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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 10:57 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 382

Dear House Education Members,

As a retired educator, I urge you to vote against HB 382. This bill is another attempt to discriminate against LGBTQ+ students. HB 382 could potentially place students at risk in two ways.

First, by requiring schools to notify parents if students are being referred to by their preferred pronouns; not all families are supportive and provide safe environments.

Secondly, the bathroom ban would foster an unsafe school environment and breed hostility and discrimination.

I hope that the committee would instead focus on adequately funding education, the most important education legislative action, and not give credence to these proposed discriminatory policies.

Thank you for this opportunity to give testimony~
Karen Murdock
BP Teacher of Excellence for the Kenai Peninsula 2008
[REDACTED]
Homer, AK 96603

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Stefanie Tatalias
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 11:07 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

It seems to me that HB 382 would make school less safe for students by taking away a safety net, a place where they can get support from teachers and counselors. I understand the proponents concerns about families being kept in the loop about their children's health and choices, but I don't think this bill is the way to make that happen. Unfortunately, this bill can put LGBTQ+ students at too much risk. No LGBTQ+ young person should be forcibly outed or lose the opportunity to share their LGBTQ+ identity with their family in their own time. Please oppose HB 382.

Sincerely,
Stefanie Tatalias

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99507-4421 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] of Tristyn Meath
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 11:11 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

I am disgusted to see yet another proposed HB that is attacking our lgbtq+ youth. Studies have shown time and time again that bills like this do the opposite of creating a safe environment. I was lucky enough that my parents accepted and fully supported me when I chose to come out to them but not all kids are that lucky. I have had friends who were kicked out of their homes when they were outed or chose to come out to their own family. We are already failing our unhoused community and this bill will certainly not help. HB 382 would make school less safe for students who need trusted, confidential support from teachers and counselors. It would put LGBTQ+ students at risk by forcing schools to notify their parents of their preferred name, pronouns, and bathroom and locker room. No LGBTQ+ young person should be forcibly outed or lose the opportunity to share their LGBTQ+ identity with their family in their own time. Please oppose HB 382.

Sincerely,
Tristyn Meath

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99504-3928 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 12:58 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Opposed to HB 382

Good afternoon,

My name is Kim Hays. I am a Sand Lake resident, residing in HD 15. I am a parent of three kids who all attend Anchorage public schools. I am writing in strong opposition to HB 382. The short and sweet version of my opposition comes down to my unequivocal belief that our job as adults is to protect all children, including LGBTQ+ children. Forcibly outing LGBTQ+ children before they are ready to share with members of their families does nothing to protect a child. Of course, it is heartbreaking to know that there are many parents in our midst that would not accept this information, but it is the truth. I know parents like this, and I hurt for their children. Also, I know many teachers that also do everything they can to protect their students. I cannot imagine a world where they are REQUIRED to out a child that confided in them about their gender identity.

We have mandatory reporting requirements for teachers in cases of child abuse and neglect for example. That makes sense -those are crimes. What doesn't make sense to me is adding informing anyone at all if a child discloses pronouns or gender identity. It is not a crime to use any particular pronouns or have any particular gender identity, so why are we treating it as one? I am not interested in our LGTBQ+ children thinking that their gender identity is a crime.

I don't need to remind you that trans/non-binary kids have a high rate of suicidal ideation/attempts. Requiring their teachers, individuals that they trust, to share this information with potentially unsupportive parents, is another source of unnecessary anxiety for these vulnerable kids.

I am sick of seeing bills being introduced under the guise of parental rights. I have a lot of rights as a parent. But I understand that I do not have control (nor should I) over my child's gender identity. Contrary to how this bill is written, students do have rights - they have HUMAN rights.

Please do not let HB 382 move out of this committee.

Thank you,

Kim Hays



House Education Committee
Alaska
State Capitol
Juneau, AK
99081

Re: HB 382 - Parents' Rights

March 21, 2024

Dear Chair Ruffridge, Allard, and Members of the Education Committee:

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates strongly opposes HB 382, which is a blatant attack on LGBTQ+ youth that would not only force educators to “out” students to their parents, but also bans students from using bathrooms that align with their gender. This bill does nothing to protect parents’ rights; rather it will threaten the health, safety, and privacy of all students.

HB 382 is a discriminatory bill that would undoubtedly increase bullying and harassment and would create tangible harms for LGBTQ+ youth. This bill would require schools to notify parents if educators call students by their preferred pronoun or name. No LGBTQ+ young person should be forcibly outed or lose the opportunity to share their LGBTQ identity with their parents in their own time. And yet, this bill forces an educator’s hand by requiring them to notify parents in order to use a child’s gender identity, regardless of whether the student wants their parent to know or whether the educator feels it is appropriate. Forced outing laws are not only unethical, but also dangerous and repressive. LGBTQ+ youth who have not yet been open with their families about their sexual orientation or gender identity often do so for valid reasons, including fear of experiencing abuse or stigma from their family. Forcing school employees and educators to “out” LGBTQ+ youth to their parents could cause these students to experience mental and emotional abuse, physical abuse, or be kicked out of their home.

Furthermore, a force outing provision like this does not make schools safer; rather, they remove schools as the only safe space for many LGBTQ+ youth. This bill allows parents to access a student’s health record without their child’s consent or to be notified if their student utilizes any medical services, including mental health services. LGBTQ youth deserve the right to access health care and school counseling without fearing this information being disclosed to their parents. And they especially deserve to maintain their privacy in areas where the state has determined youth can consent to care without their parent’s involvement. For many LGBTQ+ students, the only place they often find acceptance in their lives is at school. Bills like HB 382 foster a culture of distrust among students and their teachers, making students less likely to confide in them when they need help or guidance. This bill is clearly about taking away schools as safe, inclusive spaces for LGBTQ+ students, even though many studies have shown that having these environments within schools increases LGBTQ+ students academically, physically, and social-emotionally. Every single student deserves to feel safe and respected at school; therefore, our elected leaders should prioritize the safety of an acutely vulnerable population of students, rather than make their school experience more difficult.

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From: [REDACTED] Lauren Biggs
[REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:25 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

HB 382 would make school less safe for students who need trusted, confidential support from teachers and counselors. It would put LGBTQ+ students at risk by forcing schools to notify their parents of their preferred name, pronouns, and bathroom and locker room. No LGBTQ+ young person should be forcibly outed or lose the opportunity to share their LGBTQ+ identity with their family in their own time.

As a member of the LGBT community, I remember feeling very unsafe during high school, and that was when HB 382 was not in effect. I can't imagine the stress our LGBT youth are under with so much hostile attention being forced onto them, in such a delicate and formative time of their lives. If this goes into effect, it would severely affect the mental health of my community, and our suicide rates are already egregiously high. Please oppose this. In most cases, it's a matter of life and death for these kids. Don't let this happen.

Sincerely,
Lauren Biggs

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99502-1957 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: john sonin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:42 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Privacy Forgotten

HB 382 would make school less safe for students who need trusted, confidential support from teachers and counselors. It would put LGBTQ+ students at risk by forcing schools to notify their parents of their preferred name, pronouns, and bathroom and locker room. No LGBTQ+ young person should be forcibly outed or lose the opportunity to share their LGBTQ+ identity with their family in their own time. Please oppose HB 382.

[REDACTED]

From: Constance Miles [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:45 AM
To: House Education
Subject: HB 382

Good morning,

My name is Constance Miles and I am a resident of Juneau, Alaska. I am writing in opposition of HB 382. NO LGBTQ+ young person should be forcibly outed or lose the opportunity to share their LGBTQ+ identify with their family, or anyone, in their own time. All residents of Alaska are protected by a right to privacy by our constitution, and nationally youth of a certain age are further protected by HIPAA for medical purposes. I urge you to help reduce the hate being directed toward LGBTQ+ youth and LGBTQ+ people in general and vote no on HB 382.

Thank-you,
Constance Miles
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: john sonin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:47 AM
To: House Education; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Rep. Cathy Tilton
Subject: Privacy Forgotten

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John Sonin
Douglas

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Rachel White [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:01 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Strongly OPPOSE HB 382

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

Please protect LGBTQ+ children by opposing HB 382. HB 382 would make school less safe for students who need trusted, confidential support from teachers and counselors. No LGBTQ+ young person should be forcibly outed or lose the opportunity to share their LGBTQ+ identity with their family in their own time. Please oppose HB 382.

Sincerely,
Rachel White

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99504-1049 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Hannah Summerfelt
[REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:05 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

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I want to add that I'm a foster parent and have seen first hand the damage that can happen when a kid is outed to an unsafe family. This is a horrible piece of legislation. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to discuss with me further.

Sincerely,
Hannah Summerfelt
[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99712-2815
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] Shoshanah Stone
[REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:07 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

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Sincerely,
Shoshanah Stone

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99515-3112 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Shoshanah Stone [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:15 AM
To: Rep. Ben Carpenter; House Education; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Rep. Cathy Tilton
Subject: HB382

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Shoshanah Stone and family
Alaska constituent and active voter

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Meli Syphus
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:38 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

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Sincerely,
Meli Syphus

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99504-3450 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Paige Hodson
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:48 AM
To: House Education
Subject: OPPOSE HB 382

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

HB 382 makes school less safe for students who need trusted, confidential support from teachers and counselors. Forcing schools to notify parents of LGBTQ+ students preferred name, pronouns, bathroom and locker rooms puts them at risk. No LGBTQ+ young person should be forcibly outed or lose the opportunity to share their LGBTQ+ identity with their family in their own time.

We all want to believe all parents have their kids health, safety and welfare at heart, but in the real world this is not always true. We have to make school a safe place for ALL kids.

Please oppose HB 382.

Sincerely,
Paige Hodson

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99515-2752 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Alexander Sanchez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:51 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

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THIS COULD CAUSE THOSE WHO ARE IN POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS FAMILIES TO BE KICKED OUT OF THEIR HOMES OR WORSE. Please oppose HB 382

Sincerely,
Alexander Sanchez

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99503-6421 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Dawn Elliott [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 11:56 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

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Sincerely,
Dawn Elliott

[REDACTED] Chugiak, AK 99567-6718 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Dawn Elliott [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 12:04 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

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Sincerely,
Dawn Elliott

[REDACTED] Chugiak, AK 99567-6718 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Gregory Driscoll [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 12:06 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please oppose HB 382, which undermines the role of public schools in catching and preventing abuse

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

One of the many vital functions of public schools in our society is the ability to catch the signs of abuse before it escalates to become potentially deadly. The requirements in HB 382 would make schools directly less safe for LGBTQ+ youth by preventing them from safely accessing basic school services from counseling to bathroom facilities, and it would also undermine the trust students need to report to teachers and staff when there are problems at home. Please support staff's ability to do their job and help their students by opposing HB 382.

Sincerely,
Gregory Driscoll

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99508-4826 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Mrs. marilyn dougher
Sent: [REDACTED] Wednesday, March 20, 2024 12:33 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

HB 382 would make school less safe for students who need trusted, confidential support from teachers and counselors. It would put LGBTQ+ students at risk by forcing schools to notify their parents of their preferred name, pronouns, and bathroom and locker room. No LGBTQ+ young person should be forcibly outed or lose the opportunity to share their LGBTQ+ identity with their family in their own time. Please oppose HB 382. As a registered nurse for 47 years, working in behavioral health: all I can ask is what the hell is wrong with you bigots??

Sincerely,
Mrs. marilyn dougher
[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99502-4546
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Sydney Mullen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7:10 PM
To: House Education
Subject: Oppose HB 382

Hello,

My name is Sydney Mullen and I am a resident of Fairbanks, Alaska. I am urging you to oppose HB 382. This bill sets a dangerous precedent for our students in Alaska and could potentially put them in harms way, depending on their circumstances at home. Students deserve a safe space. Please vote no on HB 382.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] WILLIAM COX
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 12:42 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

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It's time to stop this unnecessary and cruel nonsense against our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters! What did they do to deserve treatment like this? Trans teens are committing suicide because of hate laws like HB 382. Enough already!!!

William M. Cox MD

Sincerely,
WILLIAM COX

[REDACTED] Anchorage, AK 99507-2883 [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] Susan Drathman
[REDACTED] m>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 7:26 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382, which would forcibly out LGBTQ+ youth

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

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Sincerely,

Susan Drathman

[REDACTED] Homer, AK 99603-7511
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Ben Preston [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 7:26 AM
To: House Education
Cc: Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Rep. Cathy Tilton
Subject: HB 382 - Public Testimony

Dear Representatives,

I am writing because due to time constraints, I will be unable to attend the Friday 8am public testimony, but I still feel compelled to speak.

The bill has many good things, but I must oppose it.

My three primary objections are:

- 1 - The section on records gets pretty iffy in regards to student privacy. It could be reworded to expand the exceptions & much better protect against potential cases of abuse, endangerment, and violations of privacy by unauthorized relatives.
- 2 - The section on teachers reporting students gender expression & use of names & pronouns. This is a matter for trust, open communication, and personal judgment, not for compelled legislation. It would lead to less trust between students & teachers, teachers & parents; and less trust means less safety.
- 3- The bathroom/lockroom policy. This is just plain legalizing discrimination against trans & non-binary students. More inclusive accommodations will improve student safety, not narrow restrictive policies.

I know how much we all care about the health, safety, & well-being of our children & students. I was born & raised in Alaska and have lived here most of my life. I know Alaska is big enough to make space for those who are different. That is part of our strong independent Alaskan spirit.

Thank you for your time.
-Ben Preston
(Anchorage, AK)

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Laura Wicwillow
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 9:47 AM
To: House Education
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 382

Dear Alaska House Education Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB 382.

Hi.

I grew up in a household that was not safe to "Come Out" as transgender. I say this as a transgender female, who when I was 5 years old, was beaten black and blue by my father for showing interest in female clothing.

Needless to say, I learned to hide who I was from that point on, passing for sis-male easily. Emotionally, this was very depressing and stifling. It's hard to explain, but imagine being denied the ability to say the word "I" for fear of being beaten or worse, killed. It's a simple word and letter. But try declaring anything about yourself without using it. That's what being in a Transgenderless society is like for those of us who are.

If our goal is to make children hide who they are, driving child suicide numbers higher, (Alaska already has the highest child suicide per capita numbers in the nation) then we will have succeeded.

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If I hadn't hidden who I was, I am certain, I would have been killed by my father, who fled from Alabama facing multiple assault charges. Alaska is already a haven for those who seek to escape society's rules, and it's big enough to allow it. Don't make Alaska harder for the rest of us, too.

If our goal is to shelter children from LGBTQ+ exposure, we've already lost that battle. The internet is open. Unless the State has the power to close that gaping information source, shielding from that exposure is impossible. I was shielded until I was in college. All it did was delay my ability to express myself.

Sincerely,
Laura Wicwillow

[REDACTED] Fairbanks, AK 99712-1532 [REDACTED]