Virus in this case. Add to that those same staff were in the communities and interacting with strangers without the level of PPE that they have in the hospitals, thus if they contract that virus, there is no way they could point to family members in the hospital.

Hospitals are wanting to be held harmless from lawsuits be that from angry families that were denied access to loved ones or hospital workers claiming they contracted the disease from families. To me, as a health care worker, we all have a risk of contracting a disease in caring for our patients. When HIV/AIDS first came out we masked up and took extraordinary precautions at the EMS level. Prior to that PPE use and levels at the hospital to EMS was far less than we have now. I can't count the times of encounters of patients where we got blood and body fluids into our eyes, unprotected skin, doing mouth to mouth resuscitation and then being told that under HIPPA law, we could not know if the patient was positive for HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis B! EMS was not testing us for HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis B exposure. In point of fact, I had a job going to Russia as a Site Paramedic and to get into Russia I had to be tested for HIV/AIDS. That was years after HIV/AIDS came out, needless to say the level of anxiety was high when I opened the envelope! Fortunately was negative. The level of PPE and Infection Control procedures have and are highly evolved compare to then. The hospitals have the PPE to give to the families so they can see their family members, thus protecting the staff.

Per Prax staff, the hospitals are concerned about the cost of camera's in the patient rooms to stop families from doing something the "rules" say they can't do. My wife had a camera in her room because she was a fall risk. Yet to use a room camera to enforce rules, such as hugging the loved one, giving them a kiss is just plain stupid. Frankly knowing many nurses they would look the other way. If a person came in to stop me, there would be hell to pay as well!

Bottom line is I can't begin to imagine the harm, anxiety, loss and anger those that were denied to be with loved ones during this pandemic. I was able to be with my wife throughout the 20 days she was in the hospital. I know it would have taken an army to keep me from her! The lies that were used to push this agenda have now been shown to be just that lies and the use of fear to control people. Then when the people and real science showed that the "science" was fake, then the weaponizing politically toward those that were demanding to see their loved one and those of us that were not and will not comply with all the mandates has caused long lasting if not even harm that cannot be undone.

Where we once listened to our Doctors and scientist, we have lost any faith that they are speaking the truth. That is a harm to the medical community that will last I for decades to come.

Thus, this bill will give us the ability for when the next medical issue comes up so that those actions do not repeat themselves. Hopefully the medical community has learned to not do this again, sadly, the Administrators and other high level scientists and the CDC, I believe learned a valuable lesson. How to control a nation with fear, propaganda and a media fully on their side to take away freedoms, thus, this bill must be passed and then enforced to the max!

Mike Coons
President, Concerned Conservatives of Alaska



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Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 3:13 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: HB 52

I am forwarding this to be sure that it is added to the record.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

Rep. Sarah Vance

Chair of House Judiciary
Chair of House Special Committee on Fisheries



From: Katie Nolan <katietnolan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 3:57 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 52

Dear Rep Vance:

Thank you for creating and advocating the No Patient Left Behind Act. Following is the letter I have written to the Health & Social Services Committee.

Thank you.

Katie Nolan

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99522-2462
[REDACTED]

Dear Chair Rep Prax and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my viewpoint with your Committee re: HB 52, the No Patient Left Alone Act.

Three years ago I was unaware of a health issue. All I know is that I was getting weaker and more lethargic every day. When my husband finally called for an ambulance, I could barely stay awake long enough to respond to the paramedics.

At the hospital it was discovered that I had a severe viral infection and, if left alone for another day, would have succumbed. I was immediately given two missing pints of blood and placed on the infectious diseases floor, where I remained for six days. As visiting my room required "gowning up" for staff and visitors, I was only minimally seen by staff.

Throughout this time, I was unable to adequately communicate with my physicians and nurses of my needs. Whenever I attempted to explain a problem to staff, I could either not make myself clear or I would be crying from the pain. I believe the only reason I survived this harrowing experience was because throughout each day and into the night my husband was there to communicate for me.

Three days after I was released, that hospital, Providence, closed its doors to all but the patients. I cannot imagine the terror experienced by a patient in my condition being locked away from a spouse, child or parent. In my opinion, what Providence did was criminal, and our family will no longer use Providence for anything.

When I first read Rep Vance's HB 52, I was thrilled that someone was taking measures to ensure that no patient would ever again be abandoned at Providence. With this Bill, administrators can no longer make the cold-hearted decision to isolate patients from their representatives or threaten family members. In my opinion, those that carried out those administrative orders were criminally responsible, and those that created the orders should be charged.

Please forward this Bill out of Committee and ensure that all patients have access to a representative of their choice. Thank you.

Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 3:11 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: HB 52

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Cameron <cameronscabins@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 6:34 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 52

Sarah, I strongly support this bill. It is so important to have family or a friend with you in a time of a health issue.
Thank you!
Richard Cameron

Sent from my iPhone

Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 3:11 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: Thank you HB 52

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 5:33 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Thank you HB 52

Dear Representative Vance, thank you for bringing HB52 up this session for another chance to advocate for patients' rights. What I wanted to say during my testimony that although my terrible experience was at an out of state hospital, all hospitals and care facilities were given the same direction: no visitors. I wanted to say that several phone calls last year to my previous employer demonstrated similar experiences here in Alaska. I will make sure to call each committee member, because nobody should have to be alone in the hospital. I wish I would have said during my testimony that each night I had to door dash food for the next day, went without provisions and my own medications for 7 days holding my ground and not leaving my moms side. I often would think in disbelief that such treatment would actually occur in the United States. I even took a picture of the door inside the hospital because of how petrified I was that it locked behind me to get back to my moms room. Thank you and may God bless you for speaking up and advocating for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Kelli Toth

[REDACTED]
Chugiak

Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 3:04 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: HB52

From: jolarey@outlook.com [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 6:56 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB52

Hi Sarah...

Just a note to tell you that I absolutely oppose HB52. Those of you behind it probably have the best of intentions, but it is one more step toward complete government control of what's left of private enterprise. If the bill applied only to public (government) hospitals, I might see it differently.

Thanks for reading this,

John O'Larey
Anchor Point

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Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 2:58 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: Subject: Support HB 52

From: Nicki Kumfer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 2:57 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Subject: Support HB 52

Hi! My name is Nicki Kumfer. I am in district 6. I am in support of HB-52. My Aunt died alone in the hospital with no family allowed to be with her during Covid 19. It was heart wrenching for all of us .
Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Nicki L. Kumfer

Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 12:30 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: HB 52

-----Original Message-----

From: Brenda - [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 11:12 AM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 52

My name is Brenda Edens of District 6. I am in support of HB 52. My mom died a few years ago in the hospital and I can't imagine not being there with her for her sake as well as mine.

Thank you for your pursuit on this issue.

Brenda Edens

Sent from my iPhone

Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 1:59 PM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: HB52

From: Tom Hagen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:36 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB52

My name is Tom Hagen, I live in Homer and I absolutely support HB52 no patient left behind.

Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 2:06 PM
To: House Health and Social Services; House Education; House Rules; House State Affairs
Subject: FW: Many Thanks on your Bills

From: LAURA HECKERT <laurieheckert@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 1:32 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Cc: Laurie Heckert [REDACTED]
Subject: Many Thanks on your Bills

Hello Sarah,

I appreciate your dedication and attention to detail on the Bills you have written.

I called and talked to Elesheva yesterday regarding the different bills. She sent some links to me. Since I wasn't successful in being able to open the bills, I know some of the ones I really want to support.

I would like to support the ones you wrote as I know that my values match with yours.

HB2 Prohibit Discrimination against Israel

HB4 Repeal Rank Choice Open Primary. (RC manipulates the numbers in a way that eliminates the candidates who are favored by the majority of the voters. It is a shell game which enables a person to win who)

HB21 School/University Health Insurance. It will save money and be more in-line with the population who are not government officials.

HB 52 No Patient left alone. It is the right of the people to be with their loved ones during the dying process. It is shameful to prohibit a dying person to not have family with them at the end of their life. It is just wrong that the government and powers to be can allow this. Never again!

To me it is unbelievable that our society has come to needing to pass bills to Protect women's sports from men competing with them and protect Parents rights over their children in schools. .I support both: SB 140 and SB 96..

I support SB31 to change the way the judges are elected. This practice has led to behavior that is excessively close and resistant to outside influence. The people need to vote the judges in and out as needed according to their decisions and ability to 'do justice'.

Most sincerely,

Laurie Heckert

Riley Nye

From: Rep. Sarah Vance
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:50 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: FW: Hb52 support

-----Original Message-----

From: Delayna Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 3:36 PM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Hb52 support

My name is DeLayna West district 6
I support HB 52

Sent from my iPhone

Riley Nye

From: Kate McNulty <akdmcnulty@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:33 AM
To: House Health and Social Services
Subject: HB52

We are writing in support of HB52, no patient left alone. This is a good, common sense bill that supports families. Dan and Martha McNulty, Homer AK

Sent from my iPad

Riley Nye

From: DuncanAandS <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 6:34 PM
To: ewig4him_7@hotmail.com; House Health and Social Services; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Ben Carpenter
Subject: Re: Patient's Rights, HB52

Yup, totally agree. I don't think it needs a companion bill, but will let you know if I hear that is the case. Thanks you guys, for all you do!

Sent from Proton Mail mobile

----- Original Message -----

On Mar 15, 2023, 4:20 PM, Jon and Ruth Ewig <ewig4him_7@hotmail.com> wrote:

This is a great bill and we support it. Loved ones need more freedom to help each other. That should be a given.

Note: Does this need a companion bill or not?

Jon and Ruth Ewig

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701

