

Lindsey Causer

From: Jo Lo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:54 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105 Testimony

I am communicating my full support of HB105. Public schools must remain fully transparent with parents, allowing them to make decisions concerning their children's education without retaliatory behavior from teachers, administrators, or any government representative. Classrooms must focus on STEM and language, and allow parents to decline involving their children in any subject they deem inappropriate, without punitive consequences.

Sincerely,
John Losier
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Danielle Gabriel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:51 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Please protect our parental rights. Our children are ours to protect and raise. This should not even be a debate. Parents should always be told what is happening at school and certainly when it concerns their child's wellbeing. There should be no secrets from the parents.

The schools are a place for our children to learn, not to be manipulated. Keep our kids safe and pass HB 105. Thank you.

Danielle Gabriel

Lindsey Causer

From: Rebecca O'Hara <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:46 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

I am writing in support of HB 105.

Parents know their children much better than any school official. School officials should encourage children (K-12) to confide in their parents, no school official should take on the role as parent. Since parents are responsible for their children they should be afforded the rights to all information regarding their children. Additionally, parents should have the right to make decisions about information being presented to their children.

It seems to me, that public schools have enough on their plate providing a safe school environment and enriching curricula. Taking on such complex issues such as identity and sexual behavior is unnecessary and unwelcome by most parents, and dare I say, many students as well.

I would think school officials, most of whom are not trained or educated in the areas of identity or healthy sexual behavior, or available over the long term to help students navigate these issues, would be happy to relinquish the responsibility to parents.

Furthermore, many of the questions students have, and may struggle with are value-laden (and as such, have no objective answers). Surely, such conversations belong in the home with parents, not with a teacher or other school official who only knows the student for a limited time and in a very limited context.

My three children attended Anchorage public schools (K-12). I am now a grandmother, and my school-age grandchildren attend public school.

Thank you.
Rebecca O'Hara

Sent from my iPad

Lindsey Causer

From: Kerry Romig <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:45 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Open Minded Support for HB105

Dear Public Servants,

I have read the proposed bill, and I believe it is appropriate for children and parents.

Right off the top, I feel it is paramount to ensure the safety of all our children in restrooms and locker rooms. Limit group access to biological sex. Have a separate private facility for those who need it for whatever reason: family restroom/locker room, gender fluid person who feels unsafe in their biological sex restroom or locker room ... et al. These already exist in many places, let's make them available!

Next, I support the inclusion of parents in the lives of their children when in the custody of a school. Education is critical for development, and this includes tolerance, safety (biological sex matters in a restroom and locker room!), inclusivity AND the involvement of the child's parents.

I saw and heard about so many vehement responses to this bill, name calling of the conservative Christian base (which I AM NOT a member of, but I do support loving and tolerating their views as well as their opposites). Let us not continue to divide our society!

On the flip side, before you consider voting AGAINST this bill, which leaves parental rights in a gray area, please understand that parents need to know what is going on in school and with their children.

All we are talking about here is parent's KNOWING and being able to opt out. It is not proposing to harm children. Parents need to know.

Please reflect on the terrible harm that has been done by the government when deciding that indigenous children needed to be raised outside their culture. One family's culture can be different from another's and equally valid. Supporting parent's rights AND child safety are absolutely sacred.

The desire to help specific children with fluid gender identity is honorable, and should be done in a way that does not put other children at risk, EVER.

Let's work out tolerance and inclusivity together, lovingly, in every moment we encounter people we may or may not know or understand. That includes the conservatives and the liberals! Extending tolerance to others, and promoting inclusivity applies to everyone, especially those you don't agree with!

Please support HB105 and let us work together to keep parents informed and ALL children safe.

Sincerely,

Kerry Romig
Seward, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Donna Millwood <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:45 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Parental rights

Without parents consent the state should be required to pay for health care for the life of any child who transitions without parental consent and also be required to shelter, feed, clothe and pay for college. They would be considered as emancipated without a fair hearing from a proper authority thru our judicial system.

Sent from my iPad

Lindsey Causer

From: Julie Barrow <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:44 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Support HB105

I fully support HB105. It is not the role of the government or the public school system to override a parents choice for their children. School education should be about the basic needs of the child in regards to math, reading, science, and history. Public education should not be about pushing whatever current hot topic culture war that is trending. Children under the age of 18 are legally under the care of their parents, not the government. I 100% support HB105.

Thank you,
Julie Barrow

Lindsey Causer

From: Joy Jessup <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:31 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Parents rights

Parents are the backbone of the family. Their parental rights must be protected.

It's the parents that are the driving force in raising their children to be mentally, emotionally, psychologically, and healthy adults.

It's the parents that provide for their children's provision, (food, Clothing, a home, etc.)Not the schools.

Joy

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: WesCyn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:39 AM
To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 105

I support House Bill 105. I am a parent to 4 children and a grandparent to 11. I believe that parents are better able to love and support their children than teachers or politicians. The parents know their children and what their needs are better than a teacher or someone who spends a few hours a day with them along with 30 other children. Children change their minds on things many times a day and they need to have a childhood free from things that hard for adults to deal with. Alaska is far down on the education rating. If we would concentrate and teaching the academic classes and not try to teach things that should be left to the family to teach and discuss our children would be better prepared to deal with life in the future. House Bill 105 needs to be passed to protect parental rights.

Cynthia T Yuill
[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Lindsey Causer

From: kchansenak <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:32 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105 Testimony

I am communicating my full support of HB105 for this Bill. Public schools cannot must remain open and fully transparent to parents and to allow choice without repercussions due to choices. Class rooms must focus on core subjects of learning and not social engineering nor recent trends and agendas. Sincerely, Ken Hansen [REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: LIO Homer
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:31 AM
To: House Education
Subject: FW: Public Testimony HB105

Please confirm receipt and include in the record of HB105. Thank you!

Sincerely,

~Amber, LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICER

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From: Aj Sundheim <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:28 AM
To: LIO Homer <Lio.Homer@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Public Testimony HB105

HB 105

Public Testimony HB105

I'd like to thank the education committee for taking my public testimony via email today. My name is Amy Sundheim, I've worked in Alaska as a School Psychologist for 20 years. I also am the parent of 3 children in public schools in Homer, Alaska. I am in support of HB 105 to honor parental controls and participation over health decisions for children.

We want to be notified of topics and content that will be introduced in sex education classes, health instruction, and school counseling. This includes inviting parents to join guest speakers and view supplemental content like videos or web resources that will be given to students. I want to see improved and expanded communication between home and school so that parent engagement is foundational to how schools function. Busy, but concerned parents want notification to come in multiple forms such as newsletters, emails, robo-texts and calls, and facebook posts. Details about the particulars should be shared with us so we can make connections with our kids on these sensitive topics. Covid closed the doors to parents and supportive community members. Parents and caretakers literally could not come into schools with their children anymore. Now there is a desperate need to build parent partnerships back up within the schools and empower parents with ways to support their child's educational and health needs. Students of all ages need networks of support from trusted adults including teachers, school counselors, coaches, community mental health providers, but especially and most essentially from their parents and guardians. I believe this bill will ensure that schools have guidance for how to engage parents and build partnerships on behalf of all our kids.

Sincerely,
Amy Sundheim
KPBSD School Psychologist

Lindsey Causer

From: Thomas Jefferson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:30 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Hello everyone,

In regard to the Governors bill, I urge you all to support it.

It's tempting to think the absurdities coming to light in the public education system in the lower 48 are far away and will never reach Alaska. Unfortunately, those absurdities are already here, hidden among the library books and a few staff members of ASD.

It seems to be that if I object to my elementary school aged children being exposed to books in their school library that explicitly describe and/illustrate sexual behavior, I am smeared as a 'book burner'. If I object to my daughters being taught they can change their gender, I'm smeared as a 'transphobe'. If I object to my children being taught how to use a butt plug, I'm smeared as a conservative Christian against sex education.

Multiple instances in Alaska have come to light of a few public school employees expressing their disdain for parents. Multiple instances in Alaska have come to light of a few public school employees boasting of how they are teaching Woke ideology under the radar of not only parants but also school administrators.

Recently, people like myself are mocked because someone, somewhere couldn't define, 'Woke', on the spot in a public interview. We adopted the term to serve as a catch-all lable for a variety of ideologies being pushed into public schools. Sometimes pushed openly, like SEL, but most times pushed clandestinely with lessons being taught through a "lens of" something or by the clandestine insertion of wildly inappropriate books on to school library shelves.

For more thorough definitions of the various shades of Woke ideology, <https://newdiscourses.com/tftw-woke-awokeness/>

We send our kids to public school partly because we have little alternative and partly because we went to public school ourselves and our memories of it are not terrible. Today, there is a betrayal going on. Did you not wonder, at least once, why the Anchorage School Board felt in necessary to make a public statement about George Floyd's death? An incident that happened many thousands of miles away, an incident that has nothing to do with Alaska's public schools, and an incident about which they knew almost nothing?

That was one shade of Woke manifesting in our schools, 'social justice'. The Woke ideologues on the board and within the schools seized upon George Floyd's death to justifiy moving more into the public eye. You may recall that public animosity toward the school board began increasing around then, parents objecting to various aspects of Woke they had come across in their kids school or homework.

The Governor's bill will do little to stop Wokeness in the school system but it will, we hope, prevent groomers from hiding their actions legally thus giving parents an option other than withdrawing our kids from school completely, as many have already done.

Thanks for your time.

Kenneth L. Wells
Eagle River, Alaska

Come to the Dark Side.
We have cookies!

Lindsey Causer

From: helen mielke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:27 AM
To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 105

Dear representatives/house education Committee members,

Thank you for your hard work.

I support HB 105.

I raise all my children homeschooling independently. I believe children are given to us and parents should have the right to decide what's best for them, even in public schools. Instead of taking their right away even they may be in 'questionable' situation, we may assist them, educate them so they can grow in their parenting.

I support HB 105.

Thanks!

Helen Mielke
House District 30

Lindsey Causer

From: Gabby Walker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:24 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

To Whom It May Concern,

I am in support of parents retaining the rights to their family. I am a mother of four and I did not have my children to delegate them to the public to raise. Public school is not an institution for hiding kids from their parents. It should partner with parents to help educate children with reading, science and math, art, pe and music. Those who wish to influence children against the will of their parents are known as predators and should be prosecuted accordingly.

Thank you,
Gabrielle Ide
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Aj Sundheim <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:24 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Fwd: Public Testimony HB105

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Public Testimony HB105

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Sincerely,
Amy Sundheim
KPBSD School Psychologist

Lindsey Causer

From: Heidi Hurley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:08 AM
To: House Education
Subject: I support HB 105

I Heidi Hurley fully support HB 105.

I believe in protecting our children's innocence and keeping them from becoming sexual targets for pedophiles. Especially from the sexual content that is being allowed by teachers and books in schools. This is an outrage!

There are punishments for people who would expose young children to such things as these in the public. There should be no difference from the schools and the teachers!

Exposure of such things to kids brains can be a real harm for them. The kids brain is like wet clay the younger your child is, you can mold it, as they get older, the harder it gets to mold, the earlier kids are exposed they will have these images and be significantly mentally impacted with irrevocable damage. Such visual exposures can also be curious to practice such things on their siblings at home and then there will be another real problem of kids being sexually molested that just breeds more abuse.

It's tragic and heartbreaking that teachers in schools would allow such things to these innocent children who do not need to know of such things at an early age. The studies and the neuroscience has researched and there is back up of the detrimental damage. It does on children.

Please protect our children.

Sincerely,
Heidi Hurley
Wasilla AK.

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Naomi Sasse Wiles <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:04 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Public Testimony on HB 105

Until very recently, if anyone told a minor to keep secrets from his or her parents, especially about anything sexual, that person was considered suspect, a groomer, a pedophile, or at the very least a debased pervert. In my mind that hasn't changed, regardless of societal changes and views. Quite frankly I'm outraged that so many teachers are willing to do just that - keep life-altering secrets about our children from us, the parents. What else are they keeping secret?! As a result, it's led me to question and distrust teachers as a whole, which is a sad, but necessary result.

By sending in my testimony today, I represent many, and we support Gov. Dunleavy's HB 105, and encourage our representatives to pass this bill into law. As we speak, I'm preparing to go to our superintendent about inappropriate and possibly illegal sexually charged books our school district has purchased and placed in our school libraries. I've gone before our school board to fight for our children, to demand change on the board. And I've voted against a conflict of interest as the sole abortionist in our town serves on the school board. Now, I and many other hardworking parents, grandparents, other family members and friends stand for the governor's proposed legislation and demand it be passed.

Thank you,

Naomi Sasse Wiles
Valdez, Alaska

Lindsey Causer

From: Tyler Anderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:00 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today as a parent who is in support of house bill 105. I myself, a lifelong Alaskan who grew up in our education system and now is being faced with making a decision for my children. My son started his first year of school this year (2022-2023). We searched for a school that we felt safe to allow our son to go to. We looked for a smaller school that would allow good communication between parents and teachers and allow the parents to be heavily involved in the education of their children.

House Bill 105 is being debated because of a difference of opinion on how to educate Alaska's children. This bill allows schools to continue to educate children with the fundamentals needed to raise successful adults while still allowing parents control over the education for their child. Your job is to keep our children safe, makes sure they are learning fundamentals and help them achieve great academic success. My role and responsibility as a parent is to be involved in that process and make sure I have an open dialogue between my child's teachers and administrators. We should work as team to provide our students with the best opportunities.

There are a lot of viewpoints on this bill but respectfully, you do not know my children the way I do. You do not know their needs, their strengths or their weakness, but I do. My children are my responsibility and by not passing House Bill 105 you are severing a relationship between the parent, teacher and student. This will leave myself and many other parents no choice but to remove our children from your schools if you choose to limit our parental rights and involvement. I am not alone, I know many other families as well who are carefully watching your decision making and will also pull their children if you fail to pass house bill 105. Please remember your role and responsibility in the lives of our children but more importantly remember they are OUR children first, parents should have access to their children's education so they too can take on the responsibility of raising OUR children.

Lindsey Causer

From: Irene Miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:48 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

I support the Parental rights' bill HB 105. Parents are responsible for their minor children in every aspect of life as they are growing and developing. The information they are exposed to at school should be no different.

The family is the foundation of our society. We need to support families, not undermine them by educators concealing information and putting a wedge between parents and their children.

Thank you,
Lorraine Miller
Anchorage, Ak

Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Elizabeth Dye <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:47 AM
To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 105

Dear House Education Committee members,

I am writing in support of House Bill 105 which supports the rights of parents to know what their children are doing and being taught and exposed to in their classrooms.

I sincerely believe that children confused about their gender and sexuality need professional help and compassion. Who would know this better than a child's parent? No one wakes up one day and decides suddenly that they are a different gender than when they were born! Parents know when their children are struggling and to have new developments during those difficult times hidden by teachers and administrators at school is simply very wrong and unwise. Parents have the right to know. This is basic common sense. To have the confusion these children are experiencing confirmed at school as "normal", often propels these kids further along on that road until they take drastic measures that can never be reversed. This is not compassion!! Why would anyone want to promote this deception in our schools?

Please support Governor Dunleavy in protecting parental rights, our children's safety at school and common sense in dealing with this sensitive issue.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Dye
Daniel Dye

Lindsey Causer

From: Nick Mazzolini <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:42 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Supporting HB105

The family unit is an extremely important entity. By not supporting HB 105, you would be creating another tear in The moral fiber that has been a cornerstone of the successful American way of life. This tattered seam will leave us all vulnerable to the degradation of society.

Parents do not always know what is best, and many of us figure it out as we go. But without the open communication and close supervision of my family as a child, would no doubt have had a negative impact on my ability to correctly understand the world around me.

The government and schools have no right to keep any secrets about somebody's child from them. This is an extremely dangerous path that is being presented to us, and we must do everything in our power to empower the family unit, not tear it apart.

Please support HB 105.

Nick and Colby Mazzolini
[REDACTED]

Lindsey Causer

From: Chris Bena <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:39 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105

Dear Education Committee,

I join Gov. Dunleavy in support for HB 105.

Please do not remove direct control of education from children's parents. As a parent who was directly involved in my children's education in Wasilla, I am in favor of being able to choose what my children are/aren't exposed to in school, especially when it comes to sex education.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chris Bena
[REDACTED]

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Lindsey Causer

From: Bethany Anderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:32 AM
To: House Education
Subject: house bill 105

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you in regards to House Bill 105 to show my support for such a bill. I am a lifelong Alaskan who grew up in our education system. I am raising children, one of whom just entered his first year (SY 22-23) in our system and I also have been working for MSBSD for the last 6 school years.

As a parent of a new kindergartener I was faced with the decision to place him in school or opt to homeschool. I chose our school for many reason but one large determining factor was the relationship I was able to form not only with his teacher but the administration as well. I have thus far had the utmost respect for them and believe that we have an open dialogue and they have a mutual respect for me in regards to my child's education.

I understand that this bill has many angry and you will hear many different viewpoints on this but I urge you to value and respect the choice of our Alaskan parents. We love our children, we come from different backgrounds, cultures, and ethnicities but one thing we have in common is we want our children to learn and thrive. We are entrusting our children to Alaska's school districts to be educated so that they can become successful in life. I don't ask that you teach my religion to all students, I don't ask that you share my family's thoughts or viewpoints in classrooms, I simply ask that you educate my children in the fundamentals (English, Math, Reading and Writing.) Anything outside those core fundamentals, I am asking that you give me and other parents the respect we are due and allow us to have continued open dialogue about our children's education by passing House Bill 105. This world is changing fast, there will always be new challenges but I am asking you to remember your responsibility in the lives of Alaska's children and allow parents to continue their role and take on their responsibility in their child's lives as well.

I know my children, I know their needs but respectfully, you do not. You are being tasked with making a decision that effects all children. I am asking that you not limit my involvement or access to MY children and their education. As mentioned before when we entered this SY 22-23 we were trying to decide where to put my child. I will not hesitate to pull him from school if I feel that my parental rights are being limited in any way! I have loved living in Alaska and have enjoyed our unique way of life, our values and often mutual respect for our freedoms. I have seen that change over the last few years and I am carefully watching. I am urging you to pass House Bill 105. Do not step in and place a wedge between a student and their parents by giving the schools

control over a parent's right to choose. Please consider the dilemma many families will be forced into if you do not pass house Bill 105, the choice between continuing their child's education in school or removing them. I know many who have already expressed concern and frustration and will opt to homeschool if their parental rights are being limited.

Thank you for your consideration,
Bethany Anderson

Lindsey Causer

From: DrBenjaminRush <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:19 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB105

All House Education Committee members:

I am a concerned Alaskan wanting to address House Bill 105.

This legislation is common sense and SHOULD be passed. Doing anything else is societal suicide and puts Alaska's future in grave danger. Not passing it would be akin to the gross human rights violations that were committed by those who performed the experimentation at the Nazi concentration camps during World War II- surely we have not sunk that low in Alaska!?

Common sense tells us that the greatest majority of parents have their children's best interests at heart and that they know far better than anyone else what is best for their children. We can see this clearly demonstrated in the natural world around us if we stop and think about it; a swan pair protecting their cygnets, a mother Grizzly protecting her cubs, a wolf pack protecting their pups. We expect nothing less of these animal parents, and it is proper. Human Parents have no less the duty and no less the God-given right to choose what is best for their children, and the laws of our state should encourage them in doing so- with no school board, educator, or governmental agency allowed to interfere or preempt in those decisions.

The healthy family unit is the bedrock of society, and as goes the family, so goes the society. Many millennia of history bears this out. God created the family unit, setup its proper boundaries, and set the parents as its rightful guardians. Our state legislation should reflect and protect this natural order. Anything else is a direct effort to subvert what is good in the society of our state.

As a committee, please do everything in your powers to pass this bill, and anything less will be remembered by the parents of Alaska when it comes time to vote. We see this bearing out in election after election around our nation.

Thank you for your prompt action in this regard.

Sincerely,
Coe Guthrie
Wasilla

Lindsey Causer

From: Herder Winkelman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 6:34 AM
To: House Education
Subject: In support of HB 105

I am writing in support of HB 105 being considered before the committee this week. Establishing specific language in statute that affirms the proper status of parents in overseeing curriculum has become necessity in our times. If one need ask the question- why would any entity oppose what should be rather common sense; what would be their purpose? As has been abundantly demonstrated in many venues, the direct ideological influence upon children and society at large supplies the answer. In any case, the deliberate exclusion of parental oversight being justified and such course pursued is not a healthy policy. HB 105 would help to preserve the integrity of parents in influence upon the public school system.

Respectfully,

Herder Winkelman
Fox, AK

Lindsey Causer

From: Dustin Stonecipher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 1:04 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 105 Parents Rights Bill

Please pass HB 105. If the bill fails, please introduce new legislation just like the bill. The bill is not seeking anything extreme. Not passing the bill invites extreme behaviors, ideologies, and sexual indoctrination of our children to occur unchecked.

Any activities, classes, or programs that involve gender identity, human reproduction, or sexual matters delivered to the youth of Alaska should not be administered without the parent's ability to review such lesson plans and opt their child out if they so choose. A parent should have the right to also have conversations with their child before or after such materials or activities occur, which only strengthens the parent-child relationships. Fostering strong family bonds and open conversations only strengthens the future of our children and nation. Additionally, in no instance should parental rights be infringed upon as it is governmental overreach – and schools constitute government agencies, hence why bible teachings have not been allowed in public schools for decades. The fact that some teachers in Alaska have spoken out against this bill rings alarm bells, red flags, and should quite frankly, those teachers should be actively investigated by the school districts and Law Enforcement. The question should be – what are they trying to hide from us and why?

In many places, it has become acceptable, legal and/or standard practice that children be subjected to pornographic materials, drag shows, and disturbing extreme ideological concepts of gender identity (transitioning before adulthood through gender-affirming healthcare) at a very young age in schools. Some materials being used even graphically depict sexual acts – to include oral sex and anal penetration and sex acts between children and adults. These materials, drag shows, etc. are harmful for a young developing mind and should not be given to children. These types of materials and events should be for adults only. The countless viral drag show videos that can be found by a simple social media search show children of all ages being exposed to naked to half naked adults. In one case, a 10th grade girl received a lap dance, and her face was buried in the crotch of an adult transgendered individual in front of what appeared to be a gym full of students. This is disturbing as we wouldn't allow biological women to perform a strip show for our children, so why would we allow a naked transgender person to do a stripper show? Simply put, neither is acceptable and parents should have a right to know what is being taught or shown to their children.

The materials and events occurring in some schools is truly "grooming" by adults with some nefarious intentions. Parents should never be kept in the dark regarding what their child is being exposed to at school. It outwardly contradicts the "no secrets" rule we have historically used to keep children protected from pedophiles and assailants. We question the motives of anyone trying to "keep secrets" regarding these matters from parents. Additionally, under no circumstances should a child under the

fourth grade ever be taught any topic related to gender identity, human reproduction, or sexual matters, which is addressed later in the bill.

Regarding the next part of the bill for the use of names and pronouns, again, this is a parent-child relationship matter, not the government's right (i.e., schools) to involve itself in and keep secret. Social media, public figures, government officials, and schools across the nation are beginning to fill children's heads with concepts of which children cannot fully understand, as their brains have not been fully developed, nor has their sexuality. Thinking or believing otherwise simply is baseless nonsense with no real scientific evidence. The number of children and adults coming out as "de-transitioning" citing irreversible physical mutilations, mental health damages, and grooming by adults at a young age is not something to discredit and dismiss so nonchalantly. For the sake of staying on point for this bill, the talking points on this issue will be reserved for bills and/or laws surrounding the legality of gender-affirming care for minors.

For the section of the bill regarding parental access to information regarding a child's physical, medical, or mental health, please see points made in paragraph one of this letter. Again, the question should be – what are they trying to hide from us and why?

Lastly, regarding the physical safety and privacy of students in locker rooms and restrooms through the separation of students by biological sex, access to single occupant facilities, or other safety and privacy protocols is not an extreme request. A young girl should not have her first experience seeing a boy's penis in her school locker room or bathroom. Vice versa for boys. Additionally, there have been countless documented cases of sexual predators who have claimed to identify as the opposite sex just to gain access to see naked girls and/or commit violent assaults to include rape. The mainstream media is burying these incidents. However, they are occurring on an unimaginable scale – a simple search on non-mainstream media outlets will support the cases. Women in several prisons are crying out as biological males who identify as "trans" have been repeatedly sexually assaulting the women. Biological males who claimed to be "trans" are openly threatening to assault women and girls physically if they are not allowed in a woman's restroom all over social media. Considering we have some of the highest reported sexual assault rates in the nation, it is frightening to think a loophole will exist for these predators and assailants if they just "identify" with the opposite sex. To be clear – they aren't always really "trans" at all.

Many people who have spoken out against the bill so far have cited the harm this bill will only cause for already "vulnerable transgendered youth". These statements are simply baseless. Failure to pass the bill will only cause harm to all youth in our public school system. To be clear, this bill is not "anti-trans" or "transphobic". The bill is designed to protect our children from materials and teachings parents do not approve of, nefarious agendas, sexual predators, and sexual indoctrination without parental consent or knowledge. Again – we demand as parents **"NO SECRETS"**!

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Lindsey Causer

From: Avonlea Guthrie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 12:18 AM
To: House Education
Subject: House Bill 105

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in full support of House Bill 105.

The sole purpose of the education system is to instruct children in academics, under parental consent. It is not the school or teacher's right or responsibility to provide sexual education without the parents' consent, or to keep medical records or gender identity from parents.

The responsibility for children lies solely with the parent, as is protected by the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment. Here is what the Supreme Court has to say on the matter, as published on www.SupremeCourt.gov:

"Nearly one hundred years ago, this Court acknowledged that 'the child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations.'...More recently, this Court declared in *Washington v. Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. 702 (1997), that the Constitution, and specifically the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, protects the fundamental right of parents to direct the care, upbringing, and education of their children."

Removing parental rights is not only morally corrupt, but leads to the de-construction of the family unit, which is the cornerstone of society. As a parent, active member of my community in the Mat-Su Valley, and proud Alaskan, I wholeheartedly support Governor Dunleavy's House Bill 105 to protect parental right in education.

Respectfully,
Avonlea Guthrie
907-313-0103

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Sent from my iPhone

Lindsey Causer

From: Jessica Chappell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2023 11:30 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Importance of families not schools!

Families Are just that: for families!

Schools are just that: educational institutions to teach literacy and common knowledge that are for public citizens, not about sex or secret missions they are pushing on children for body awareness or the like there of.

Each family has the right to determine what the family learns and demands as a private matter in a child's life.

My parental rights will not be taken from me based on one vote.

God is the father of all and he has given his rules to live by. Do not start putting my family and children in the hands of educators and nurses at schools. They must focus on the true needs of children's education and health while not with their families in such an important Time of their education.

Thank you for reading and God Bless America!