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Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 2:14 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

Young people deserve age-appropriate, medically accurate information about sex, reproduction, and concepts like consent, respecting boundaries, and who to turn to for help. However, many students in Alaska do not have access to the information and skills they need to protect their health and safety because public schools in Alaska are not required to provide comprehensive or medically accurate sexual health education.

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Please support young people in Alaska by voting YES on SB 43.

Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: alexbury1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Bury <alexbury1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:27 AM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

I am a 53-year-old woman from Alaska. I'm able to own a home and pay property taxes in Anchorage because of sex ed when I was in school. I volunteer for my community and help care for my aging parents which lessens the burden of the state and healthcare system. Sex ed in schools creates better functioning adults who have less trauma, confusion, and poverty.

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Please support young people in Alaska by voting YES on SB 43.

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Michael Mason

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To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Please support young people in Alaska by voting YES on SB 43.

Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

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Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 10:46 AM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

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To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

When I was in middle and high school, all the information I got was:

- 1) boys have peepees, girls have vaginas, they do things;
- 2) DON'T HAVE SEX;
- 3) omg Periods!!!! They suck but are so so naturals girls;
- 4) here are pictures of chlamydia and gonorrhea;
- 5) DON'T HAVE SEX;
- 6) Here's a condom;
- 7) birth control exists but dON'T HAVE SEX; And that was pretty much it.

I learned nothing about good hygiene, possible signs of when a period is abnormal, consent, healthy boundaries and relationships, how to have a healthy and enjoyable sex life should you lead one, sexual orientation and identities. I had to learn all of that in the bathroom over-hearing my peers escaped, asking my friends in secret, or learning from experience. There were things I couldn't ask my parents and teachers because they either didn't know, or I didn't feel safe or comfortable enough to ask, or even know what to ask.

All of us, young and older deserve to have the knowledge to keep ourselves healthy and safe, to be able to advocate for ourselves with our doctor, partners, or parent. And we all deserve to know where and how we can access resources to help us do so. Age-appropriate, medically accurate information about sex, reproduction, consent, respecting boundaries, and who to turn to for help is imperative to combating social and public health issues such as sexual assault and rape, STIs, and unplanned pregnancies.

Currently students don't even have the basic access to the information and skills they need to protect their health and safety because public schools in Alaska are not required to provide comprehensive or medically accurate sexual health education.

We already know that abstinence-based teaching fails our students and young adults. We already know that the majority of students want this information. This isn't about what we as the older adults in their lives find comfortable, or getting to decide what we want them to know; this is about them having the best knowledge so they can make the best informed and consensual decisions that they can. Even when we can't be there for them.

Please do the right thing by them and vote YES on SB 43.

Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: cherij@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cheri Johnson
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Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 8:53 AM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

As a former Health teacher, I cannot stress how important it is for students to receive comprehensive, factual information. The rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections in Alaska are ridiculously high. Education helps to lower those numbers.

Young people deserve age-appropriate, medically accurate information about sex, reproduction, and concepts like consent, respecting boundaries, and who to turn to for help. However, many students in Alaska do not have access to the information and skills they need to protect their health and safety because public schools in Alaska are not required to provide comprehensive or medically accurate sexual health education.

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Please support young people in Alaska by voting YES on SB 43.

Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: Cheryl & Mark Lovegreen <lovegreensnorth@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 2:58 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Support for SB 43

Dear Senate Education Committee,

I support SB 43, the addition of personal health and safety to the state requirement for education. Sex ed is not just an "extra" but a vital part of public health. Students in all public schools across the state deserve to learn accurate information about their bodies and how to keep themselves safe. This measure will help children and teens understand their biology, prevent child abuse and dating violence, and help our young people navigate their world.

Thanks to Senators Gray-Jackson, Tobin, and Dunbar for introducing this bill. I hope it passes committees and the houses of the legislature with overwhelming support.

Cheryl Lovegreen

Michael Mason

From: Claire Pywell <claire.f.pywell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:33 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Support SB 43

To members of the committee:

Thank you for your time, and to your staff for their work on behalf of Alaskans. I write to ask you to enact strong standards for sex education to make sure all young people in Alaska get the education they need to lead healthy lives.
Support SB 43.

Alaska has some of the country's highest rates of sexual assault, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and unintended pregnancy. Lawmakers should focus on ensuring all young people have the tools they need to keep themselves healthy.

It's disconcerting that only half of Alaska's secondary schools teach students how to access valid and reliable information, products, and services related to STIs and pregnancy.

The overwhelming majority agrees that young people need comprehensive sex education. Alaskan voters agree that sex education should be medically accurate, age-appropriate, and should cover healthy relationships, consent, and communication skills.

The Alaska Association of Student Governments and the Alaska Public Health Association have passed resolutions in support of legislation for comprehensive sexuality education that is age appropriate, medically accurate, and inclusive of all students.

Thank you for consideration of our future state leaders and their health.

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Michael Mason

From: claire.c.todd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claire Todd
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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:25 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: elianakayoukluk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eliana Kayoukluk
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Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2023 11:24 AM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

Alaska saw the highest rape rate in the United States in 2020, with 154.8 rapes per 100,000 inhabitants. The lowest rate was found in New Jersey, with 14.4 rapes per 100,000 inhabitants.

There tends to be more reported female victims of sexual assault than male victims. However, since sexual assault is typically an underreported crime, especially among males, these figures could be, and probably are, much higher. In addition, many victims of sexual offenses tend to be young, although sexual assault can occur at any age.

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: emcohen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emily Cohen
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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:53 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Providing this education can be critical in reducing our state's high rates of sexual violence, reducing unwanted pregnancies, and allowing young people to make informed decisions that may allow them greater access to time and resources to pursue education or employment in Alaska. An informed and educated public is a strong one, both economically and emotionally.

Please support young people in Alaska by voting YES on SB 43.

Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 4:37 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 9:15 AM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: genevieveschmidt12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Genevieve Schmidt
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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:34 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

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Sincerely,

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Michael Mason

From: gspetersen84@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of grace petersen <gspetersen84@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:14 AM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:34 AM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 3:59 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

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Education leads to a better future.

Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

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Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 12:26 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

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To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: Kendal Pike <kendalpike@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:33 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Testimony SB 43

Senators of the Education Committee,

I am Palmer resident, mother of 4, heavily involved in my local school district and health care provider. I oppose this legislation of SB 43.

First, as the school districts have become more involved in 'heath' and 'sex' education, the health and sexual function of Alaskans has rapidly declined. More 'education' in schools clearly isn't the answer and is likely a contributor to the current problems of rampant STDs and extremely high incidence of rape among young girls and women.

Secondly, it is wildly inappropriate for adults to be discussing sexuality and sexual function with children, in fact in nearly all instances it's illegal and indicates a criminal inclination of the adult in the scenario. The parents in our state do not want schools sexually grooming and training children in sexual dysfunction and promiscuity. The radical obsession certain politicians and radicalized citizens have with controlling children and forcing them to be subjected to sexual education early and often is very concerning.

Thirdly, as Alaska is dead last in reading and mathematics compared to the nation, adding other subject matter for teachers to focus on is not only irresponsible but reprehensible. Our schools need more time to teach our children, 70% whom can't read, write or do math properly, not sexual variety.

Lastly, there is no age appropriate sexual health education for kindergarten through 4th grade and this legislation isn't anything other than to control and force children to consume sexual material and politically motivated ideology from the time they enter school.

I am deeply concerned about the motives of the Senators who drafted and cosponsored this legislation and would never allow my children to be exposed to any adult with such motivations.

Reject this ridiculous and irresponsible bill if you care at all about equity of economic outcomes for children in this state. The more they fail at basics the less economic stability they will have. Focus on funding reading writing and math not sex ed for kindergarteners.

Sincerely,
Kendal Kruse

Michael Mason

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Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:35 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

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Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 6:46 AM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: raven_orla@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Dalton
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To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Please support young people in Alaska by voting YES on SB 43.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laura Dalton

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Michael Mason

From: Laura Volmert <lauravolmert@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:12 PM
To: Senate Education; Rep. Maxine Dibert; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson
Subject: SB 43

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to support SB 43, which would provide age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education to students in Alaska. I am a parent, a psychotherapist, and a sex educator, and in all of these roles I am able to see the importance of comprehensive sex education for young people.

In my role as a therapist, I see many people, both adolescents and adults, who were victimized because no one had ever talked to them about their body parts, their autonomy in making bodily decisions, or how to identify sexually inappropriate behavior. Many people believe that they are protecting children's innocence by not explaining the facts of life, but this approach has been shown to be incorrect. Children who are taught about their bodies and about sexual behaviors, as well as given values based explanations of consent and decision making are better able to protect themselves.

I also have the honor of teaching the Our Whole Lives comprehensive sex education curriculum to middle schoolers once a year through the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. This excellent program not only teaches basic facts about puberty, reproduction, birth control, and sexually transmitted infections, it also explores healthy and unhealthy relationships, teaches boundary setting, and helps children to determine their boundaries around sexual behavior. It would be wonderful to see these kinds of lessons in our schools.

Studies show that children who receive comprehensive sex education are not more likely to be sexually active, and that there are many positive, pro-social effects of age-appropriate sex education. A review of the literature from the Journal of Adolescent Health from January of 2021 suggests that comprehensive sex education promotes development of healthy relationships, prevention of child abuse, improved social/emotional learning, increased media literacy and prevention of intimate partner violence. We need to give children the tools to navigate the complicated world we live in, and denying them access to sex education only creates the potential for harm.

I am also the parent of a 16-year-old and a 19-year-old. Both of my children have received age-appropriate sexual information from a young age. I am proud of who they have become, their strong values and sense of self, and their ability to determine for themselves what kind of behaviors they engage in. They understand that their bodies belong to them, something I wish for all Alaskan children.

Sincerely,

Laura Volmert, MA, LPC

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Laura Volmert
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"You can either practice being right or practice being kind." -Anne Lamott

Michael Mason

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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Please support young people in Alaska by voting YES on SB 43.

Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: Mary Burtness <mcburtness@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 2:42 PM
To: Senate Education
Cc: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Click Bishop
Subject: SB 43 HEALTH AND PERSONAL SAFETY EDUCATION

Dear Education Committee Members:

I am writing asking for your support to approve and pass on **SB 43**. I know some people believe Sex education does not belong in the school, because they believe it is their role to teach this content to their children. However, based on the number of births to teenage mothers in this state, this reasoning is not working. There are too many students that go blindly into relationships without understanding the possible consequences. A student should be given all the education they need to succeed and getting pregnant most certainly gets in the way.

And it has also been my experience that school district always give an option for the parents to have their child to not be present on the days this material is being presented.

So, please get this bill moving to be passed to address the health and safety of **all our Alaska students**.

Thank your for this opportunity to voice my request.

Mary C. Burtness

Michael Mason

From: eleanorpmorse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nora Morse
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Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:52 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

Dear Alaska Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 43, the bill to require sex ed in Alaska schools.

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Please support young people in Alaska by voting YES on SB 43.

Sincerely,

Ms. Nora Morse

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Michael Mason

From: presleyrdyer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Presley Dyer
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Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:41 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

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Please support young people in Alaska by voting YES on SB 43.

Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: rchrste@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Christensen
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Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 3:57 PM
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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: rlrussell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robyn Russell
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Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:55 PM
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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: Therese Lewandowski <thereselew@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 12:08 PM
To: Senate Education
Subject: SB 29, Civics Education

Hello Education Committee Members,

I expressed support for this bill when Senator Stevens introduced it last session.

I still support it and with even more enthusiasm after listening to the Committee hearing held yesterday.

One of the testimonials was from Billy Carlson who got her teaching degree through our local Kachemak Bay Campus. I am so proud of her and her commitment to teaching at Nikolaevsk.

Please do all you can to pass this bill!

Therese Lewandowski

Michael Mason

From: tianamarietuli@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tiana Letuligasenoa
<tianamarietuli@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 5:45 AM
To: Senate Education
Subject: Please vote YES on SB 43: Sex Ed

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Sincerely,
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Michael Mason

From: wcmckenzie907@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Mckenzie
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Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 5:13 PM
To: Senate Education
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Sincerely,
Mr. William Mckenzie
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