

February 28, 2023

Senate Education Committee Senator Löki Tobin, Chair State Capital Juneau, AK 99801

Senator Tobin and Committee Members,

Alaska Right to Life opposes Senate Bill 43, "Health and Personal Safety Education" because it would force children to be exposed to radical sexualization, homosexual ideology, gender-destroying indoctrination, and abortion marketing to underage minor students by Planned Parenthood, the abortion industry, and others.

Alaska Right to Life opposes Senate Bill 43 because it would further pervert the image of God in man, specifically that He created us male and female in Genesis 1:27. Furthermore, the Bible has been clear for thousands of years that conception is the beginning of human life as seen in Genesis 4:1.

Jesus confirmed the male and female sexes, gender, and marriage definitions in Matthew 19:3-5 stating that "He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Moreover, since the Bible, from Genesis to Hebrews (Old and New Testaments), recognizes conception as the beginning of human life and modern science agrees that human life begins at conception (or fertilization), then we must recognize that abortion kills a living human being, which the Bible calls murder.

Senators, God ordained governments to protect the innocent, reward good, and punish the wicked and murderers as we see in Genesis 9:6 and Romans 13.

Senators, attempts to redefine the natural order of boys and girls, men and women, and sexual activity outside of marriage between one man and one woman are perversions of God's revealed order and His written Law. Our government has already fallen too far from its



mandate to protect the innocent from harm and Senate Bill 43 would force even greater harm upon Alaska's children than they already suffer.

Moreover, killing children before they are born is a violation of both God's and man's laws, making the very introduction of Senate Bill 43 a great shame on our state and an afront to the God who grants all life. Therefore, advancement or passage of Senate Bill 43 must be opposed by all who fear God and value children as gifts from God.

### LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

Senators, Sex Education in all its various forms and formats is currently optional under AS 14.30.360, but Senate Bill 43 would *require* all school districts to provide sex education according to the National Sexuality Education Standards: Core Content and Skills, K-12 (NSES).

When children should be learning the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic, Senate Bill 43 and NSES would expose them to sexuality indoctrination. Second graders would be indoctrinated into completely foreign definitions of family and parents, all according to homosexual and gender destroying ideologies.

While many terms are used to describe parents in the NSES, mother, father, husband and wife are completely absent from the 76-page document. Next, 5<sup>th</sup> graders are to be indoctrinated into the use of gender destroying "hormone blockers on young people who identify as transgender," as if either the identity or irreversible hormone abuse decisions are within a 5<sup>th</sup> grader's ability understanding, maturity, or scope of responsibility. Finally, 8<sup>th</sup> graders are to be taught that abortion is a viable option for pregnant underage minor children.

Senators, Senate Bill 43 *requires* all the perversions of God's natural order found in the NSES to be forced on all Alaska's school children. More than that, when we consider the scope of NSES, its contributors, influencers, and their stated goals and purposes for the curriculum, not only is Senate Bill 43 a threat to Alaska's children, but the continued exposure of Alaska's children to this demonic and destructive curriculum must be eliminated.

# PARENT'S RIGHTS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Senate Bill 43 presents many other significant problems that all Alaskans should oppose.



For instance, Senate Bill 43 eliminates oversight of any sexual health education by:

- School administrators
- School boards.
- Parents

Senate Bill 43 eliminates the current contractual and credentialing standards under AS 14.20 required of any teacher or any person teaching sex education, reproduction, or sexuality in the state.

Senate Bill 43 *eliminates parents' rights* to review any sex education, reproduction, or sexuality curriculum, literature, or materials before they are used in a class, program, or distributed in a school.

As mentioned above, the foundation of Alaska's sex education curriculum, programs, literature, and materials is the National Sexuality Education Standards: Core Content and Skills, K-12 (NSES).

Should Senate Bill 43 become law, all of the perversions of the NSES would be <u>required</u> for all Alaskan school children from K-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

This is extremely troubling as NSES lists radical sexualization, homosexual, and gender-destroying activist organizations as its key contributors:

- Advocates for Youth | Future of Sex Education
- Sexuality Information and Education Council (SIECUS)
- Southern Poverty Law Center
- The Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
- Planned Parenthood Federation of America
- Answer | Sex Ed, Honestly, Sex Etc.
- Gender Spectrum
- American Sexual Health Association

For example, the National Sexuality Education Standards: Core Content and Skills, K-12 (NSES):



- Teaches abortion is an option to be exercised by underage minors in the eighth grade.
- Teaches medically and scientifically *inaccurate* information about abortion, neglecting even the existence, let alone the humanity of children killed by abortion.
- Presents abortion killing a child before he is born as a "Pregnancy Option" to underage minors.
- Re-defines families and marriage to include those with "same-gender parents."
- Indoctrinates children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to their redefinition of parents.
- Redefines gender as "a set of cultural identities and roles," as "socially constructed," and "possible to reject or modify," while hypocritically advocating for "hormone blockers" as the means to "reject or modify" one's gender.
- Advocates for the use of gender destroying "hormone blockers on young people who identify as transgender" to children in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The NSES creates prejudice and discrimination against individuals who do not agree with the assertion that gender is "socially constructed" but chemically and surgically "modified."

The advocates of Senate Bill 43 include:

# Planned Parenthood's Education and Teen Council organizations:

- Is the largest abortion provider in Alaska.
- Distributes sexually explicit materials in middle and high schools.
- Markets abortions in middle and high schools.
- Opposes parental notification when a minor child seeks to kill her unborn child.
- Markets and administers gender destroying drugs and hormones to underage minor children.
- Opposes parental consent when a minor child seeks to kill her unborn child.

# **Sexuality Information and Education Council. SIECUS:**



- Advocates for abortion marketing in schools.
- o Advocates for discrimination against children expressing biological sex in sports.
- Advocates for gender destroying drugs, hormones, and surgeries to be administered to, and performed upon underage minor children.
- o Opposes the scientifically accurate recognition that life begins at conception.
- o Opposes parental consent to sex education and opt-in abilities for their children.
- o Opposes equal protection and justice for children killed in the womb by abortion.
- Opposes Alaskan parents' natural right and authority to direct their children's education.

For these reasons and many more, on behalf of thousands of Alaska Right to Life members, I urge all members of the Senate Education Committee to vote against Senate Bill 43's advancement out of the Education Committee.

For His Glory,

Patrick Martin

The Alaska Right To Life Committee



From: Alexandria Lewis <alexandriaillewis@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 11:28 AM

**To:** Senate Education; +Senate.Education@akleq.gov; +Senator.Gary.Stevens@akleq.gov;

+Senator.Jesse.Bjorkman@akleg.gov; +Senator.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov; +Senator.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov; Info@alaskarighttolife.org

**Subject:** I OPPOSE Senate Bill 43. Please Add my Email to SB 43's Record.

#### Attention Senate Education Committee:

I oppose the advancement and/or passage of Senate Bill 43.

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The bill REPEALS parents' rights under AS 14.30.361.

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The problem with NSES is that it is designed to indoctrinate children into believing lies about themselves and the world for the purposes of a false movement. Surely if adults are bitterly divided on a topic, children who do not have the wisdom or protection of life experience should not be forced to shoulder that weight. Abortion should not be marketed by planned parenthood to children in the 5th grade. Middle schoolers should not be on hormone blockers. Parents who love their children more than anyone should be able to be the first to introduce such delicate topics.

I urge all members to oppose the advancement of this dangerous bill, and if called for a vote, I urge all members to vote NO on SB 43.

From: Ben Lamirand <a href="mailto:lamirand.det1@gmail.com">lamirand.det1@gmail.com</a>

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 6:16 PM

**To:** Senate Education **Subject:** Opposition to SB43

Good evening,

I am a parent in this district and I am opposed to SB43.

Not only does it remove opportunities for parents to instruct their children on matters that should be private, it also places undue burden for additional instruction on our teachers who already struggle to meet national educational standards.

Health class already teaches an appropriate standard of information, and there are extra curricular activities for students who wish to engage in pro-choice activism, which this bill appears to dedicate classroom time to.

SB43 does not need to be added to ASD policy.

Thank you, Ben Lamirand

From: Brittany Tompkins <btompkins2@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 12:43 PM

**To:** Senate Education **Subject:** Opposing SB 43

I am opposed to this senate bill.

Brittany Tompkins Wasilla, AK Sent from my iPhone

From: Dan & Cynthia Carlson <dcejcarlson@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:30 AM

**To:** Senate Education; +Senate.Education@akleg.gov; +Senator.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov;

+Senator.Jesse.Bjorkman@akleg.gov; +Senator.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov; +Senator.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov; Info@alaskarighttolife.org

**Subject:** OPPOSE Senate Bill 43

# Senate Education Committee,

I oppose the advancement or passage of Senate Bill 43.

SB 43 would require instead of recommend Alaska schools to teach sexual health programs. This removes the ability of each school district to do what is right for their community. It would also require Alaska to adhere to National Sexuality Education Standards which further removes the decision making power from the local level. It also repeals AS 14.30.361 which currently provides transparency and acknowledges parental rights.

I urge all members to oppose the advancement of this bill, and if called for a vote, I urge all members to vote NO on SB 43.

Please Add my Email to SB 43's Record.

Cynthia Carlson Wasilla

From: David Anderson <booling727@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:02 AM

**To:** Senate Education

**Subject:** SB43

Please DO NOT encourage this bill to be part of alaskas education VOTE NO!!!!!!

From: Elizabeth Samuel <wheatspray@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:40 AM

**To:** Senate Education **Subject:** Senate Bill 43 - No

Dear Senate Education Committee,

The wording on the bill as it stands is quite vague in relation to age appropriate, scientific approach, and consent. As a former teacher, I certainly support teaching students boundaries, accurate scientific information and I believe that consent is essential. We probably do not agree on what those phrases mean. I believe that explicit sex or gender identity teaching is not appropriate for primary and most intermediate students. Teaching boundaries and responsibility in relationships means abstinence at this level. Parents need to have access to all curriculum taught and need to give consent to material taught. How else will you get family buy in, unless that is really not what you are after. Planned parenthood and LGBTQ support groups have no place in public education.

There is much that can be done in the name of social/emotional education that actually builds confidence, understanding and mutual respect between children without tainting it with education towards grooming and sexualizing and confusing inoocent young minds and hearts.

Thank you for registering and considering my statements on this issue.

Elizabeth Samuel Retired Educator P.O. Box 3838 Palmer, AK 99645

From: Jonathan Morgan <jonathanam1@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 11:32 AM

**To:** Senate Education; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Jesse Bjorkman; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Elvi

Gray-Jackson; Info@alaskarighttolife.org

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Jonathan

From: Kuba Grzeda <kg7979@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:13 AM

**To:** Rep. Ashley Carrick; Senate Education; Sen. Click Bishop

**Subject:** In Support of SB 43

# Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my support for SB 43 and comprehensive sex education in Alaskan public schools. Alaska has some of the highest rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), unintended pregnancies, and sexual violence in the nation.

Comprehensive sex education is essential to address these issues and ensure that young people in Alaska have the knowledge and skills they need to make informed decisions about their sexual health.

Sex education can provide students with accurate information about the risks and benefits of sexual behaviors, as well as the different forms of contraception and STI prevention methods available. It can also teach students about the importance of consent, healthy relationships, and communication, which are essential skills for building healthy and fulfilling lives.

Comprehensive sex education can also have a positive impact on students' mental health, academic performance, and overall well-being. By reducing the stigma and shame surrounding sex and sexuality, sex education can promote body positivity and self-esteem. It can also reduce absenteeism due to unintended pregnancies or STIs, leading to better academic outcomes.

Moreover, comprehensive sex education can benefit the healthcare system as a whole by reducing healthcare costs associated with unintended pregnancies, STIs, and other health issues related to sexual activity. This can lead to significant cost savings for individuals, families, and the entire healthcare system.

It is crucial to ensure that all students in Alaska have access to comprehensive sex education that is evidence-based, inclusive of all genders and sexual

orientations, and taught in a safe and supportive environment. By providing students with the knowledge and skills they need to make informed decisions about their sexual health, we can help to reduce the rates of STIs, unintended pregnancies, and sexual violence in our state.

I urge you to support SB 43 and sex education in public schools in Alaska. It is a critical component of a comprehensive education and an investment in the health and well-being of our young people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kuba Grzeda Fairbanks, Alaska

From: Mike <novymike@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:37 AM

**To:** Senate Education; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Jesse Bjorkman; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Elvi

Gray-Jackson; Info@alaskarighttolife.org

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Perrin S <perrin.schuster@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 1:05 PM

**To:** Senate Education; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Sen. Click Bishop

**Subject:** Testimony for SB 43

Hello, my name is Perrin Schuster. I am a graduate of Saint Paul Academy and Summit School in Minnesota and a current Fairbanks resident. I am emailing to testify on behalf of myself in support of Senate Bill 43. While enrolled at Saint Paul Academy and Summit School, we were privileged enough to receive sexual education from Planned Parenthood as well as accurate information provided by the school counselor. By learning about accurate and accessible methods of birth control, I was able to prevent pregnancy within myself and have safer sex. I never had an unintended pregnancy and I knew if I did fall pregnant I would be able to access safe and affordable abortion. Teenagers in Alaska deserve the same unrestricted access to accurate and safe sexual education. Nothing will prevent teenagers from having sex. It is a natural and normal part of self-exploration and human development. If you restrict access to safe sexual education you are setting children up for a lifetime of personal shame, unplanned parenthood, and possible serious health consequences. Alaskan children deserve the same opportunity to learn age appropriate, medically accurate information regarding sex, reproduction and concepts like consent, boundaries, emotional health and who to turn to for help. By providing this information to children, you give them the ability to advocate for themselves and to prevent or speak up if ever they are experiencing sexual violence. I strongly urge you to pass this bill.

Thank you for your time.

Perrin Schuster

Subject:

From: sue easterly < sueeasterly1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 11:14 AM

**To:** Senate Education; +Senate.Education@akleq.gov; +Senator.Gary.Stevens@akleq.gov;

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Sue Easterly 1526 Bannister Drive Anchorage, AK 99508

From: tkruseroselius@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tamara Kruse Roselius

<tkruseroselius@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 12:15 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.

Dear Senate Education Committee,

My name is Tamara Kruse Roselius and I am a parent in FNSBSD. I am deeply concerned that Alaska has no requirement to teach age appropriate, medically accurate sex education classes. In Fairbanks we have high rates of STD's, increasing rates of HIV, too many teen pregnancies, and we all know Alaska has the highest rate of reported rape in the country — more than twice the national average. To ignore this, by not requiring appropriate education, borders on negligence to our students. Too many students have no access to education but what they can get in their schools. And even those with plentiful internet access are better off hearing about sex education from trusted adults, than finding who knows what information on the web.

Over 90% of Alaskan voters agree that sex education should be medically accurate, age-appropriate, and should cover healthy relationships, consent, and communication skills.

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

Sincerely, Tamara Kruse Roselius

Sincerely,
Mrs Tamara Kruse Roselius
3040 Riverview Dr Fairbanks, AK 99709-4735 tkruseroselius@gmail.com

From: Zach Barrow <zach@lokenconstructionak.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 1:06 PM

**To:** Senate Education

Subject: Bill 43

I pray for the people who think this is a good for the youth of the world, how about teaching them cursive writing math history stuff you have failed on in recent years this is not good for America or the youth how dare you guys think that this is great So glad my kids in private school never will they go to public school it's a school teach

#### **Zach Barrow**

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