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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DUNLEAVY, Giessel, Huggins, Stoltze, Kelly, MacKinnon, Coghill, Meyer

REPRESENTATIVES Lyno, Keller

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a parent's right to direct the education of a child; prohibiting a**
2 **school district from contracting with an abortion services provider; prohibiting a school**
3 **district from allowing an abortion services provider to furnish course materials or**
4 **provide instruction concerning sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases; relating to**
5 **physical examinations for teachers; and providing for an effective date."**

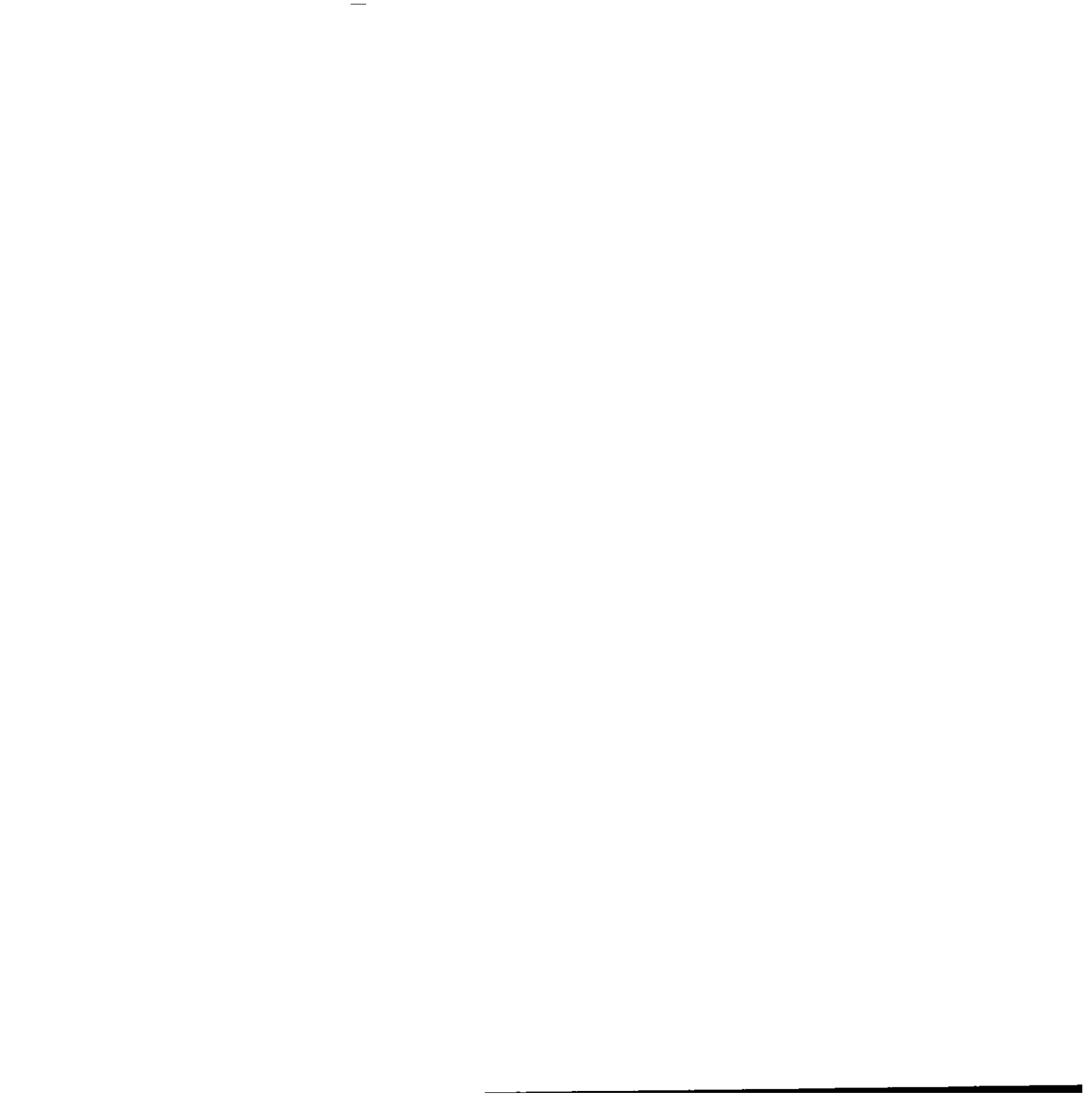
6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 *** Section 1. AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:**

8 **Sec. 14.03.016. A parent's right to direct the education of the parent's**
9 **child. (a) A local school board shall, in consultation with parents, teachers, and school**
10 **administrators, adopt policies to promote the involvement of parents in the school**
11 **district's education program. The policies must include procedures**

12 **(1) recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to**

13 **object to and withdraw the child from a standards-based assessment test until 11**



2 (2) recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to
3 object to and withdraw the child from an activity, class, or program;

4 (3) providing for parent notification not less than two weeks before
5 any activity, class, or program that includes content involving human reproduction or
6 sexual matters is provided to a child and requiring written permission from the child's
7 parent before the child may participate in the activity, class, or program;

8 (4) recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to
9 withdraw the child from an activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment or
10 test required by the state for a religious holiday, as defined by the parent;

11 (5) providing a parent with an opportunity to review the content of an
12 activity, class, performance standard, or program;

13 (6) ensuring that, when a child is absent from an activity, class,
14 program, or standards-based assessment or test required by the state under this section,
15 the absence is not considered an unlawful absence under AS 14.30.020 if the child's
16 parent withdrew the child from the activity, class, program, or standards-based
17 assessment or test or gave permission for the child's absence.

18 (b) The policies adopted under (a)(1), (2), and (4) - (6) of this section may not
19 allow a parent categorically to object or withdraw a child from all activities, classes,
20 programs, or standards-based assessments or tests required by the state. The policies
21 must require a parent to object each time the parent wishes to withdraw the child from
22 an activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment or test required by the state.
23 The policies adopted under (a)(3) of this section must require written permission from
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25 that includes content involving human reproduction or sexual matters.

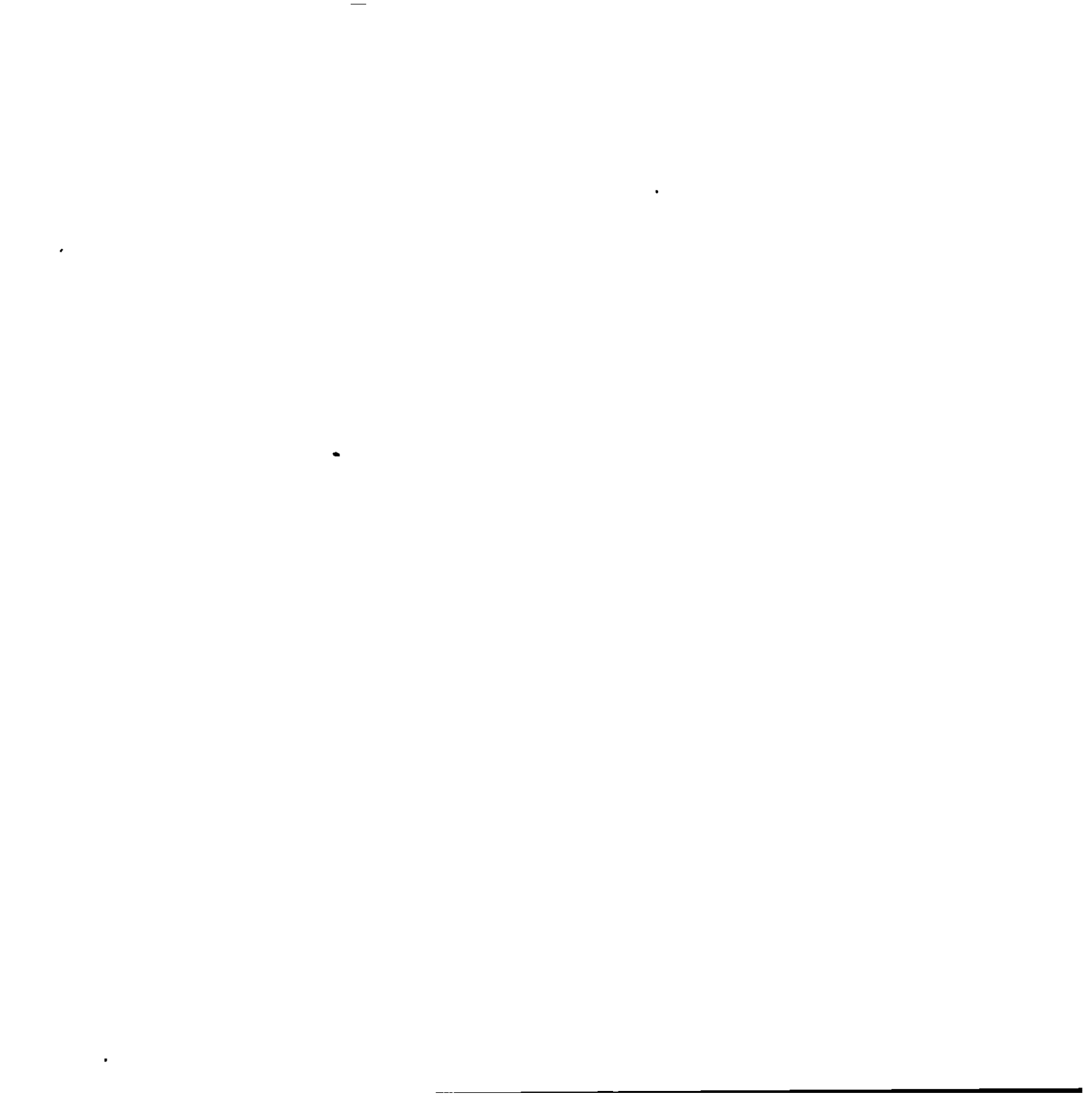
26 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a school employee or volunteer from
27 answering a question from a child about any topic.

28 (d) In this section,

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30 (2) "local school board" has the meaning given in AS 14.03.290;

31 (3) "parent" means the natural or adoptive parent of a child or a person who has legal custody of a child.



3 * Sec. 2. AS 14.03.016(c), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, is amended by adding a new
4 paragraph to read:

5 (5) "human reproduction or sexual matters" does not include curricula
6 or materials for

7 (A) sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention
8 training required under AS 14.30.355; or

9 (B) dating violence and abuse awareness and prevention
10 training required under AS 14.30.356.

11 * Sec. 3. AS 14.03.083 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (e) A school district and an educational services organization that has a
13 contract with a school district may not contract with an abortion services provider.

14 * Sec. 4. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

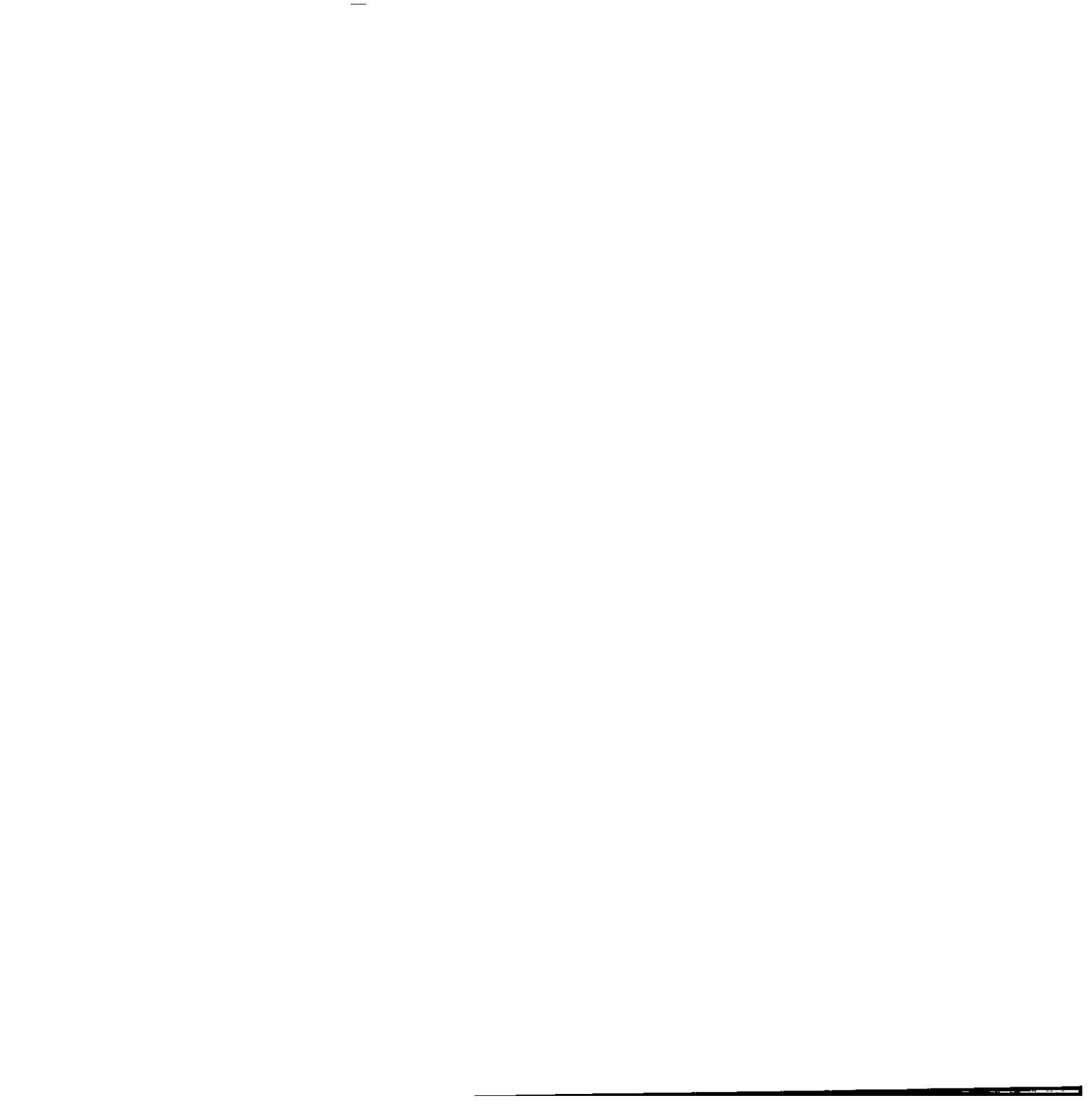
15 **Sec. 14.30.075. Physical examinations for teachers.** (a) A school district may
16 require physical examinations of teachers as a condition of employment. A school
17 district may not pay the cost of physical examinations for teachers. This section does
18 not affect the coverage of any health insurance benefits that a school district provides
19 to teachers.

20 (b) In this section, "school district" has the meaning given in AS 14.30.350.

21 * Sec. 5. AS 14.30.360 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (c) A school district may not permit an abortion services provider or an
23 employee or volunteer of an abortion services provider who is acting on behalf of the
24 abortion services provider to offer, sponsor, furnish course materials, or provide
25 instruction relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.

26 * Sec. 6. Section 2 of this Act takes effect June 30, 2017.



MEMORANDUM

March 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Constitutional issues (CSSB 89(RLS) am(efd add);
Work Order No. 29-LS0735\F.A.9)

TO: Representative Wes Keller
Attn: Janet Ogan

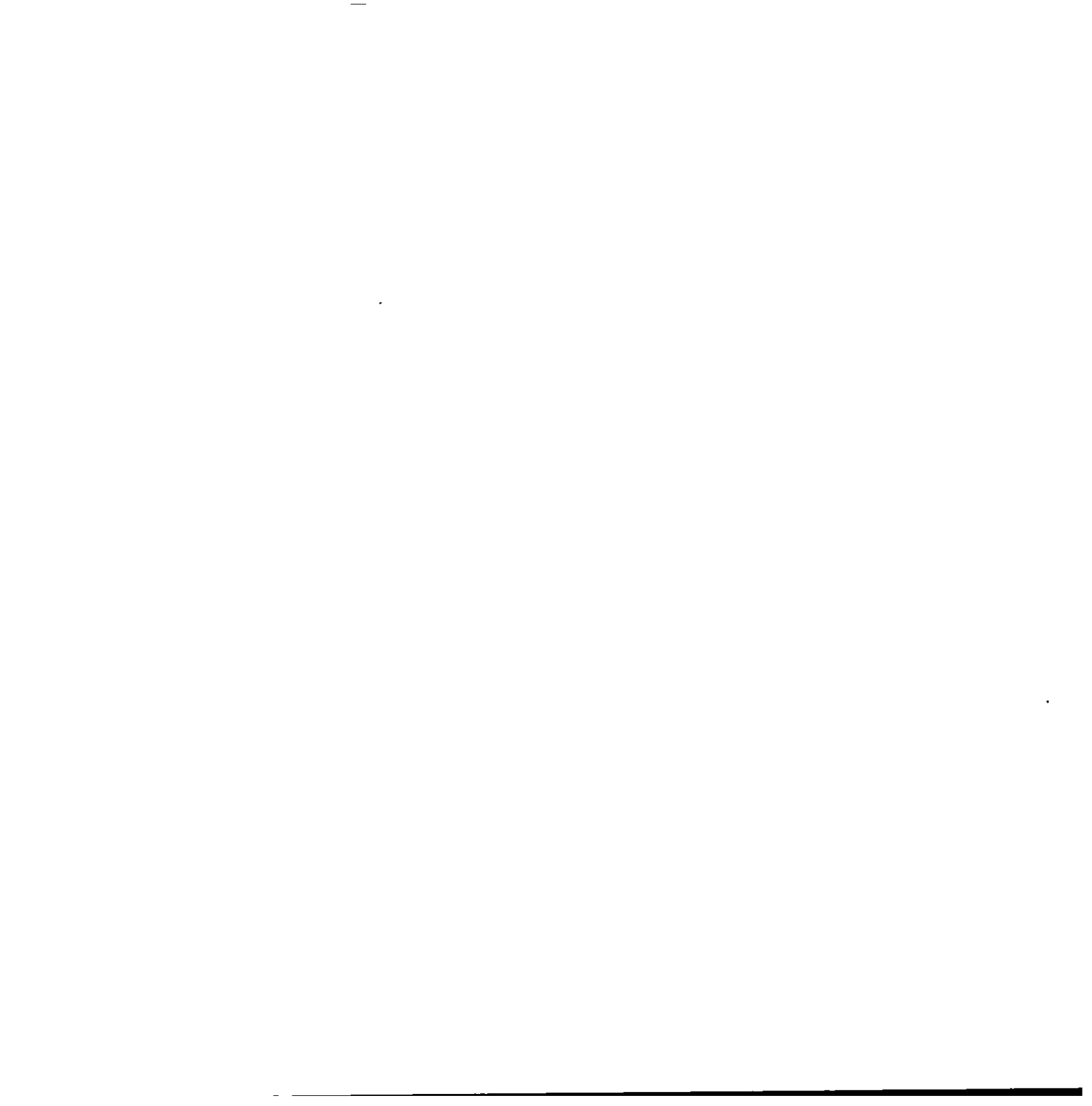
FROM: Kate S. Glover *KSG*
Legislative Counsel

Attached is one of the amendments you requested for CSSB 89(RLS) am(efd add). The amendment would limit section 5 of the bill by providing that an employee or volunteer of an abortion services provider is only prohibited from offering course materials or instruction related to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases if the employee or volunteer is acting on behalf of the abortion services provider. The amendment helps to address some of the constitutional issues raised by the bill, because, if adopted, the amendment would change the bill so that a person who volunteers with or is employed by an abortion services provider outside of school hours could still be a teacher. I want to alert you, however, that the amendment does not resolve all of the constitutional issues raised by secs. 3 and 5 of the bill. CSSB 89(RLS) am(efd add) raises issues under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and art. I, secs. 5 and 6 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska (protections for freedom of speech and association), art. I, sec. 10 of the United States Constitution and art. 1, sec. 15 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska (prohibition against bills of attainder), and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and art. I, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska (equal protection of the laws). Each of these issues is discussed in detail in a February 16, 2016, memorandum to Senator Huggins (Work Order No. 29-LS0735\F), which is available in the documents section for SB 89 on BASIS. If you have questions or would like a copy of the memorandum, please let me know.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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Attachment





Mike Dunleavy
Senator

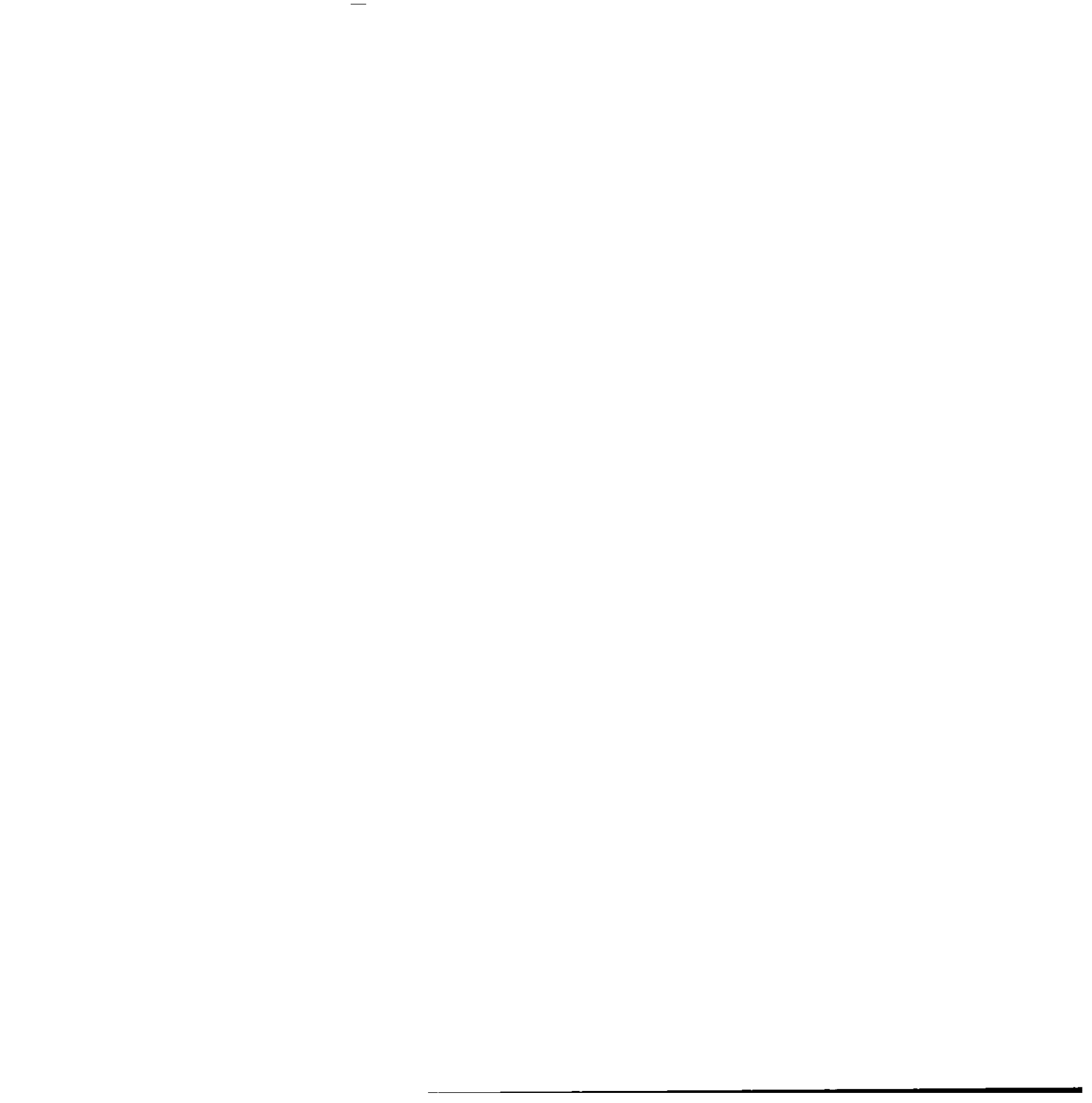
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 23, 2016
TO: House Education Committee
FROM: Senator Mike Dunleavy
RE: SB 89 questions raised during the March 21, 2016 hearing

Would the provision "recognizing the authority of a parent and allowing a parent to object to and withdraw a child from a standards based assessment or standards-based test required by the state" put a school district in statutory noncompliance with state law? Are we now saying that tests are not required by the state but rather just suggested by the state?

Under current state regulation each school district is required to administer a standards-based test. In addition, schools are not allowed to systematically exclude students from an assessment. However, no law compels a parent to send a child to these tests as they are not associated with student grades or promotions.

- *4 AAC 06.737. Standards-based test ...Except for students eligible for an alternate assessment under 4 AAC 06.775(b), each district shall administer the standards-based test in reading, writing, and mathematics annually to every student in grades 3 through 10, and each district shall administer the standards-based test in science annually to every student in grades 4, 8, and 10.*
- *4 AAC 06.820. Participation... (b) A school or district may not systematically exclude students from assessment.*



this expense?

The language in Senate Bill 89 prohibits a school district from paying for a teacher's physical examination. "May not" is used to be in compliance with the Legislative Drafting manual, page sixty-five which states: Use the words "may not" to impose a prohibition upon someone.

Would Section 4 of the bill dealing with physical examinations include fingerprinting and background checks as well?

No, the requirements for fingerprints and background checks are established in AS 14.20.020 and would not be impacted by the passage of Senate Bill 89.

If we state that a school district may not pay for these physical examinations do we impact the teacher's ability to be provided evaluations through health insurance benefits funded by the district?

As stated in the bill, "This section does not affect the coverage of any health insurance benefits that a school district provides to teachers." SB 89 will not impact any physical evaluations that are covered under health insurance benefits.



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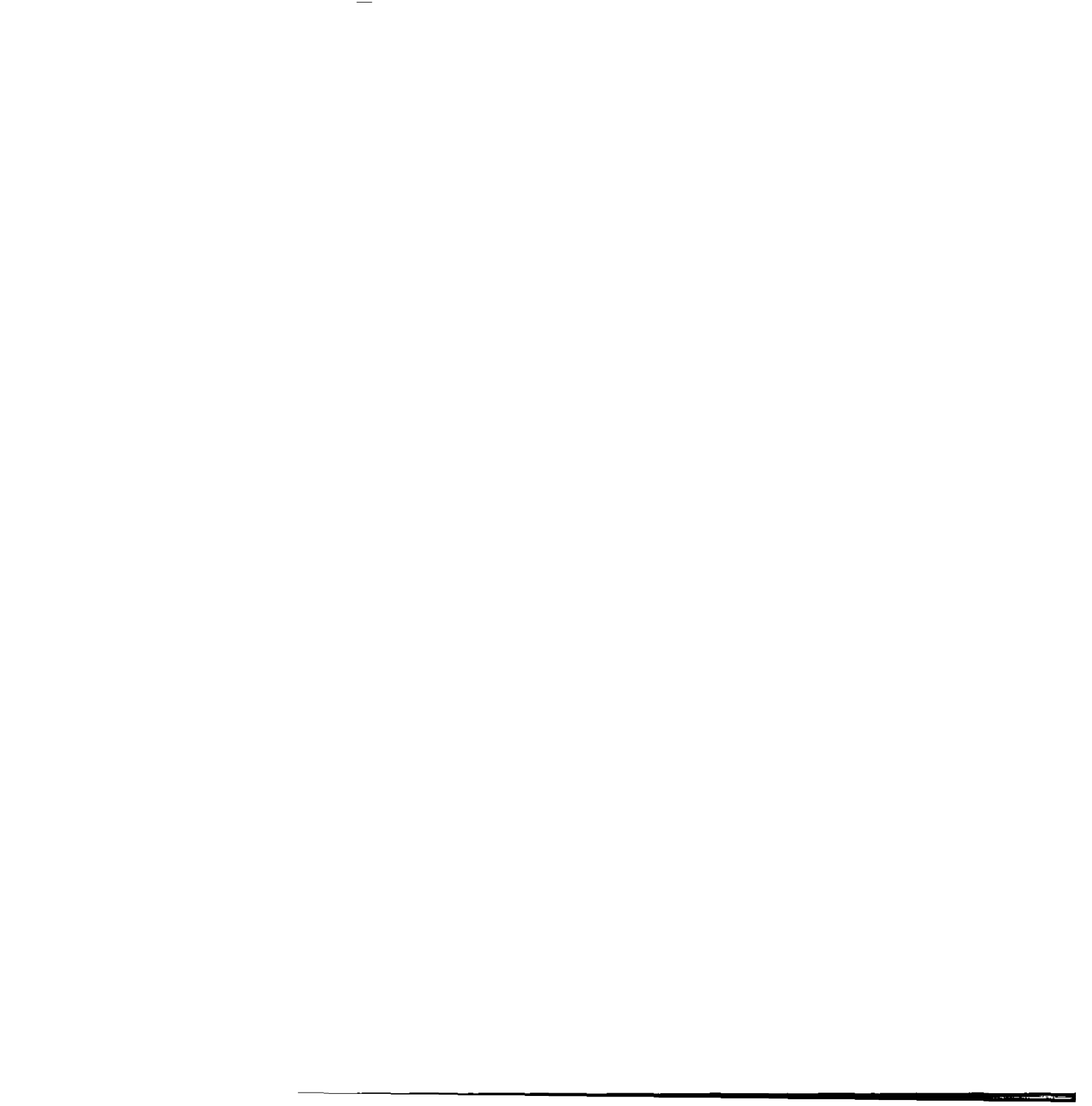
AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLER

TO: CSSB 89(RLS) am(efd add)

- 1 Page 3, line 23, following "provider":
- 2 Insert "who is acting on behalf of the abortion services provider"



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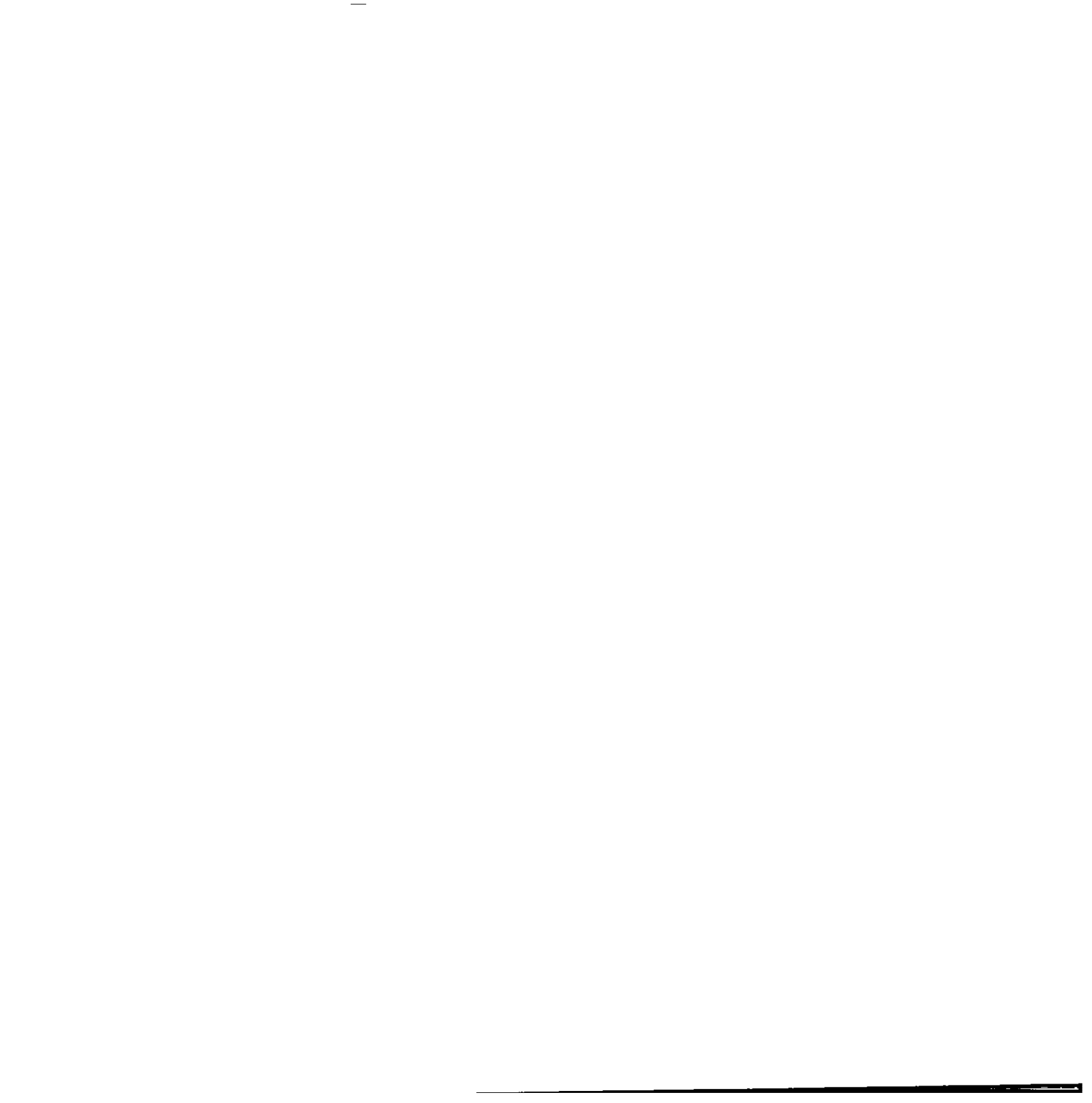
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- 1 Page 3, line 15:
- 2 Delete "may"
- 3 Insert "shall"



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SB 89 SCHOOLS;PARENT RTS;ABORT. PROVDRS LIMITS

Recommends it be replaced with [] HCS or [] CS for SB 89 (EDC)
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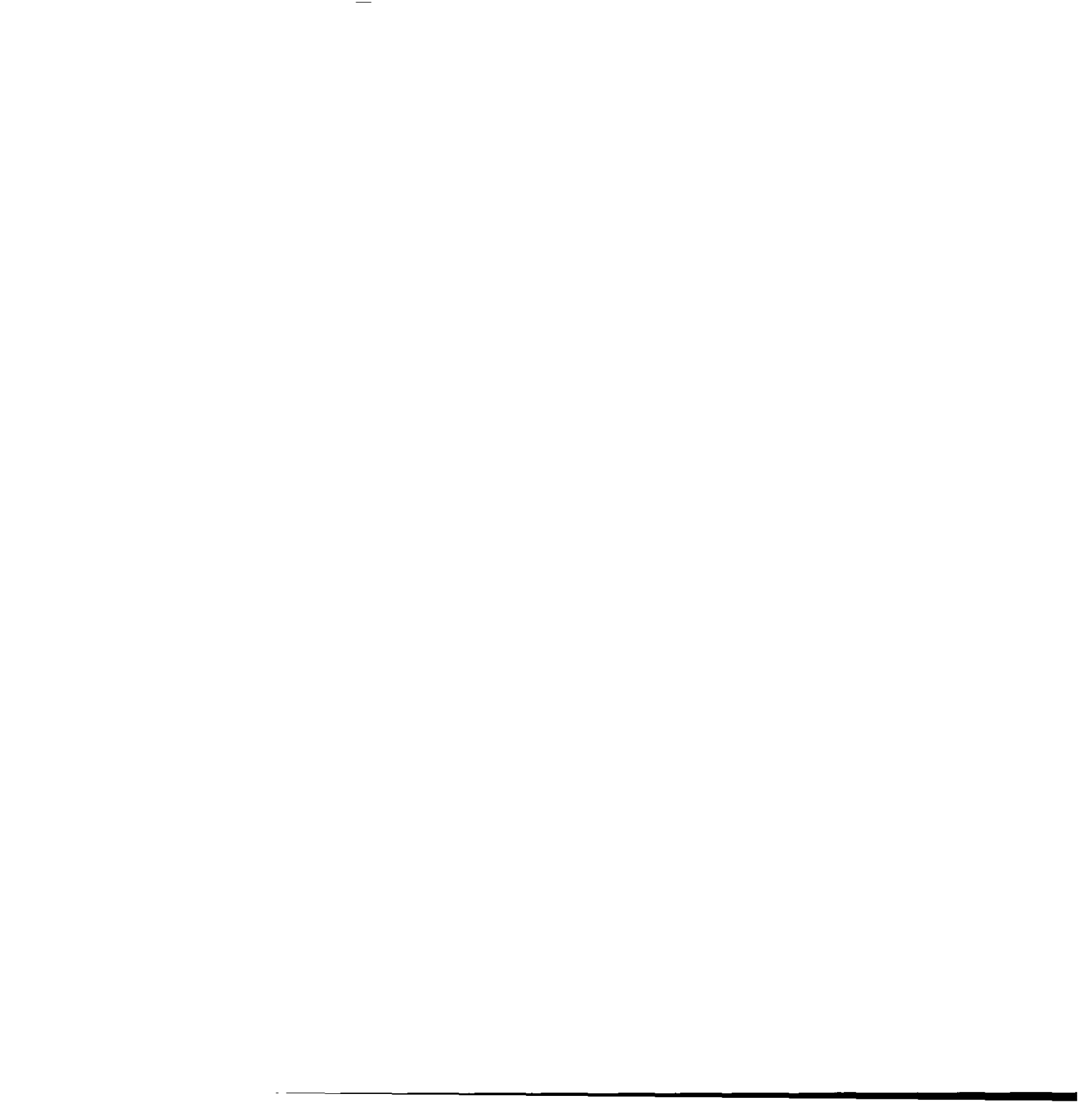
- [] attach amendments
- [] add new referral to _____ Committee
- [] Letter of Intent _____ Committee

- List of Abbrev for Depts.:
- ADM
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 - DFG
 - GOV
 - DHS
 - LWF
 - LAW
 - LEG
 - MVA
 - DNR
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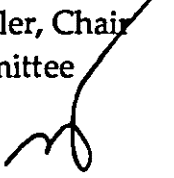




Mike Dunleavy
Senator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Wes Keller, Chair
House Education Committee

FROM: Senator Mike Dunleavy 

DATE: March 5, 2016

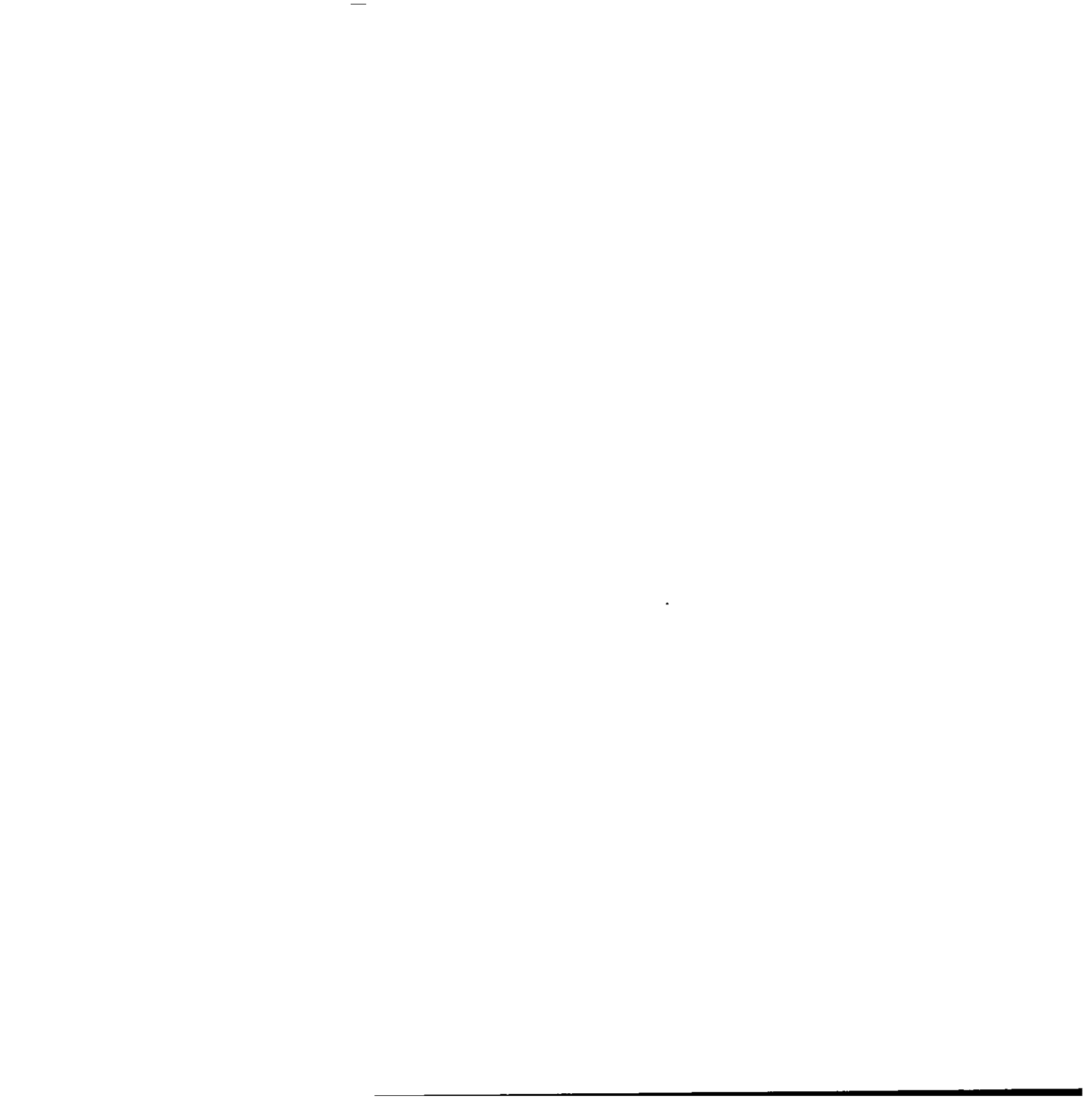
RE: Senate Bill 89 – Parent Rights: Education; School Absence

I respectfully request a hearing before the House Education Committee on Senate Bill 89 – Parent Rights: Education; School Absence.

The purpose of SB 89 Parental Rights in Education, is to codify in state statute the inherent rights of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children. As parents are the ultimate authority regarding their children, this bill requires local school boards to adopt policies which promote the involvement of parents. In addition, this legislation would restrict abortion service providers from contracting with school districts and from supplying materials and instruction on human sexuality.

As the stewards of their children, parents must be guaranteed the right to make the decisions they feel are best for their children’s education.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this request. Please contact my staff, Christa McDonald at (907) 465-6308 should you have any questions.





Mike Dunleavy

Senator

Sectional Summary for CSSB 89 (Version F.A)

Section 1. Requires local school boards to adopt policies allowing parents to withdraw their children from any activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment required by the state to which the parent objects. Requires written permission from parents before activities, classes, or programs on human reproduction or sexual matters are provided to a child.

Section 2. Clarifies that "human reproduction or sexual matters" does not include curricula or materials for sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness training required under AS 14.30.355 or dating violence and abuse awareness and prevention training as required under AS 14.30.356. *FLORS AW*

Section 3. Prohibits a school district from contracting with an abortion services provider.

Section 4. Prohibits school districts from paying the costs of physical examinations for teachers.

Section 5. Prohibits school districts from permitting abortion services providers to offer, sponsor, or furnish course materials or instruction related to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.

Section 6. Provides an effective date of June 30, 2017.

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Mike Dunleavy

Senator

Senate Bill 89 Sponsor Statement

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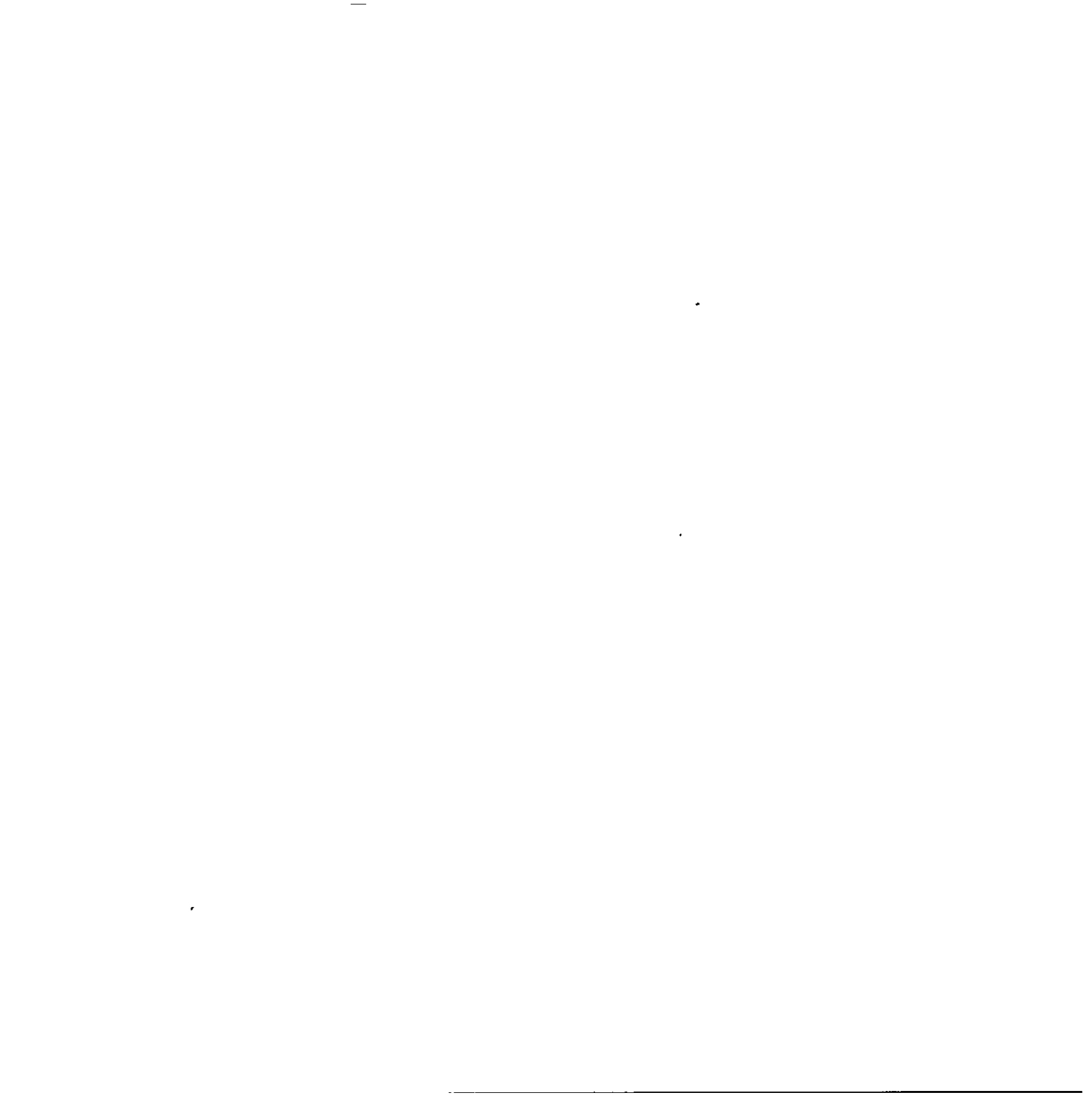
These policies must accommodate the following:

- Parents will be given the chance to review content of any activity, class, performance standard, program, or standards-based assessment or test required by the department
- Parents can object to and withdraw children from any standards-based assessment or test required by the department, and the absence cannot be counted as unlawful
- If parents have a concern about any activity, class, performance standard, or program they can object and keep their child out of that particular activity, and the absence cannot be counted as unlawful
- Parents will be allowed to withdraw children for religious holidays, and the absence cannot be counted as unlawful
- Parents must provide written permission before children may attend each human reproduction or sex education instruction or presentation

In addition, this legislation would:

- Would prevent abortion service providers from contracting with school districts and educational service organizations
- Would prohibit abortion service providers from supplying materials to school districts on human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases
- Restrict abortion services providers providing instruction on sexually transmitted diseases and sexuality to school districts

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(RLS) am(efd add)
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BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Amended: 2/26/16

Offered: 2/26/16

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DUNLEAVY, Giessel, Huggins, Stoltze, Kelly, MacKinnon, Coghill, Meyer

REPRESENTATIVE Lynn

*Public Health
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perspective*

A BILL

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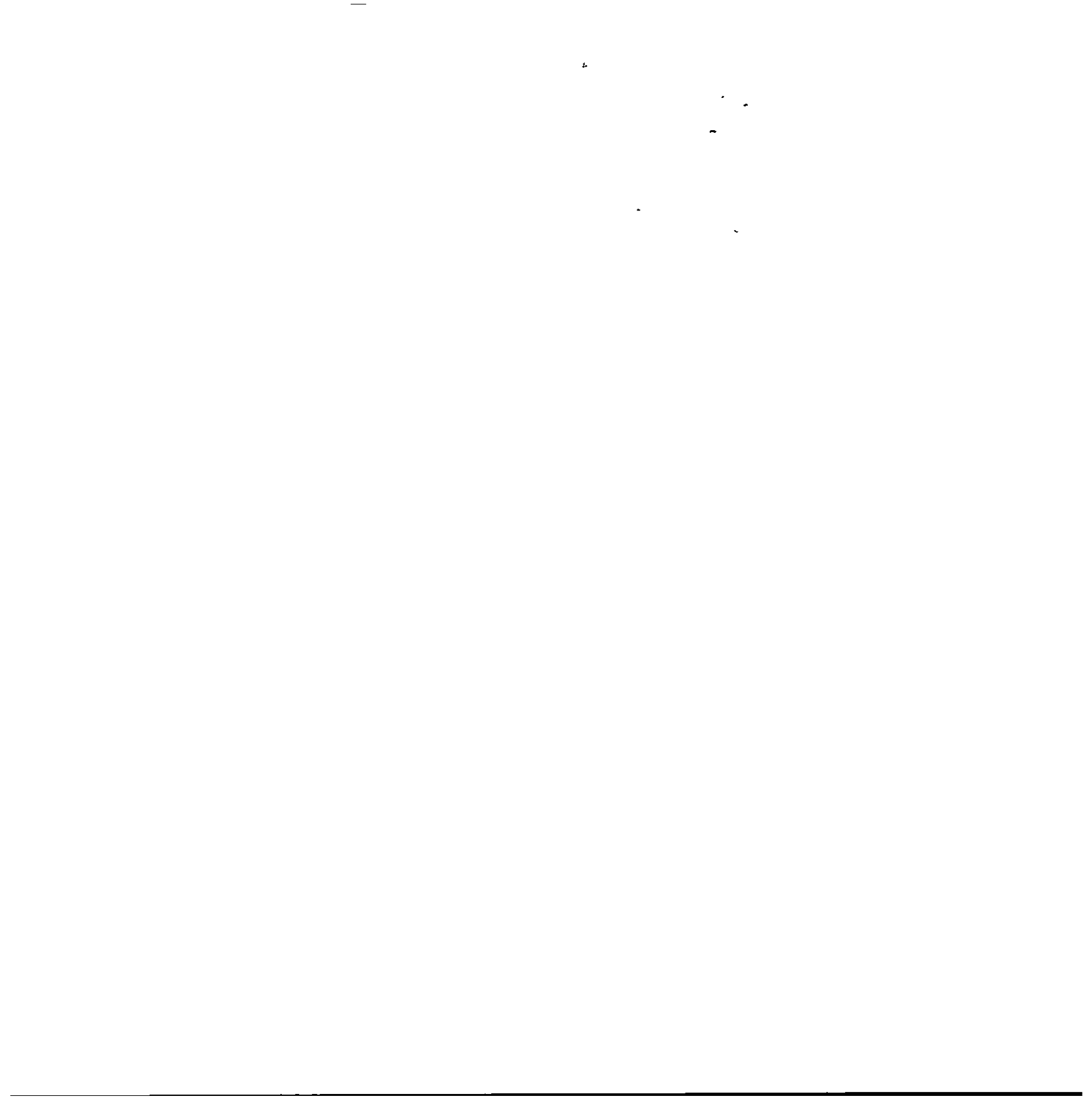
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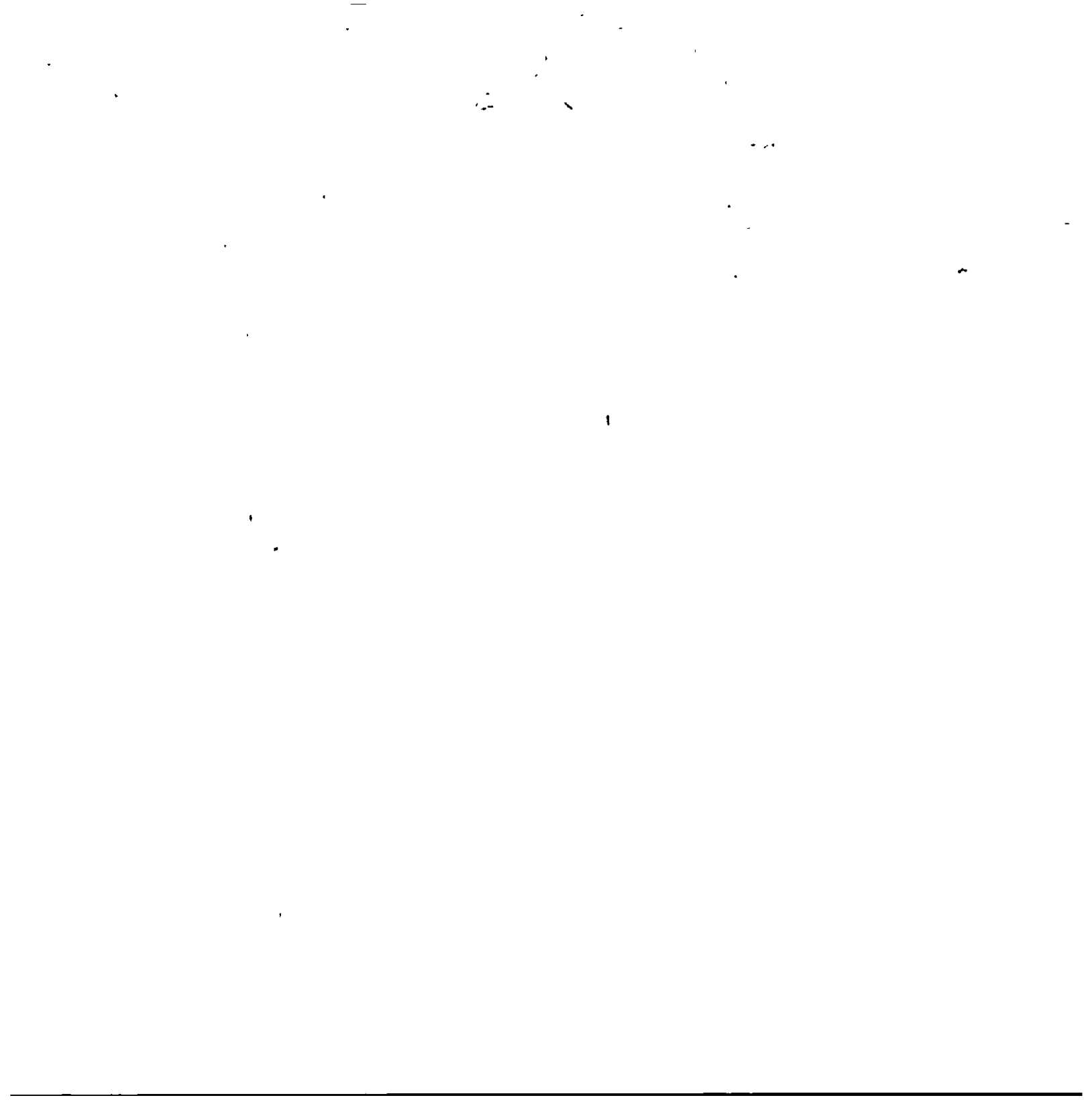
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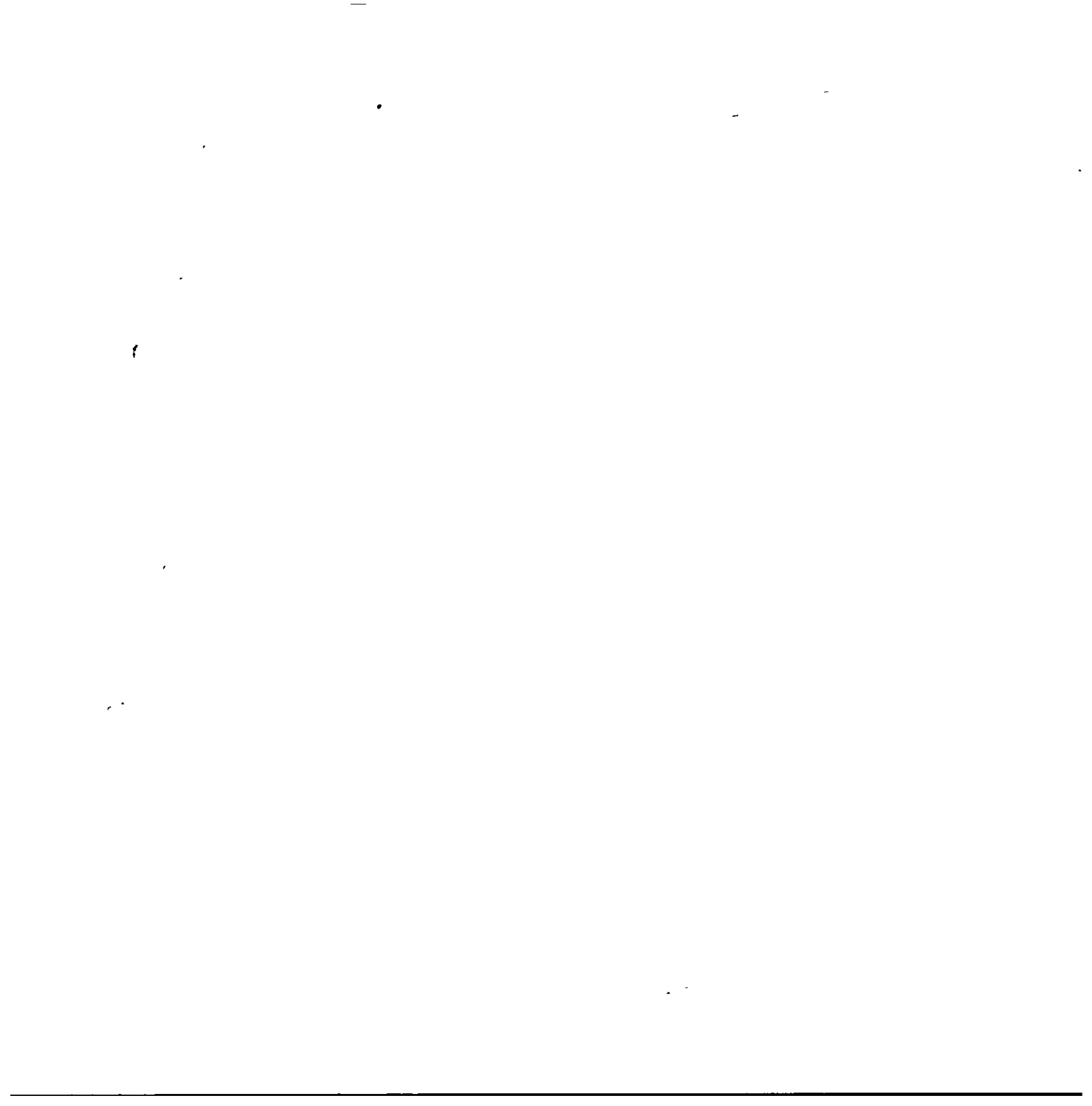
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Bill of Attainder
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Identifier: SB00903(RLS)FEEL-SSA-2-22-10
 Title: PARENT RIGHTS: EDUCATION; SCHOOL
 ABSENCE
 Sponsor: DUNLEAVY
 Requester: Senate Rules Committee

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
 Appropriation: Teaching and Learning Support
 Allocation: Student and School Achievement
 OMB Component Number: 2796

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/16

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

The CS removes all of the language related to expanding the requirement for written parental permission for all questionnaires administered in schools. This language was removed because the additional parental permission requirement was passed in HB 44. Sec 4 AS 14.03.110 (a) in 2015. Additionally the CS removes all language related to the national criminal history record check requirements for employees of child care facilities and residential child care facilities, also passed under HB 44. Sec 4 AS 14.03.110 (a) in 2015. Also removed are the portions related to students that was passed under HB 44 in 2015.



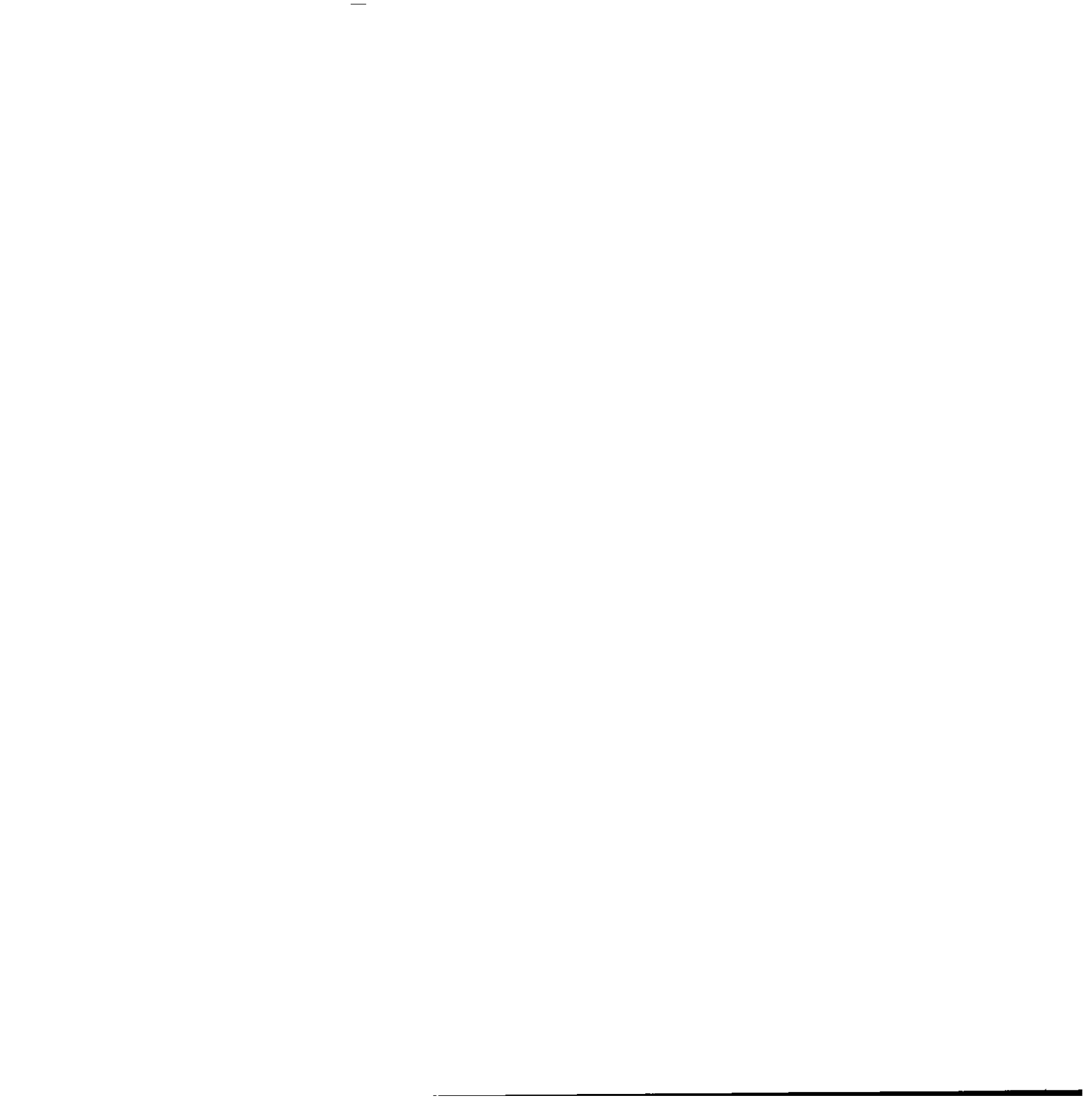
Section 1(a) amends AS 14.03, Public School Generally, by adding a new section, AS 14.03.016, A parent's right to direct the education of the parent's child. This section recognizes the authority of a parent. Additionally, this section requires districts to adopt policies and procedures that allow parents to object to and withdraw the child from a standards-based assessment or test required by the state, or from an activity, class, or program because of concerns regarding human reproduction or sexual matters or inquiries into private family affairs. In addition, districts must provide for parent notification of two- to-six weeks prior to an activity, class, or program that includes content involving human reproduction or sexual matters, and must receive written permission from a parent before a child may participate. Parents must be provided the opportunity to review the content of an activity, class, performance standard or program. If a child is withdrawn from activities, classes, or programs, the absence will not be considered an unlawful absence. Fiscal impact: Unknown because states and districts are required to test 95% of all students under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). There is potential fiscal impact to the department which may result if assessment participation rates fall below 95%.

Section 1(b) does not allow a parent to categorically object or withdraw a child from activities, classes, programs, or standards-based assessments or tests required by the state; policies must require a parent to object each time, and must require district permission to be requested for each activity that includes content involving human reproduction or sexual matters.

Section 2 amends 14.03.083 by adding a new section: "A school district and an educational services organization that has a contract with a school district may not contract with an abortion services provider." There is no fiscal impact from this section to the department.

Section 3 amends AS 14.30 by adding a new section, AS 14.30.075 Physical examinations for teachers, permitting school districts to require physical examinations of teachers as a condition of employment, but restricting a district from paying the cost of such physical examinations for teachers. There is no fiscal impact from this section to the department.

Section 4 amends AS 14.30.360 by adding a new subsection (c) that restricts a school district from permitting an abortion services provider or an employee or volunteer of an abortion services provider from providing course materials or instruction relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.



House Education Committee
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 89 – An Act Restricting Employees and Representatives of Abortion Services Providers, and Affiliates of Abortion Services Providers, from Providing Instruction or Materials Relating to Human Sexuality or Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Dear Legislator,

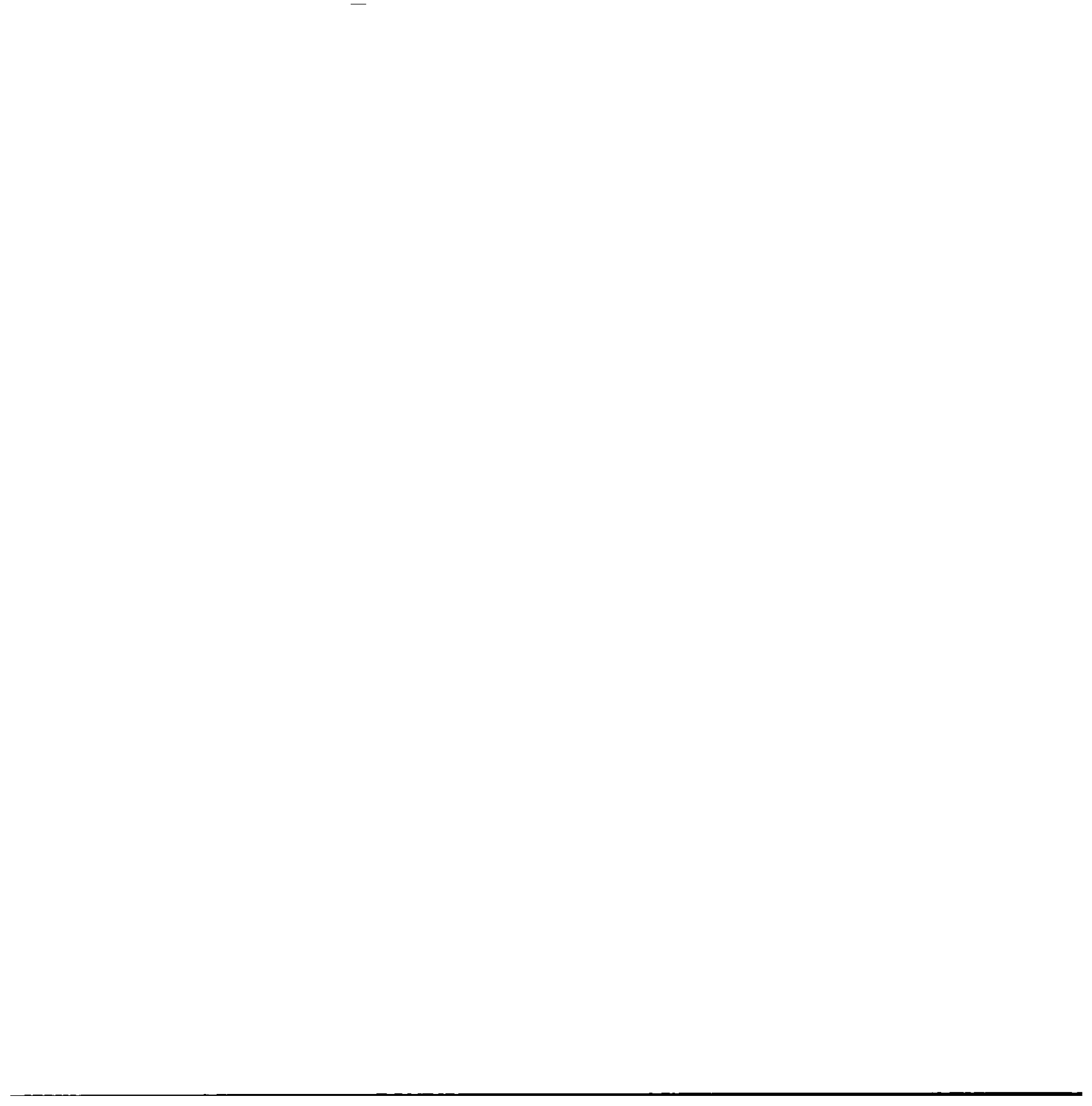
I am an attorney for Alliance Defending Freedom, a non-profit legal organization. I am writing to advise you of the constitutionality of SB 89, which prohibits abortion services providers, or an employee or volunteer of an abortion services provider, to provide instruction or materials relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.

1. SB 89 does not infringe on First Amendment rights.

SB 89 does not restrict the rights of teachers to speak outside of their employment, contrary to the allegations of opponents to this bill such as the American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska. It does not forbid teachers from volunteering or working with abortion services providers in their private capacity as citizens. Instead, SB 89 prohibits any abortions services provider, its employees or volunteers, from delivering instruction or materials relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases in the capacity as a representative of any abortion services provider. This means that teachers and other school personnel would, for example, be permitted to volunteer with an abortion provider to stuff envelopes, answer phone calls, educate women about their health, collect signatures for petitions, and speak at a rally supportive of abortion rights in their capacity as a citizen, while also being permitted to deliver instruction/in sexual education in their capacity as a teacher. Instead, SB 89 prohibits any person—including teachers or other school personnel—who is an employee or volunteer of an abortion services provider, from providing such instruction in their capacity as a volunteer or an employee of an abortion services provider. Teachers may deliver sexual education instruction in their capacity as a teacher, but not in their capacity as a volunteer or employee of an abortion services organization.

Teach. diff.

While a public employer does not generally have the power to restrict the speech of public employees outside of their job duties, *see Pickering v. Board of Education*, 391 U.S. 563 (1968), the Constitution permits public employers to regulate speech within the context of government employment. Where an employee of a public school speaks pursuant to his or her responsibilities as an employee, free speech rights are not implicated. *See Garcetti v. Ceballos*, 547 U.S. 410, 424 (2006) (“[T]he First Amendment does not prohibit managerial discipline based on an employee’s expression made pursuant to official responsibilities.”). It is therefore



permissible that the State of Alaska forbid teachers and other school personnel from acting as a representative for an abortion services provider in the course of their employment—they cannot act as representatives of an abortion provider when delivering sexual education instruction or materials to students.

Nothing in this bill forbids school personnel from speaking about the issues implicated by SB 89 in their capacity as citizens. Teachers and school personnel are free to speak on public issues such as abortion and reproductive health care in their private capacity as citizens without fear of liability under SB 89. *See Connick v. Myers*, 461 U.S. 138, 147 (1983) & *Garcetti*, 547 U.S. at 417 (recognizing the rights of public employees to speak on “matters of public concern” within their capacity as citizens). SB 89 undoubtedly permits employees to speak “as citizens about matters of public concern” such as abortion, *see Garcetti*, 547 U.S. at 419, but places reasonable limits on speech undertaken “pursuant to official responsibilities.” *Id.* at 424. SB 89 merely limits actions within the scope of public employment, consistent with the Constitution.

Furthermore, SB 89 does nothing to prevent a teacher from talking about abortion and other reproductive health topics in the classroom as part of the curriculum approved by the school board. The proposed law also has no effect on the ability of public school students from expressing their views on abortion or reproductive health issues while at school.

Likewise, this bill does not infringe the right to associate. Teachers and school personnel are free to volunteer for abortion services providers or affiliates in their personal capacity and to engage in public debate about abortion and other reproductive health care issues. The bill would not implicate the ability of any public employee to associate with abortion services providers or affiliates as a citizen.

2. SB 89 does not violate the right to equal protection.

SB 89 does not infringe on the right of equal protection of the laws under the Fourteenth Amendment. The Equal Protection Clause is “essentially a direction that all persons similarly situated should be treated alike.” *City of Cleburne v. Cleburne Living Ctr.*, 473 U.S. 432, 439 (1985). However, when fundamental rights are not implicated, such as here, “[t]he general rule is that legislation is presumed to be valid and will be sustained if the classification drawn by the statute is rationally related to a legitimate state interest.” *Id.* at 440.

Because SB 89 does not affect any fundamental right of abortion services providers or affiliates, as discussed above, even if SB 89 treats similarly situated persons differently, it need only be supported by a rational basis. Under state law, Alaska’s public policy mandates “that the purpose of education is to help ensure that all students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them. AS § 14.03.015. SB 89 serves these legitimate interests by educating Alaska public school students to become productive members of society by establishing a policy that promotes self-discipline, personal



responsibility, and ethical considerations such as the respect for the dignity and worth of all human beings. The prohibition of abortion providers from providing curriculum, instruction, or materials in public schools serves these legitimate interests, and Alaska is therefore permitted to exclude such organizations from its schools.

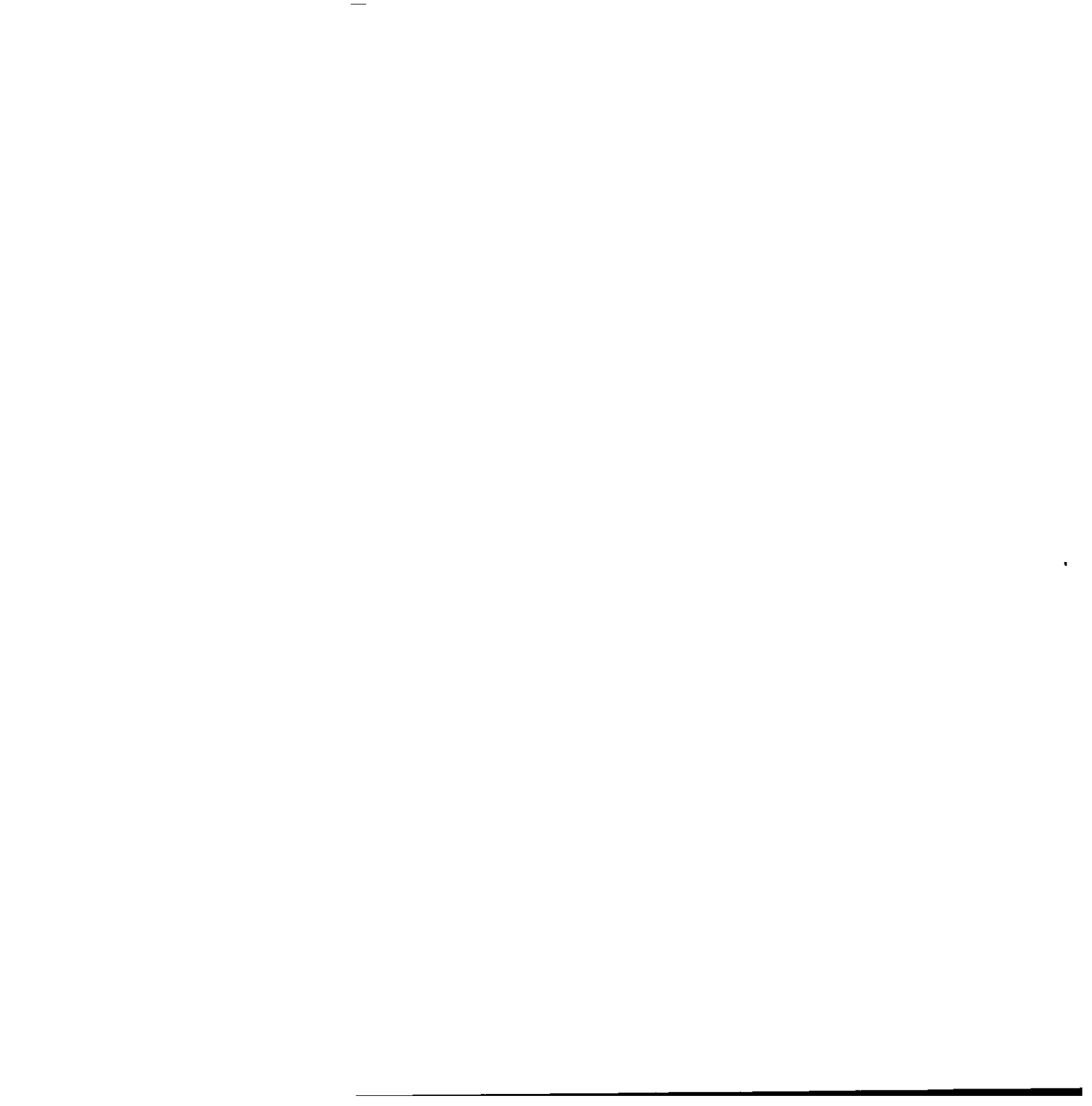
Furthermore, public school districts have broad authority to determine their curriculum. *See, e.g. Edwards v. Aguillard*, 482 U.S. 578, 583 (1987) (“States and local school boards are generally afforded discretion in operating public schools”); *Brown v. Li*, 308 F.3d 939, 951 (9th Cir. 2002) (“[T]he curriculum of a public educational institution is one means by which the institution itself expresses its policy, a policy with which others do not have a constitutional right to interfere.”). Likewise, a public school district’s decisions over what materials are to be made available to students within their schools are curricular decisions to which the courts owe substantial deference. *See Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free Sch. Dist. No. 26 v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853, 863 (1982) (Noting that “local school boards have broad discretion in the management of schools affairs” in the provision of materials in the school library context). SB 89 seeks to prohibit certain organizations from participating in its curriculum, and the state is owed substantial deference in this determination about what it is best for the students and families it serves.

SB 89 is a common sense bill that appropriately restricts access of abortion providers and their affiliates to students in Alaska’s public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 15, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Alaska's teachers and education support professionals believe that parents should be able to opt their children out of any standardized tests, so long as there are no penalties for students, teachers, or schools. We believe that parents should have ultimate authority in deciding what material is appropriate for their children. But, as it is currently written, we oppose SB 89 as an undue intrusion of state overreach into the classroom.

SB 89 is a solution in search of a problem, with a healthy amount of red tape for schools and educators thrown in. Our issues with SB 89 in its current form are as follows:

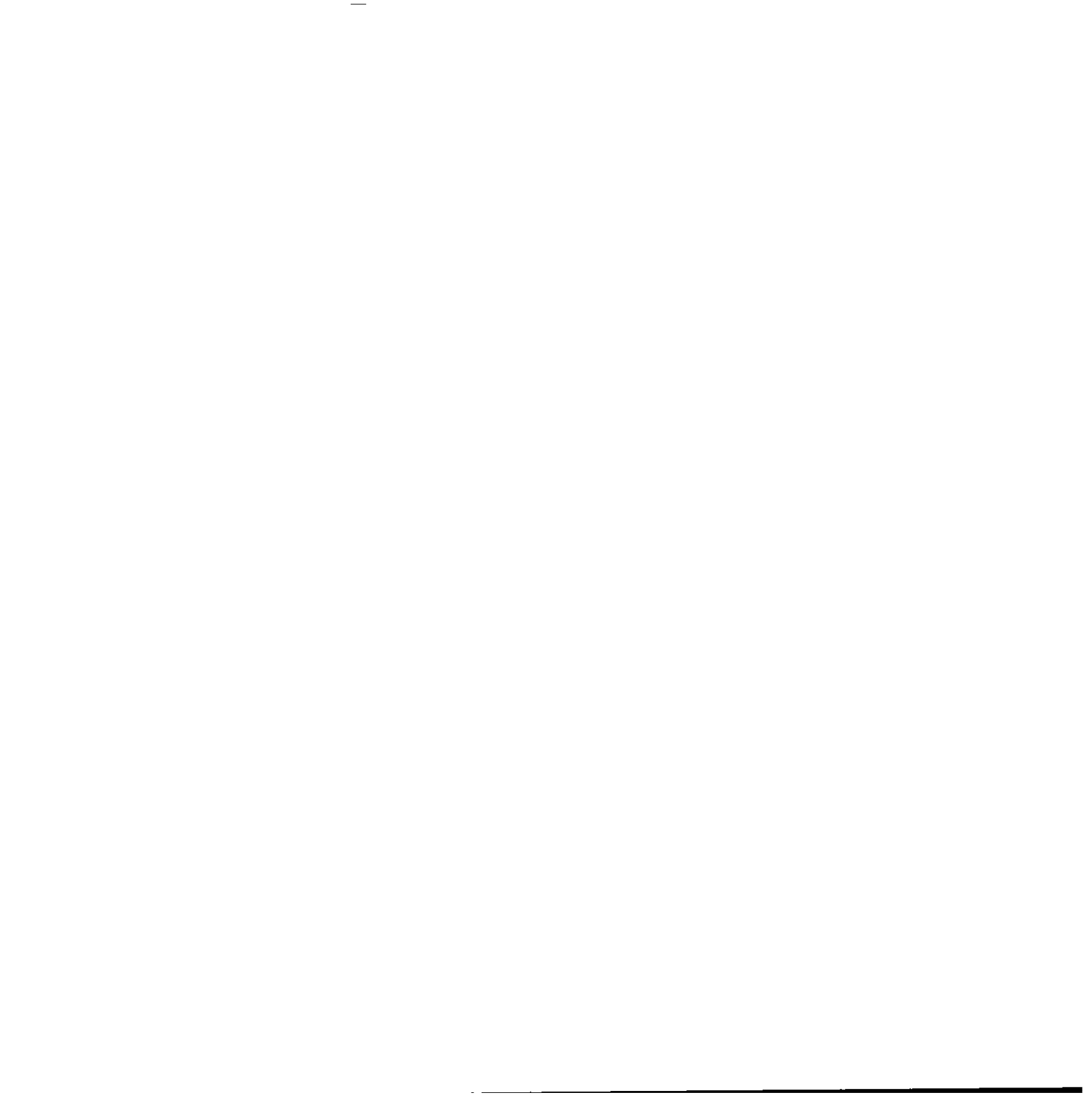
- This is clear state overreach into a domain best managed by local school boards in coordination with parents. State jurisdiction over permission slips is a dangerous precedent to set.
- During committee hearings, the Department of Education and Early Development indicated that this bill could result in the loss of federal funding for education. Alaska currently receives over \$200 million in federal funds for education. In this budget climate, that is a risk the State of Alaska cannot afford. We would like more clarification on this issue before this bill becomes law.
- The latest committee substitute for this bill added a provision barring school districts from paying for teacher physicals. This creates yet another unfunded mandate that will come out of teachers' pockets.
- The opt-out provision is written so broadly that schools will need to obtain written permission from parents for almost any "activity, class, or program" that involves human reproduction or sexual matters. Would teachers need to obtain written permission from parents before biology units on reproduction? English Literature lessons? The terms are not defined in the bill.
- The term "employee or volunteer of an abortion services provider" is not defined in this bill. Many healthcare organizations, including hospitals, provide family care. Health teachers and school nurses may volunteer at clinics and hospitals. Would anyone who works or volunteers in a hospital be banned from teaching sex education in our schools? We believe this section should be removed from the bill.

Thank you for hearing the concerns of Alaska's 13,000 teachers and education support professionals. If the Legislature were to bring forward a clean standardized testing opt-out bill, we would be able to support it. But SB 89 raises too many questions for students, teachers, and schools.

Sincerely,



Ron Fuhrer
President



March 18, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of NEA-Alaska's 13,000 members, I am writing to express my concerns about Section 4 of the current CS of Senate Bill 89, which would create a new statute shifting the costs of mandatory physical examinations on to teachers.

Under current state law, teachers are required to complete a physical examination when they are first hired by a district, with a reexamination every three years. State regulation 4 AAC 06.050. then states that additionally: "A district may require a physical or other examination at any time or at more frequent intervals at its expense." There is nothing in current state statute or regulation otherwise requiring school districts to pay for the costs of physical examinations.

We believe the current law is working – school districts across the state approach this issue differently, with locally tailored approaches that best suit their needs. In some cases, teachers' health insurance will cover the cost of a physical examination. Some school districts do not reimburse for the costs of state-required physical examinations. Others offer partial reimbursements – the Sitka School District, for example, reimburses teachers up to \$150 for physical examinations except for the examination required for initial employment. Some rural districts, where access to physicians can be limited, cover the full cost of obtaining physical examinations.

Physical examination reimbursement policies in place at the local level have been set up by those school districts, in consultation with local school boards, teachers, and school district employees. If districts wish to change their reimbursement policies, those changes can also be decided at the local level, with no new state statutes. Overall, Section 4 of Senate Bill 89 as written is overly restrictive, and binds the hands of school districts that may want to continue to offer reimbursements for teacher physical examinations – particularly those rural districts where access to physicians is limited.

Alaska's teachers pay for many things out of their own pockets for their classrooms and their students – we believe that a state mandate to require teachers to pay for their own physical examinations is not needed at this time.

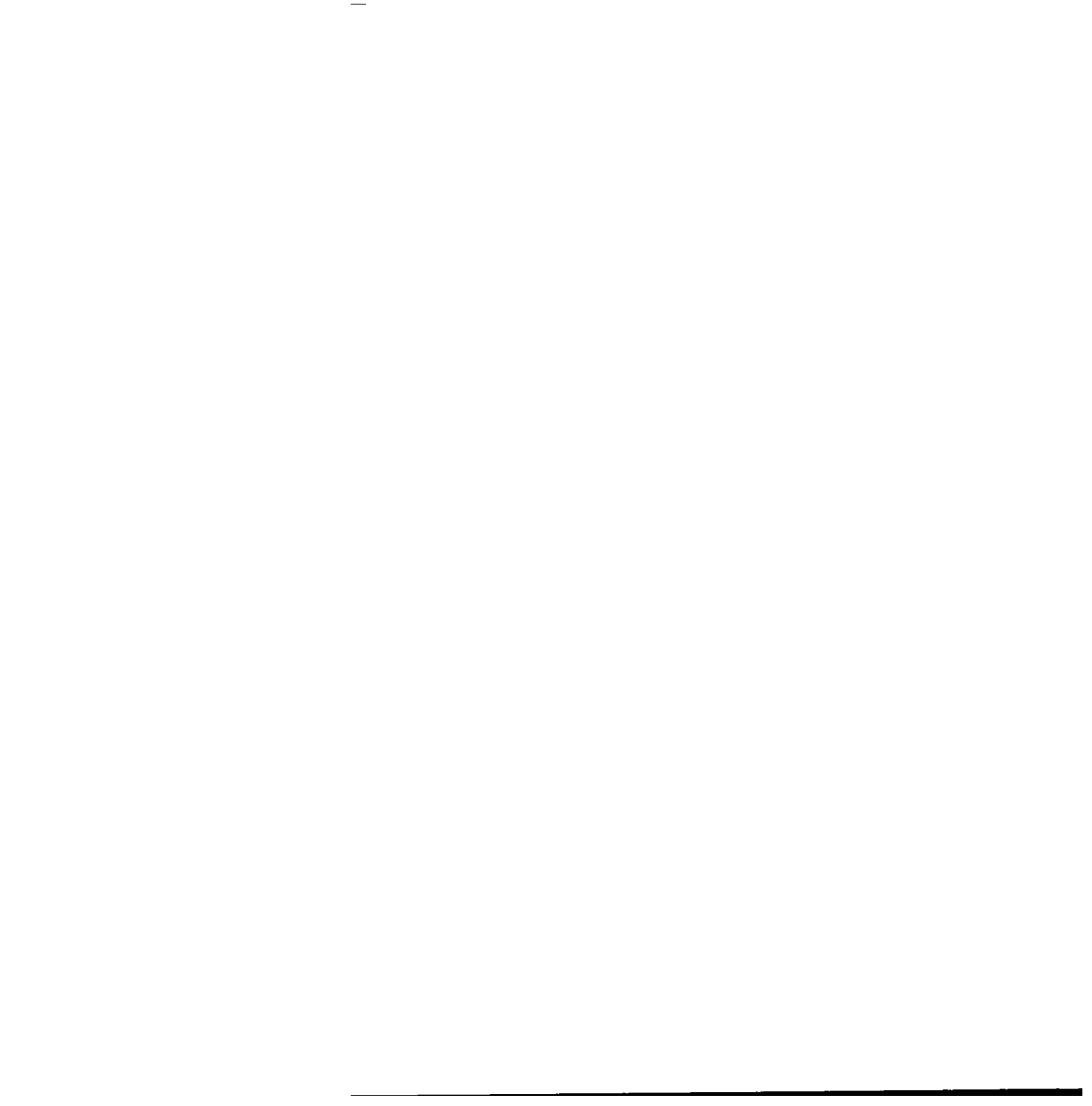
Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns.

Sincerely,



Ron Fuhrer

NEA-Alaska President



To: Rep. Wes Keller
Cc: Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: Opposition to SB 89 & SB 191



The League of Women Voters **A Voice For Citizens, A Force For Change**

March 18, 2016

Dear Representative Wes Keller, Chair of the House Education Committee,

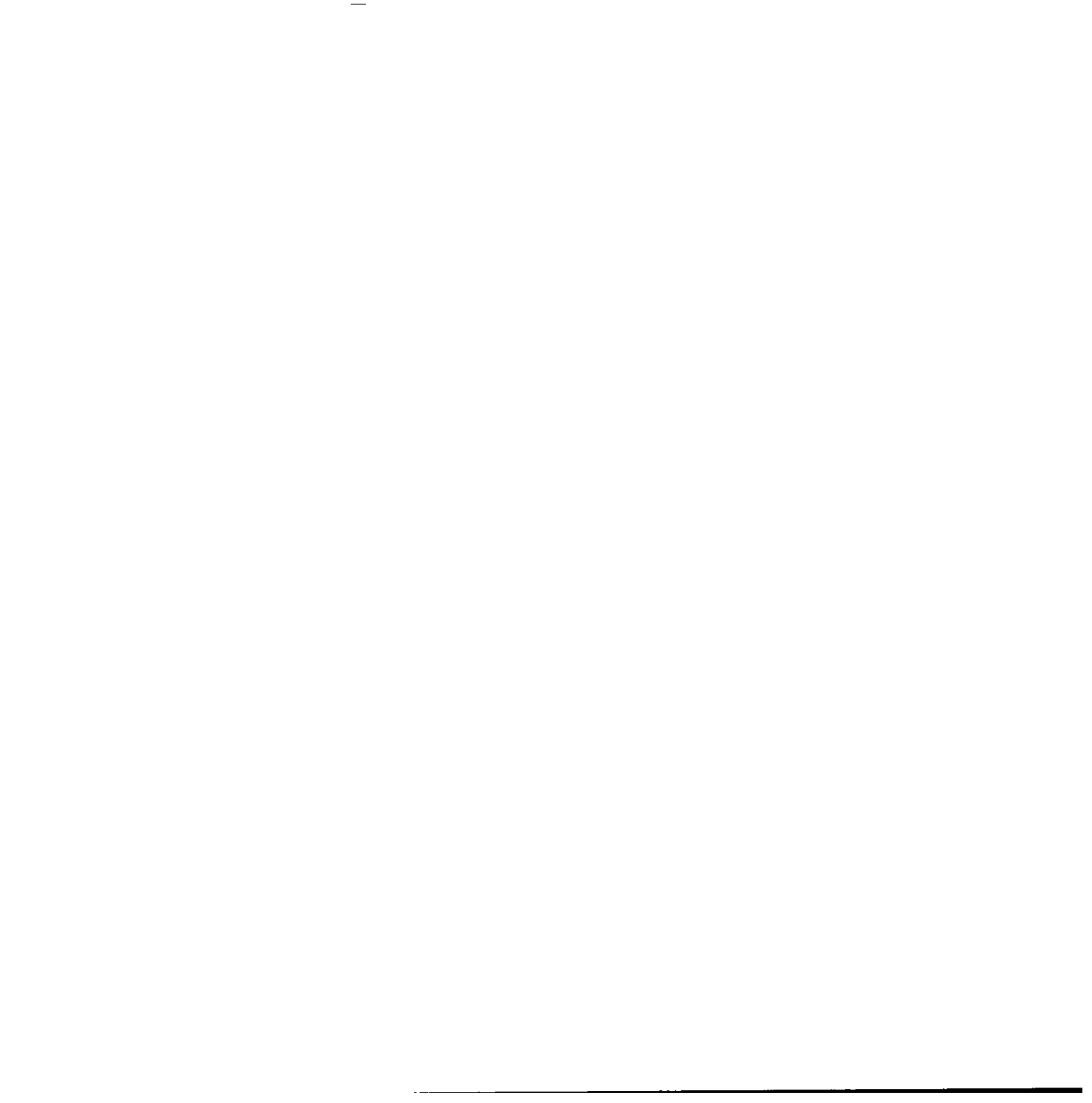
The League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK) strongly opposes both SB 89 and SB 191 based on the long-established (1983) League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) Position on Reproductive Choices which states the following: The LWVUS “believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right to privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.”

In addition, the LWVUS Position on Health Care supports “a basic level of care that includes . . . prenatal and reproductive health.” This basic care for reproductive health can have far-reaching positive effects including healthier babies and stronger and more financially stable families. Prenatal and reproductive care can also save public monies. The Guttmacher Institute reports that in 2010, Title-X supported reproductive health services resulted in a net savings in Alaska of \$17.9 million due to the prevention of unintended or closely spaced pregnancies, low birth weight babies, STD transmission, and cervical cancer cases.

This type of success is possible only when sexually active men and women have access to sound medical information and medical care. To ban the use of a Title-X funded reproductive health facility from teaching young men and women simply because in some cases they also provide, with private funding, abortion services is unwise. Such facilities have as one of their main purposes the prevention of unintended pregnancies.

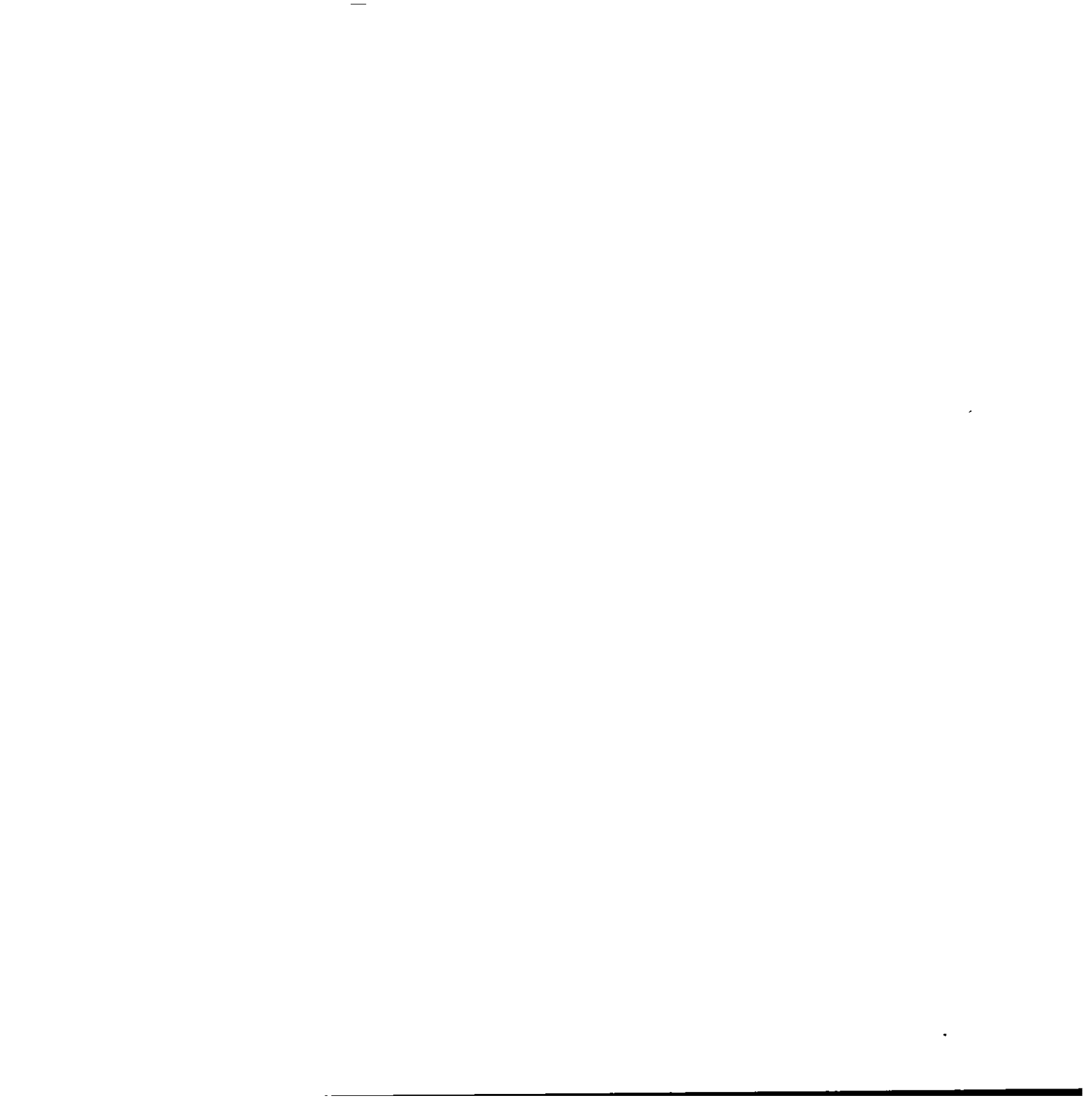
And who might know better the difficulty in having to end a pregnancy than those who work with families facing that most difficult of decisions. It is a decision best left to a woman and her health care provider; it is a very private and personal and painful decision. Preventing the need to make such a decision is the goal of all women’s health clinics.

Those who oppose the teaching provided by Title-X funded reproductive health workers should experience the classes taught by them. Those parents who are uncomfortable with a science-based approach to sex education can always opt-out. But to most parents, education is not an activity to be avoided, especially when it comes to the important area of reproductive health.



League of Women Voters of Alaska

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: Please Oppose SB 89

Dear Representatives Keller, Vasquez, Colver, Talerico, Seaton, Drummond, and Spohnholz,

I am writing to you today to ask you to oppose SB 89.

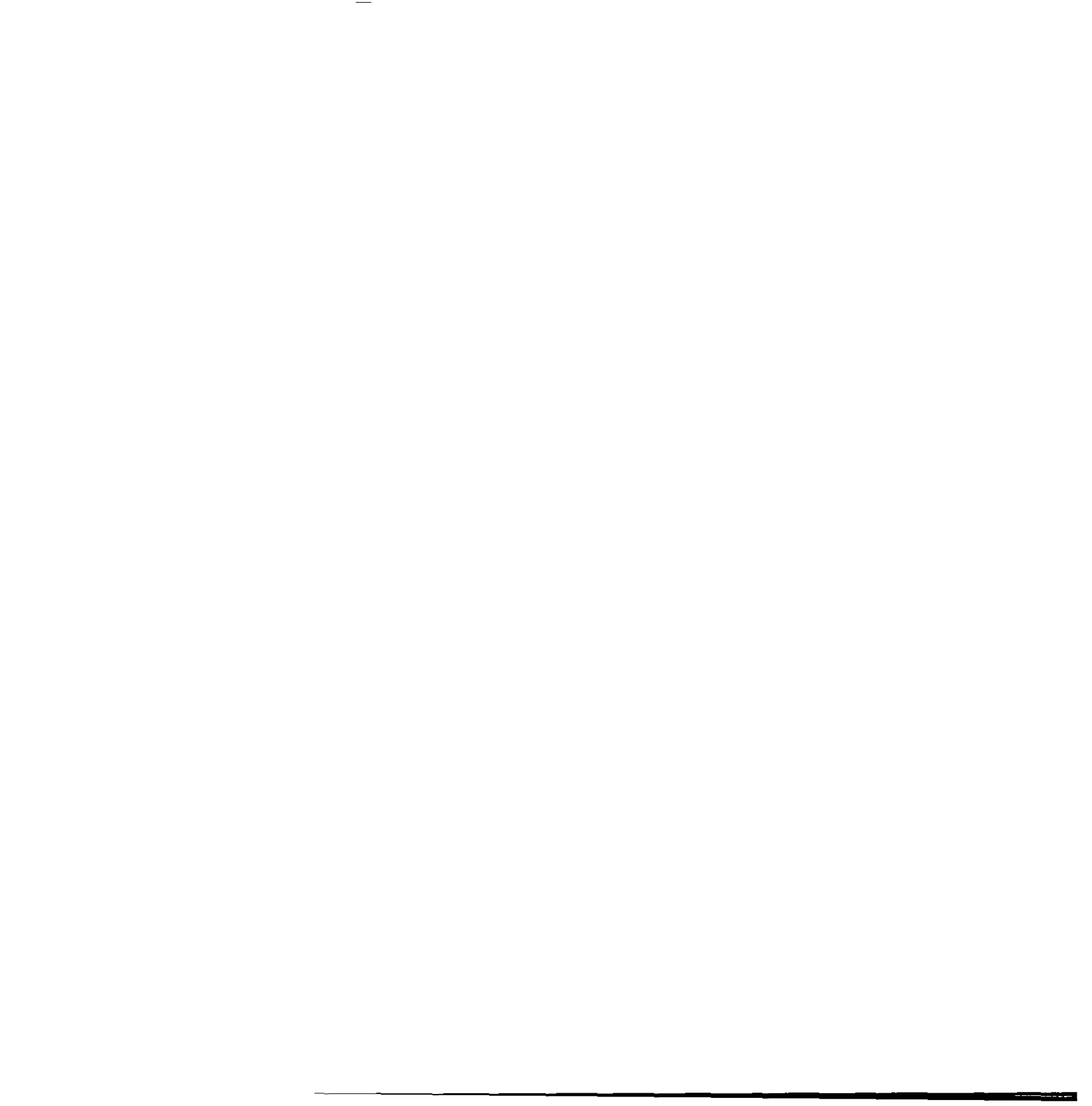
As a United Methodist pastor and youth director in Juneau, Alaska, I am concerned with the health of the temple of the soul: the body and having the tools and education for our young people to make the choices they want to make about their bodies. Just this past year, I was trained in a comprehensive sex education course called Our Whole Lives which has a supplemental faith component for grades 7-12. In that class, I was appalled to find out that my hour of sex education in sixth grade did not help me to make the choice I wanted to make for my own body. I wanted to be abstinent. That's what I desired; yet, without good sex education and the knowledge that there are three kinds of sex (not just vaginal), I was not given the tools to make such a choice. At age 27 (my current age), I had to reconcile myself with the fact that I indeed wasn't abstinent. So many kids do want to make the choice to be abstinent but they need good, age-appropriate, comprehensive sex education in order to have the tools and information to make such a choice.

I view SB 89 as an attack on Planned Parenthood, one of my partners in ministry. Planned Parenthood's Teen Council was willing to come and talk with their peers in the Juneau Youth Ministry Cooperative about healthy relationships and red flags in unhealthy and potentially abusive relationships. These conversations were vital to the growth of my ecumenical Christian group of young people, grades 6-12. Teen Council is a group of peers who give age-appropriate, comprehensive, medically-accurate sexuality education to their peers in the school, and I must say, they do an amazing job at opening up space for tender conversations that could be difficult and awkward. This information is vital as they go forward as people in the world. What an opportunity to empower a new generation with the information they need to make healthy choices about their bodies and their relationships!

That is why I ask you to help equip our young people with comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education and to oppose SB 89.

Thank you for your time and energy serving as our state representatives.

Blessings and peace,
Rev. Melissa Engel
Douglas Community United Methodist Church (Douglas, AK)



To: Rep. Wes Keller
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Subject: SB89

Chairman Keller,

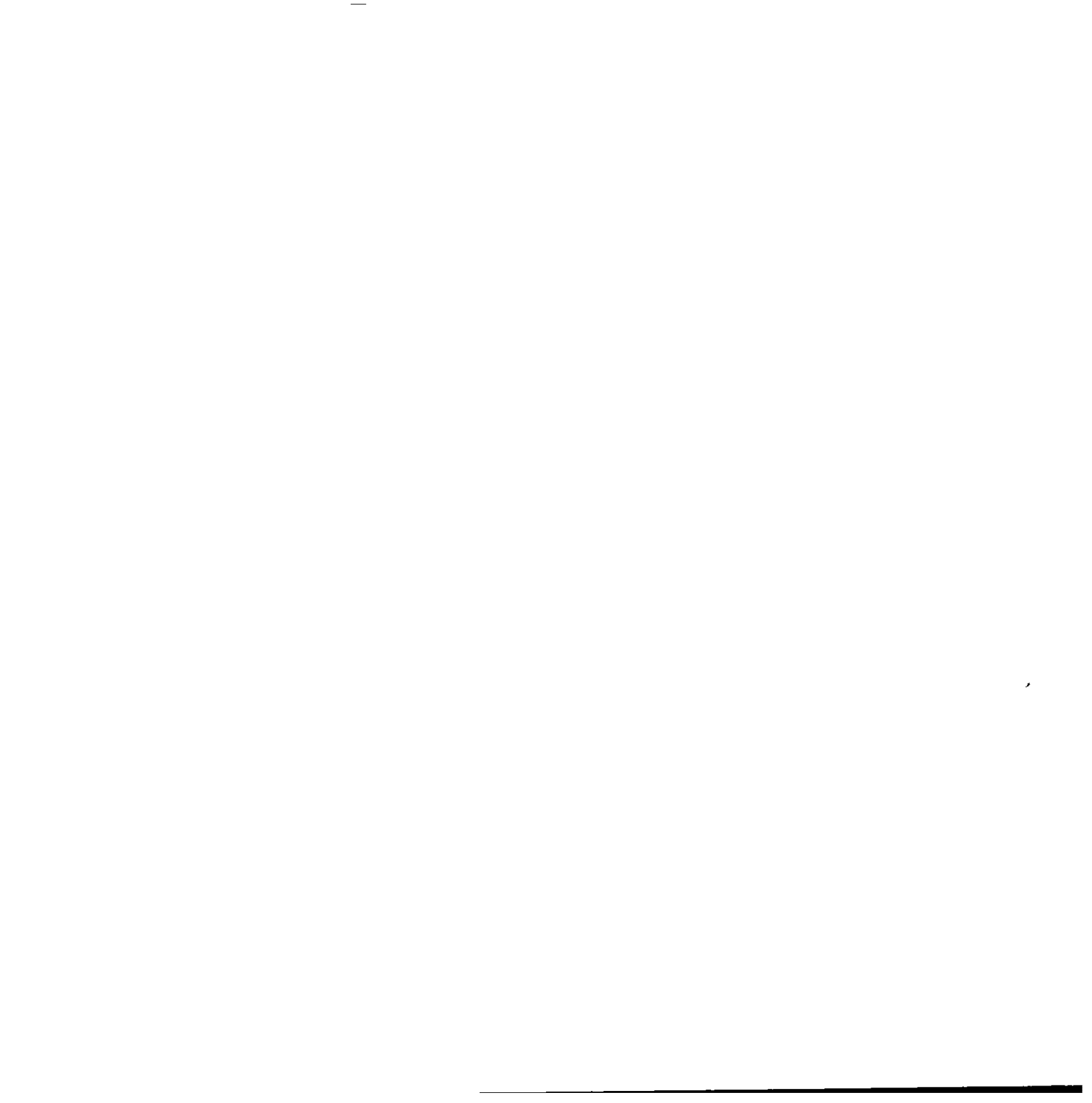
I want to express my strong opposition to SB89. For 38 years I was a public school teacher, assistant superintendent, and principal. My experience with teenagers tells me this bill is a very bad idea and actually will damage the lives of many students. Providing the kinds of information that this bill seeks to suppress is one of the very best steps any school can take for its students. In fact, I truly cannot imagine, after seeing the positive effects of health classes over many years, why anyone would create a bill that seems to me to be a radical departure from common sense as well as a step in a direction that we determined long ago is just wrong.

At heart, the bill attempts to keep important knowledge away from students at just the time of their lives when they need it most. Knowledge is a threat because it enables individuals to make their own informed decisions, when others want very much to restrain their ability to decide. In this light, this bill is an egregious bit of government overreach and undemocratic as well. Please defeat this terrible piece of legislation.

Ronald L. Keffer

P.S. Welcome aboard Representative Spohnholz!

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My name is Nithya Thiru.
I am representing myself.

In high school, I was in a sexually abusive relationship. It was my first relationship, and I stayed in it for four years. My parents are from South Asia, and cultural barriers prevented me from being able to approach them for information about healthy relationships. They had no concept of what American dating might look like, having had an arranged marriage themselves.

I was provided very few resources at school.

It wasn't until graduating from high school that I became aware of the resources available, and was able to gain the knowledge and strength I needed to leave my abusive relationship.

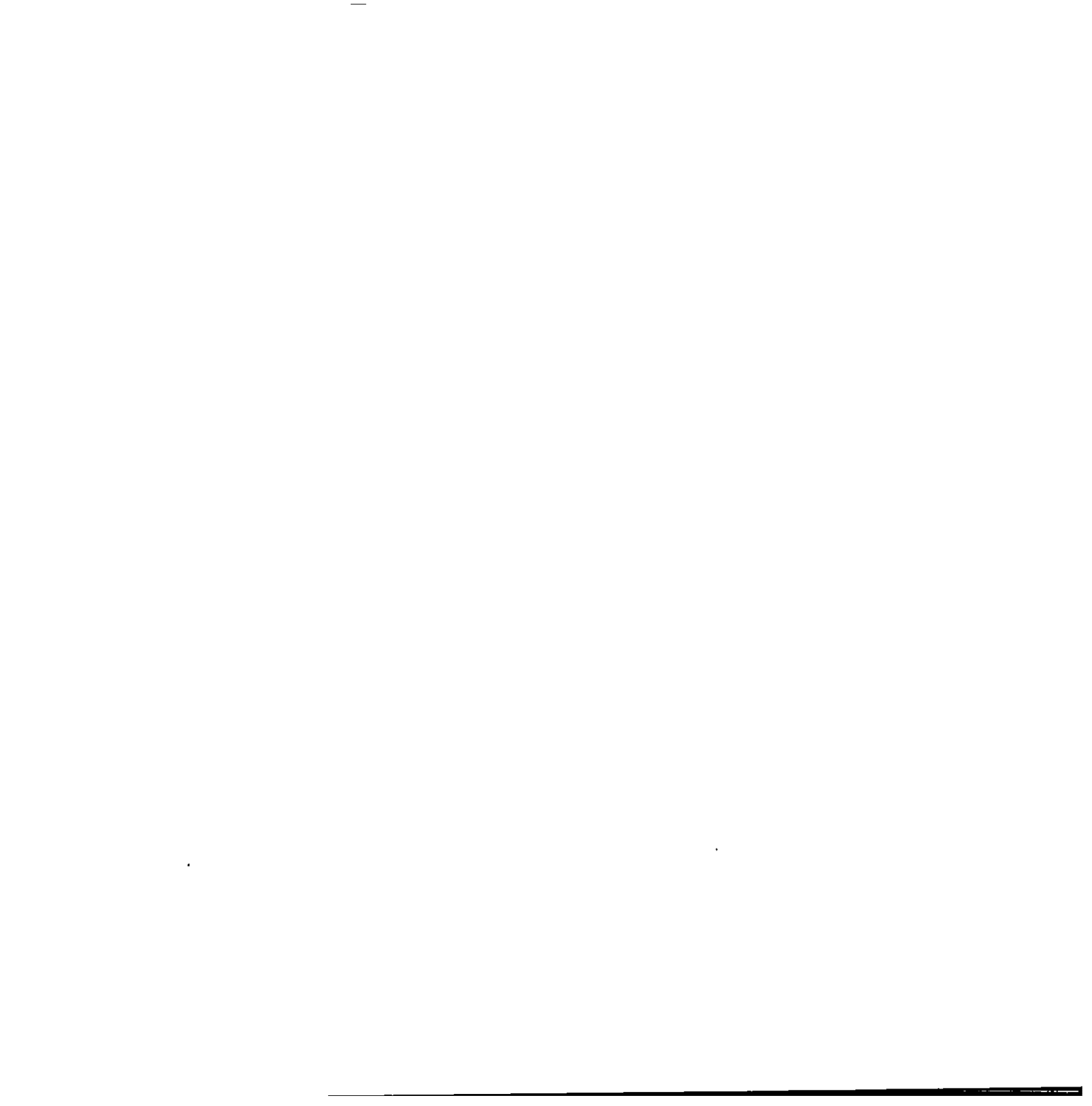
Planned Parenthood, as well as schools can provide valuable support to those faced with abuse. Especially in a place like Alaska where abuse is so prevalent, limiting access to such resources is a disgrace to our state, and is a grave disservice to young people who are currently suffering and need our help. Planned Parenthood offers professional counseling, support, and resources where families cannot. A parent's ability to help can often fall short due to a lack of objectivity.

The abuse I suffered stripped me of my sense of self. Had my school provided more resources regarding sexuality, and healthy relationships, I believe I would not have waited so long to leave the relationship that I was in.

We need to empower and inform our youth, and not strip them of their ability to make informed decisions about their personal health.

Please stand against SB89, and don't perpetuate the cycle of abuse.

Thank you for your time.



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
Testimony against SB89 in House Education

Parents find dealing with their teen's sexuality difficult. We don't want them hurt or find themselves in difficult situations having an unintended pregnancy. Girl or boy STIs including HIV can be life changing.

Many parents simply ignore it or barely touch the surface. That is why over the past 20 years, in survey after survey, local, state or national, 80 to 85 percent of parents indicate they want their children to receive comprehensive, medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education. Parents see such courses and content as supplementing, not supplanting, their discussions at home. They say that their children need both to be taught about delaying the onset of intimate sexual relationships until they are mature and responsible and also given the information and skills they need to use condoms and contraception when they do choose to become sexually active. It's not either/or, but both.

Studies consistently show that comprehensive sex education is highly effective at reducing STIs, delaying initiation of sexual activity, and lowering teen pregnancy rates. The state of Alaska has failed to do its job by not providing comprehensive, accurate evidenced based sex education. We have no state standard curriculum, no requirement for even providing it. And now—no money to offer it even if we wanted to.

Teens report that their main source of information about sex, dating and sexual health comes from what they see and hear in the media. That includes TV, movies music videos, reality shows, beer ads, on line porn, and video games.

Social media is another problem. Girls are pressured to send naked selfies to boys. We are appalled to hear that oral sex has become the new kissing. We pray that isn't true in Alaska. We simply want to lock our kids up until they're adults. But we can't and we mustn't be blind to what is actually happening.

These are some of the national Facts from GreatSchools.org and CommonSenseMedia.org

72% of teens think watching TV with a lot of sexual content influences their peers' behavior somewhat or a lot.

Programs with sexual content average 4.4 scenes per hour.

On average, music videos contain 93 sexual situations per hour, including 11 hard-core scenes depicting behavior like intercourse and oral sex.

Between 1998 and 2005, the number of sexual scenes on TV nearly doubled.

60% of female video game characters are presented in a sexualized fashion.

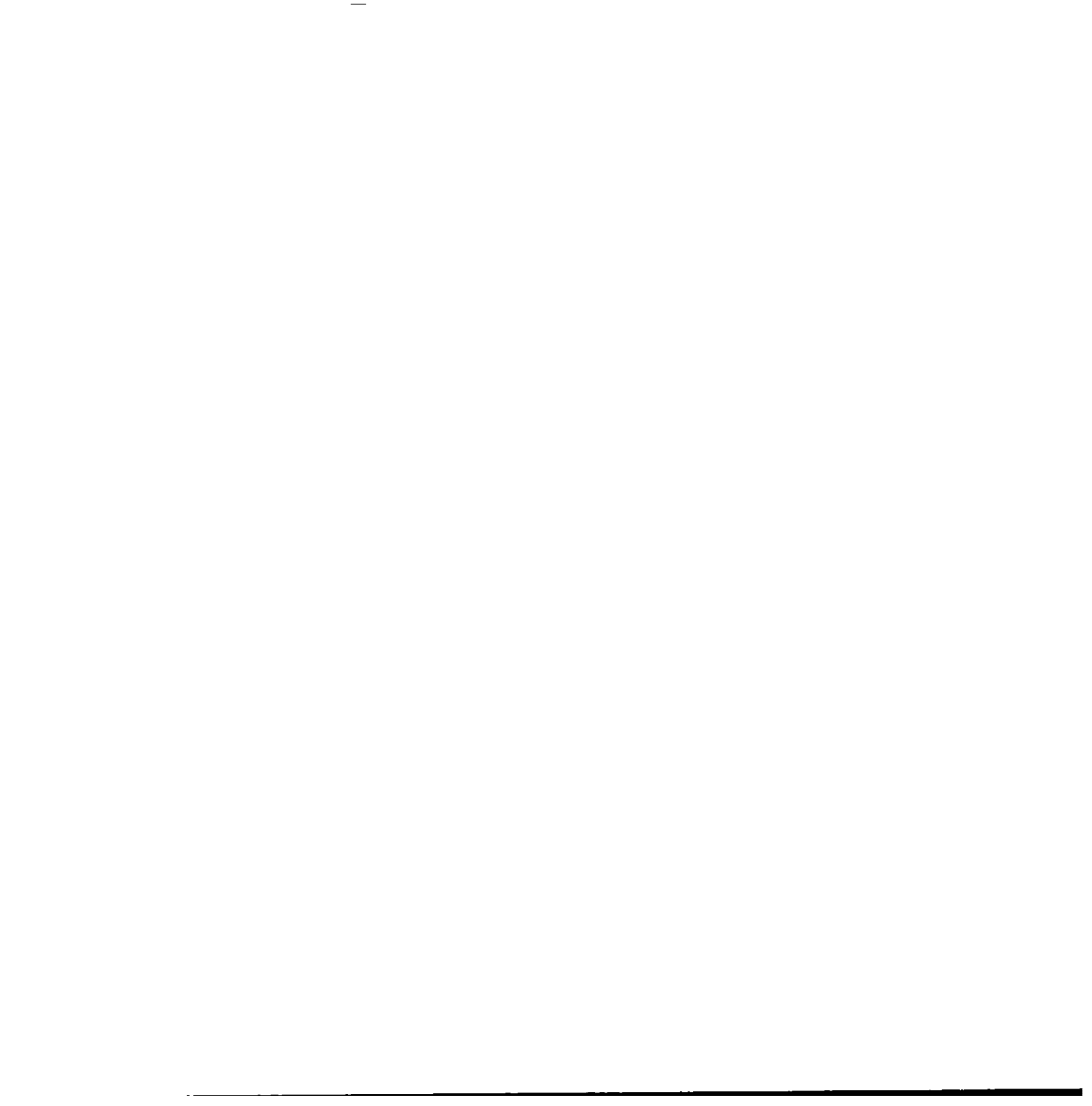
The biggest users of online pornography are 12-to 17-year-old boys.

Schools are already overwhelmed by state mandates. Now we have a PE teacher or biology teacher attempting to teach sex education. They can barely say the word vagina and breast, let alone answer question about how to set boundaries, whats normal and if they are going to have sex what are the contraceptive options. Its not simple.

Planned Parenthood has been a trusted provider of sexual health education in Alaska for more than 20 years and throughout the country for 100 years. Communities turn to us for nonjudgmental, unbiased, medically accurate curriculum on reproductive health and relationships.

We should not deny our teens important sexual education simply because some legislators do not approve of legal abortion or those who provide it.

Please oppose SB89.



To:
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Rep. Wes Keller
testimony on SB89 to House Education Committee

Testimony to House Education Committee from 3/14/16 from the Anchorage LIO:

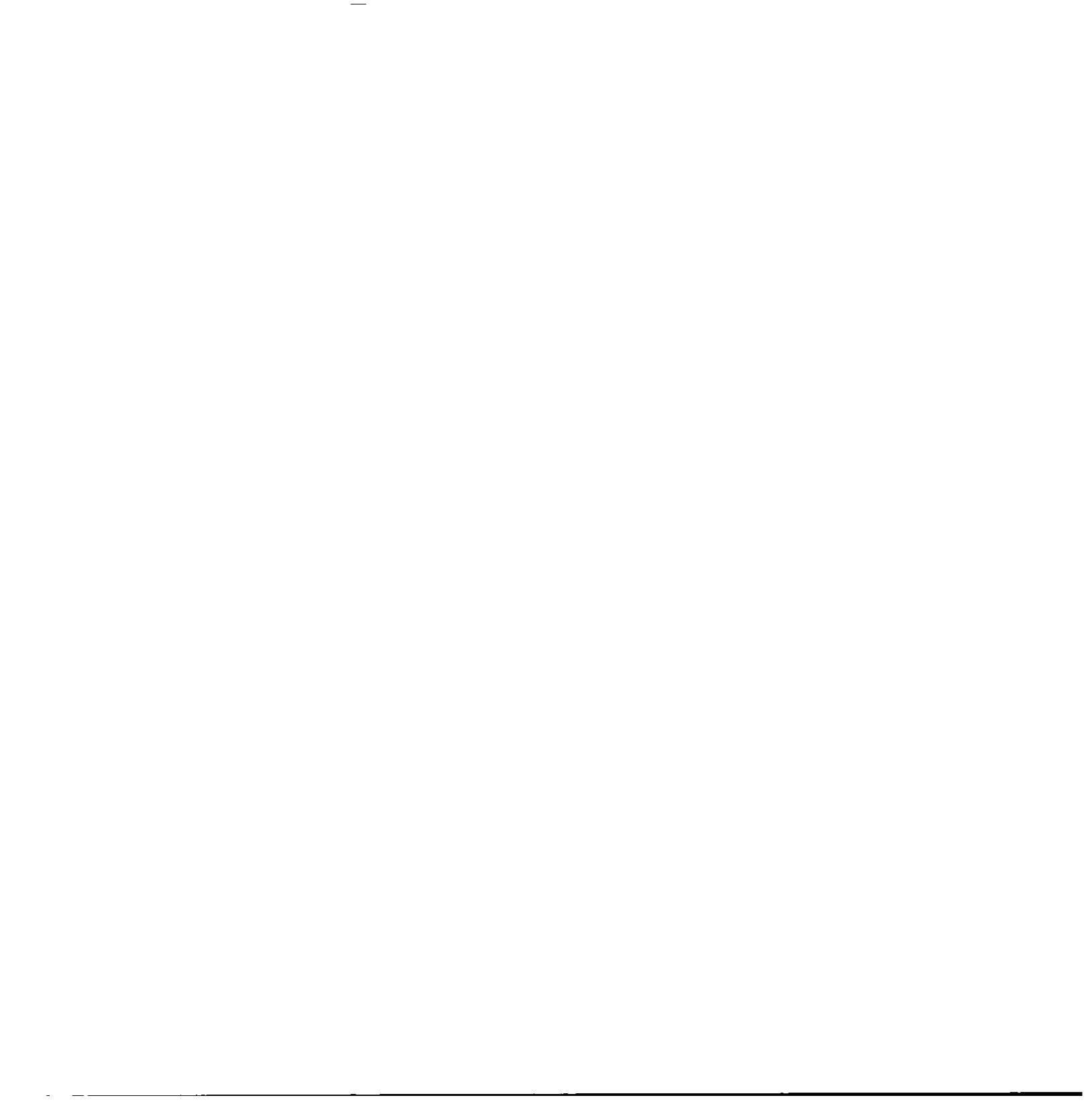
My name is Gary Snyder. I teach high school in the Anchorage School District and have two daughters in school. I am representing myself.

Specifically I teach high school biology and a healthy relationships and sexuality education course that was designed by our local school district. My goal as a teacher is to improve the lives of my students, helping to turn them in to productive members of society.

I ask that you table SB89. We need more sexuality education in schools, not less. Make no mistake, SB89 will put up a barrier to teaching sex ed in schools. Changing opt options for parents to opt in requirements will discourage teachers from pursuing sex education. Since I teach sex ed I know this. I'm the guy who notifies parents about sexuality lessons now. I'm the guy who gets permission slips now. I share lessons with parents. I put my lesson plans on a blog for parents. So I know how these activities add to a teacher's workload. This bill will further discourage teachers from teaching sex ed. They simply won't do it. Teachers have enough hurdles in the job as it is. For the most part it is already like this, and not much sex ed is taught in our high schools. SB 89 will make it even more difficult to teach sex education.

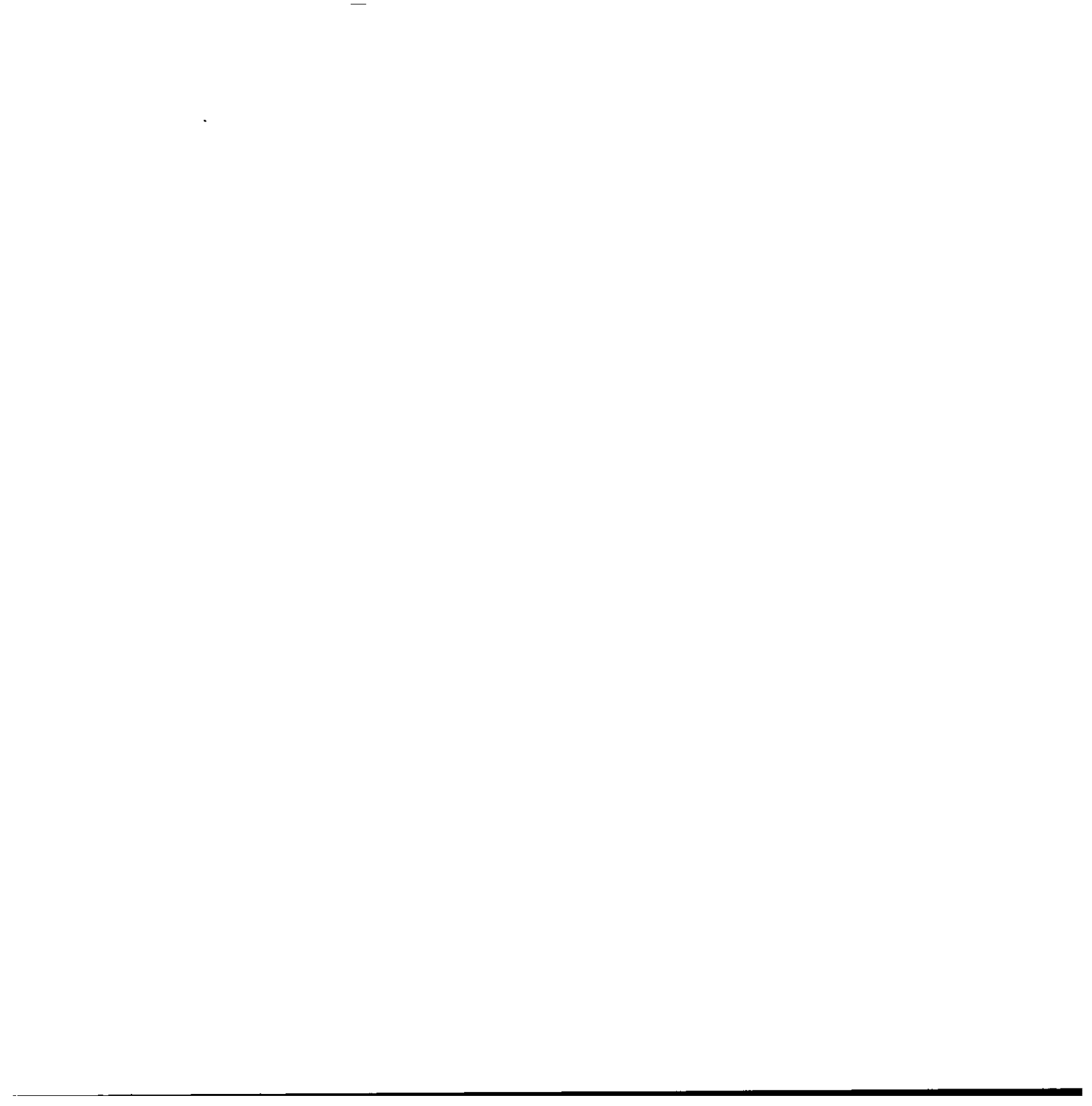
I am not sure about the sponsors of SB89 but on my job I actually talk to hundreds of students about sex. The fact is most of them get very little sex education and they want it. Every year I ask students how many of their parents have "the talk" with them about sex. Consistently it is about 20%. So 80% of my students have parents who don't talk to them about sex. This is reality. Where do these other 80% learn about sex, if not from there parents or school?

Well, we know the average age that an American male types "pom" into the internet is age 11. We know the average age of first intercourse in the United States is between 16-17. Whether we like it or not, or whether we approve of it or not, by age 18 60% of our students have been sexually active. SB89 won't fix that, but some of



teaching them about these things. 80% of parents are not teaching about these things. Please do more to encourage more sex education in our schools. Do not put up more barriers. The language of SB89 will put up a huge barrier to sex education in our schools. As New York sex educator Al Vernacchio puts it, "Letting kids learn about sex through porn is like teaching them to drive by watching Fast and Furious." We can do better than this.

Teachers like myself are trying to help students navigate a difficult, complicated world with real information about sex. Parents can already preview any curriculum and remove kids from any lessons. They already have those abilities. All SB89 does is puts up a huge barrier to sex education, make no mistake. This is not good for kids.





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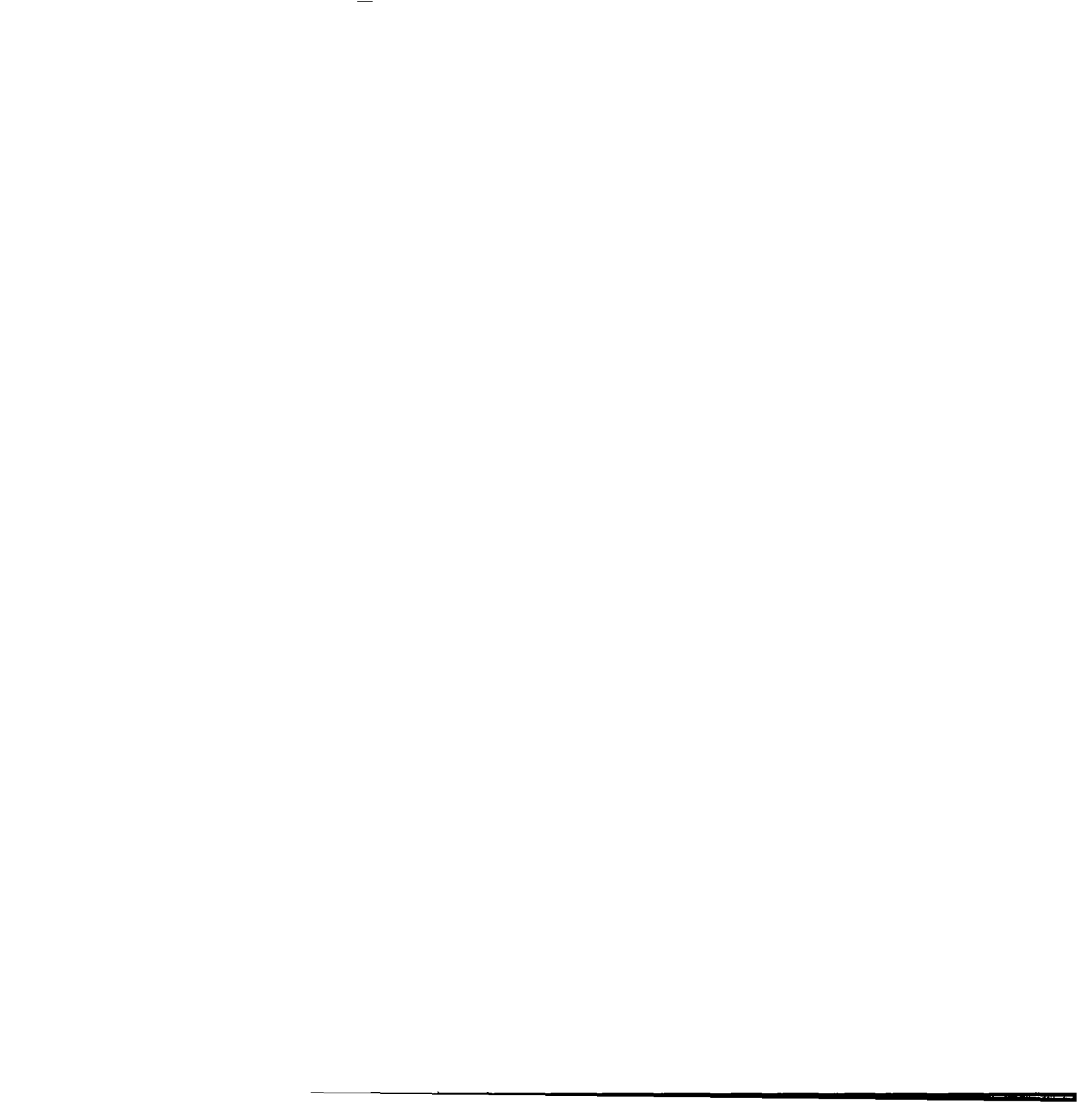
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March 14, 2016

House Education Committee

SB89: Parent Rights Public Testimony

I. Area concerned citizens, and a former advocate.

House practitioners in domestic health care agencies

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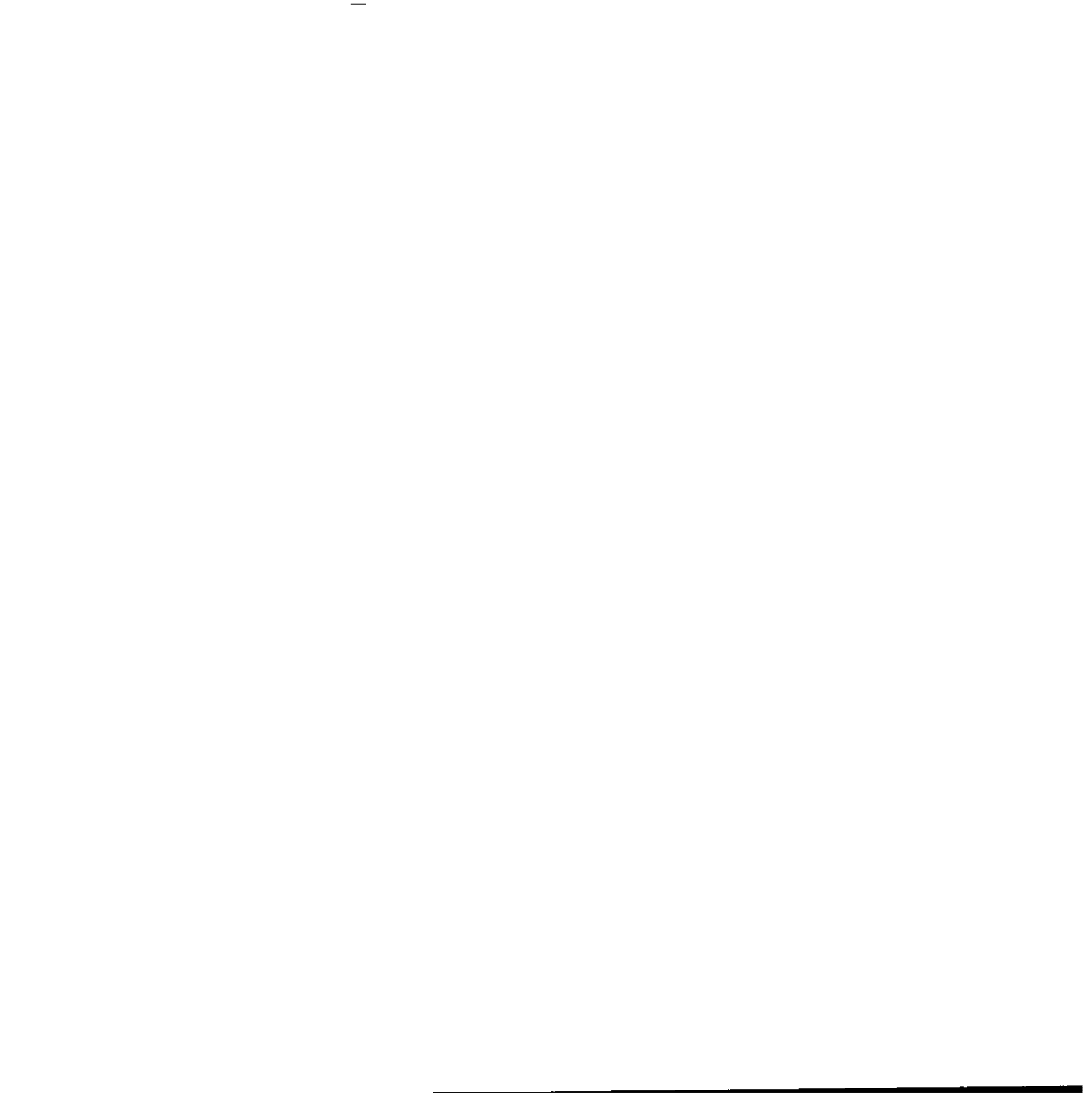
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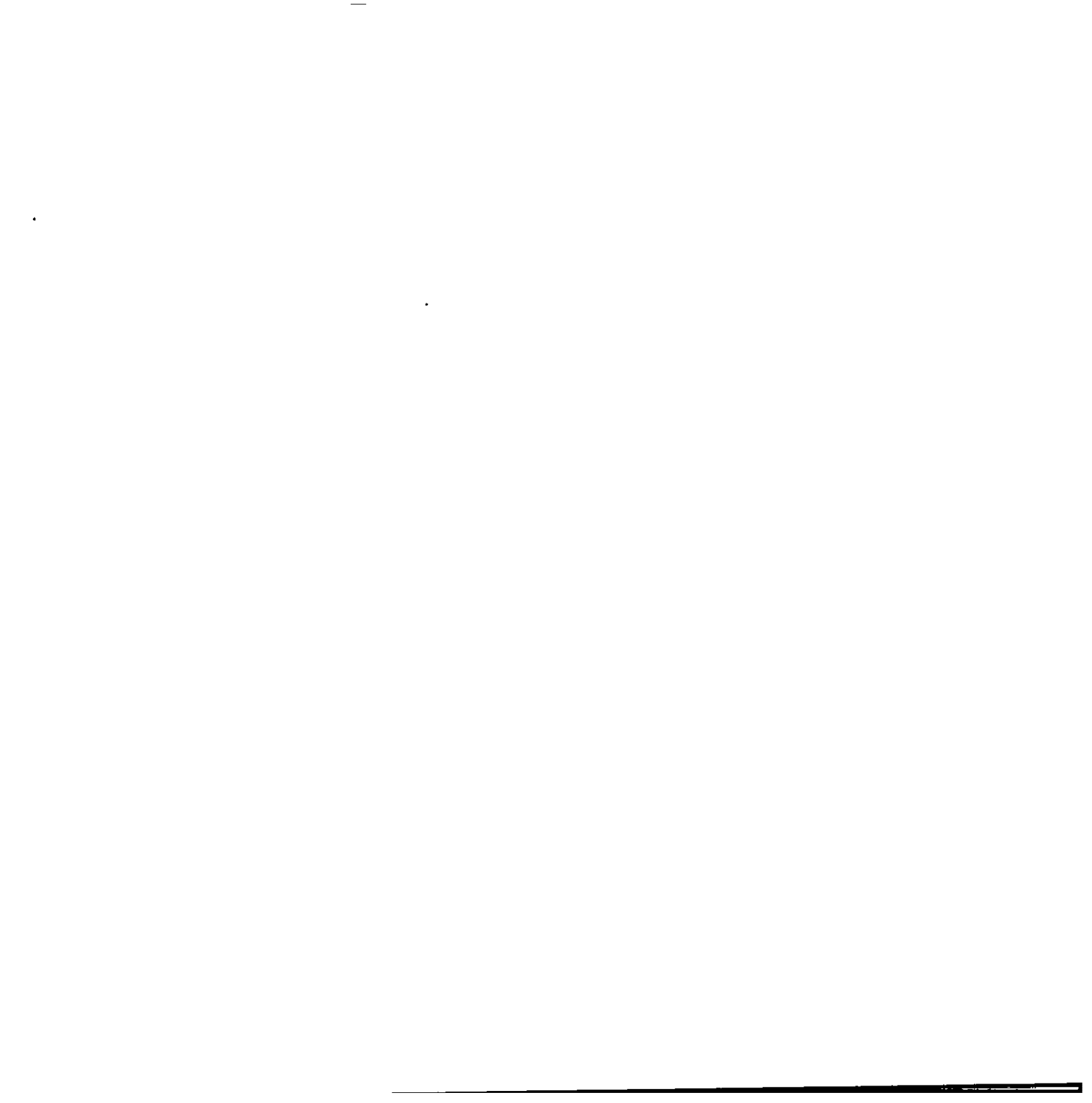
b) Unwanted pregnancies c) Disruption of education

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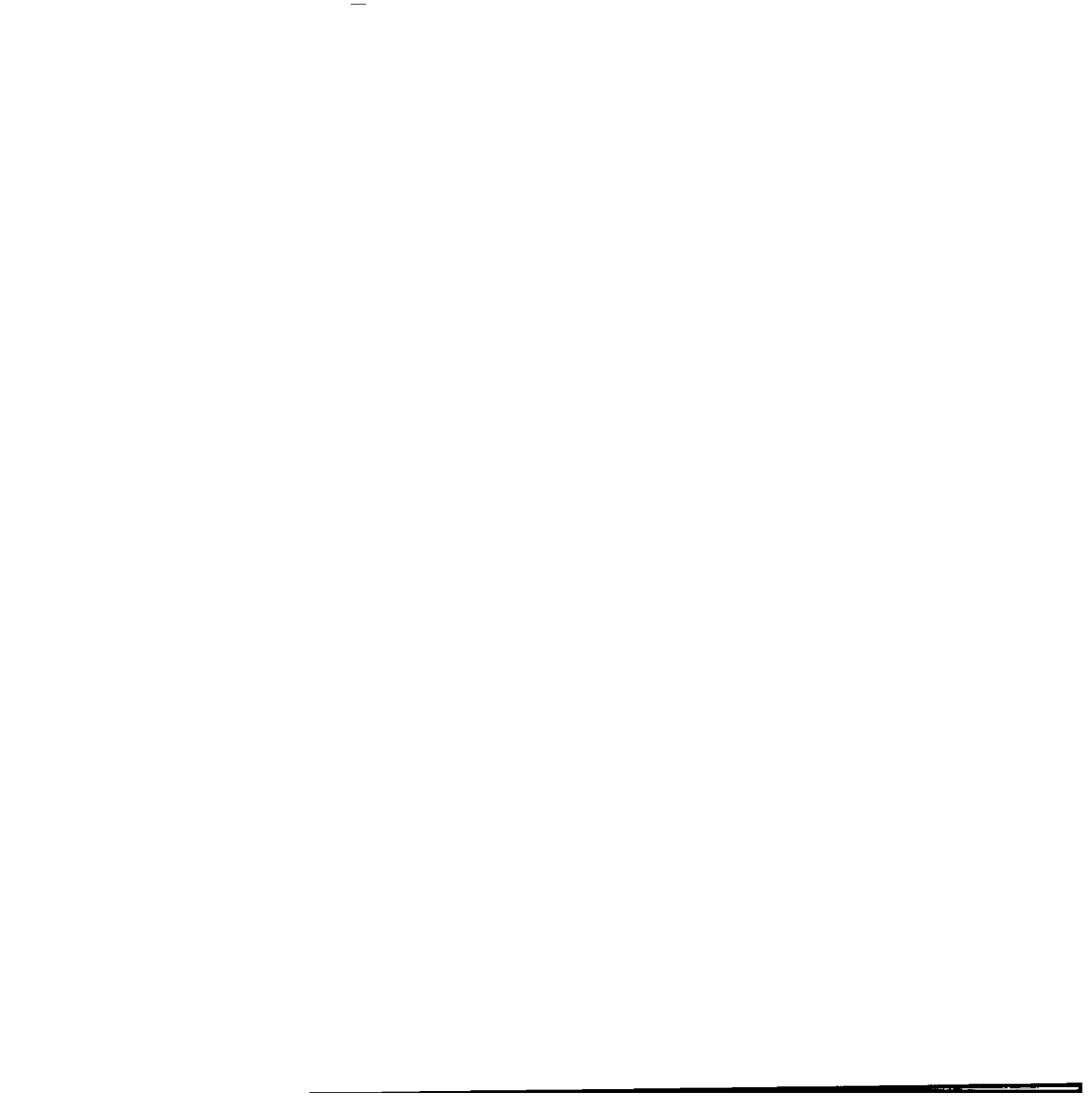
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Sincerely,

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Rep. Wes Keller
Testimony against SB89 in House Education

Parents find dealing with their teen's sexuality difficult. We don't want them hurt or find themselves in difficult situations having an unintended pregnancy. Girl or boy STIs including HIV can be life changing.

Many parents simply ignore it or barely touch the surface. That is why over the past 20 years, in survey after survey, local, state or national, 80 to 85 percent of parents indicate they want their children to receive comprehensive, medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education. Parents see such courses and content as supplementing, not supplanting, their discussions at home. They say that their children need both to be taught about delaying the onset of intimate sexual relationships until they are mature and responsible and also given the information and skills they need to use condoms and contraception when they do choose to become sexually active. It's not either/or, but both.

Studies consistently show that comprehensive sex education is highly effective at reducing STIs, delaying initiation of sexual activity, and lowering teen pregnancy rates. The state of Alaska has failed to do its job by not providing comprehensive, accurate evidenced based sex education. We have no state standard curriculum, no requirement for even providing it. And now--no money to offer it even if we wanted to.

Teens report that their main source of information about sex, dating and sexual health comes from what they see and hear in the media. That includes TV, movies music videos, reality shows, beer ads, on line porn, and video games.

Social media is another problem. Girls are pressured to send naked selfies to boys. We are appalled to hear that oral sex has become the new kissing. We pray that isn't true in Alaska. We simply want to lock our kids up until they're adults. But we can't and we mustn't be blind to what is actually happening.

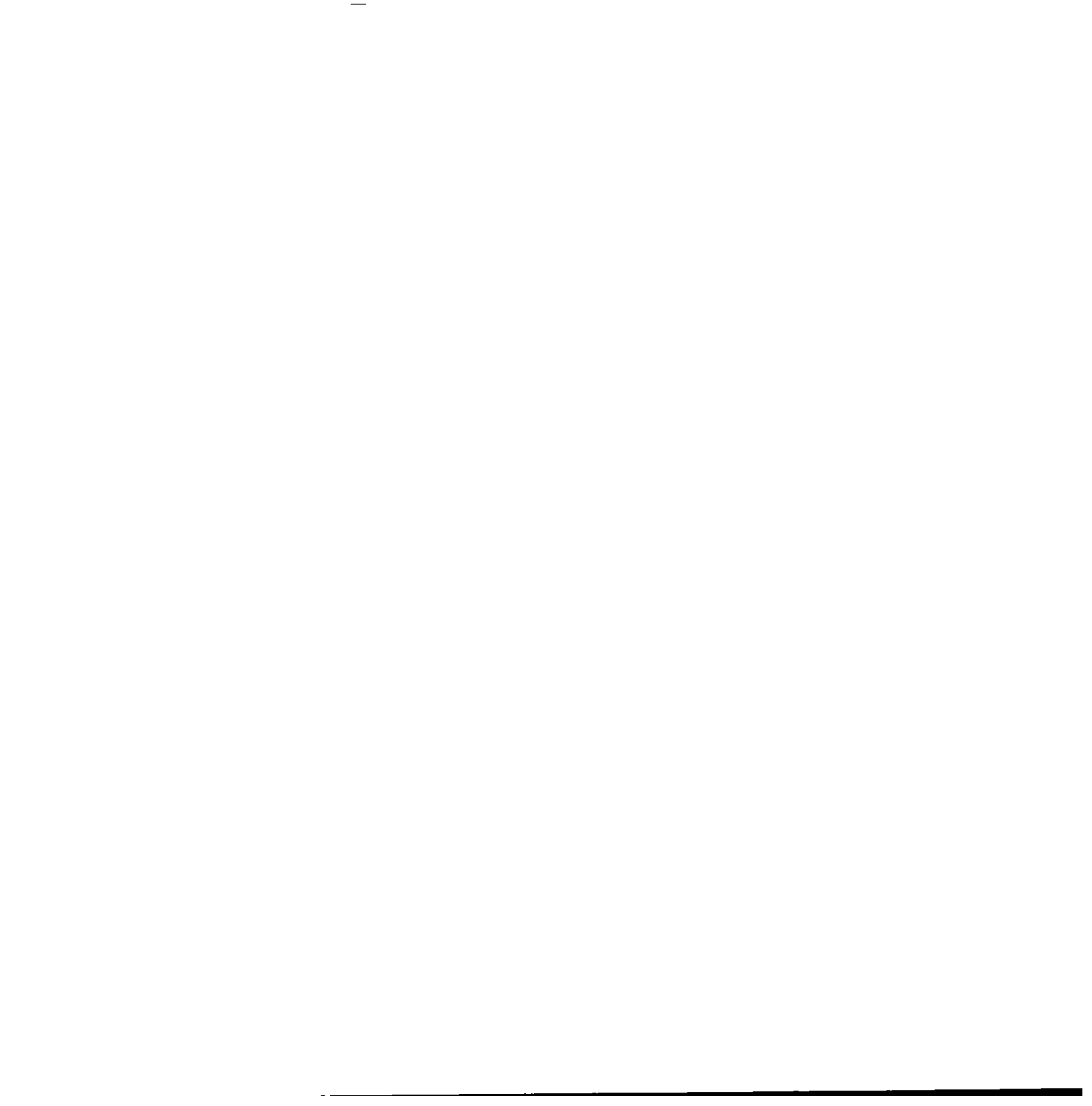
These are some of the national Facts from GreatSchools.org and CommonSenseMedia.org

72% of teens think watching TV with a lot of sexual content influences their peers' behavior somewhat or a lot.

Programs with sexual content average 4.4 scenes per hour.

On average, music videos contain 93 sexual situations per hour, including 11 hard-core scenes depicting behavior like intercourse and oral sex.

Between 1998 and 2005, the number of sexual scenes on TV nearly doubled.



60% of female video game characters are presented in a sexualized fashion.

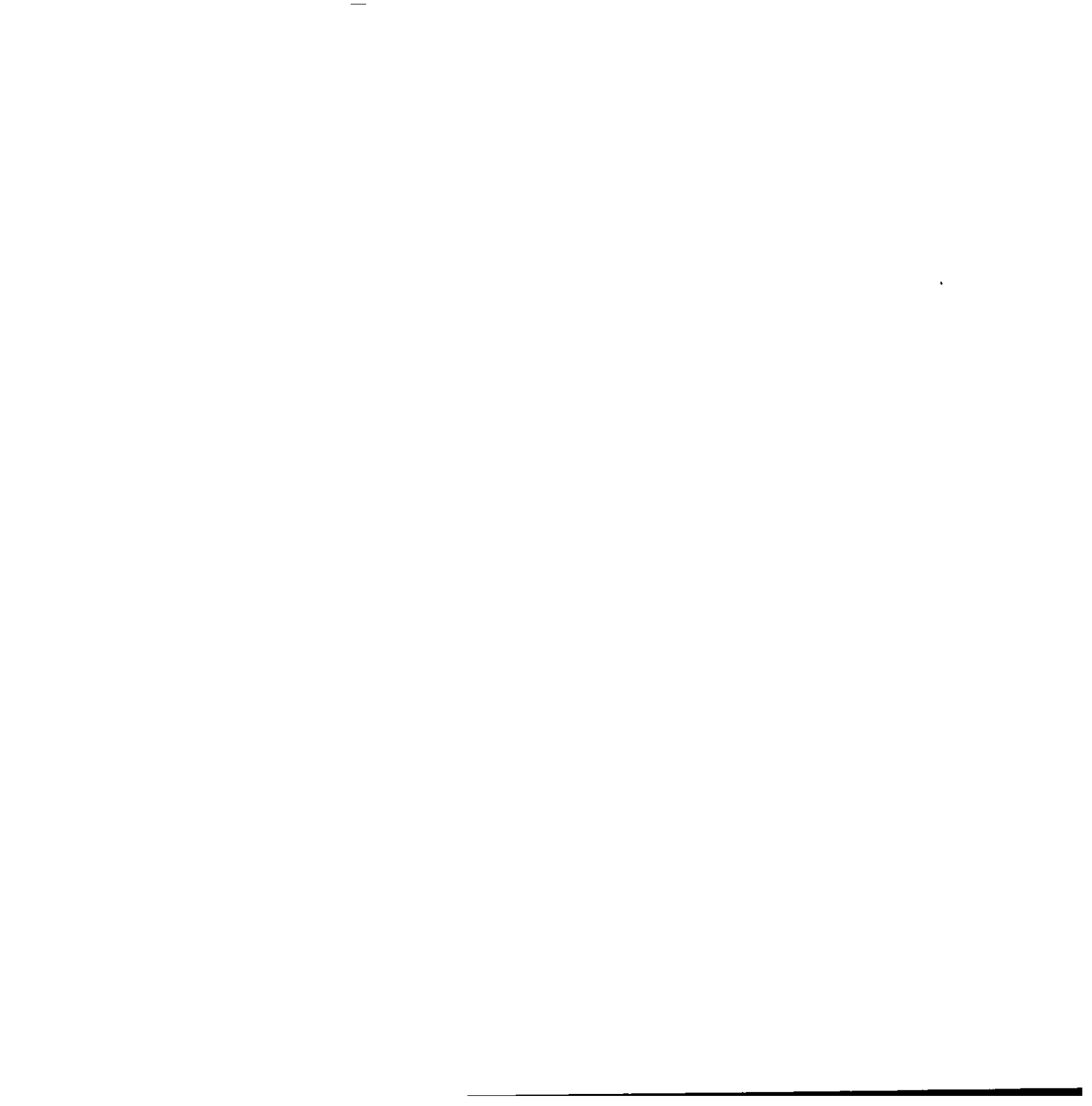
The biggest users of online pornography are 12-to 17-year-old boys.

Schools are already overwhelmed by state mandates. Now we have a PE teacher or biology teacher attempting to teach sex education. They can barely say the word vagina and breast, let alone answer question about how to set boundaries, whats normal and if they are going to have sex what are the contraceptive options. Its not simple.

Planned Parenthood has been a trusted provider of sexual health education in Alaska for more than 20 years and throughout the country for 100 years. Communities turn to us for nonjudgmental, unbiased, medically accurate curriculum on reproductive health and relationships.

We should not deny our teens important sexual education simply because some legislators do not approve of legal abortion or those who provide it.

Please oppose SB89.



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB 89 and SB 191

Dear Representatives,

I am writing in opposition of SB 89 and SB 191. I have 2 young daughters and can't believe that you would unfairly target one of the only health care providers and educators that actually provide fact based sexual education and safety.

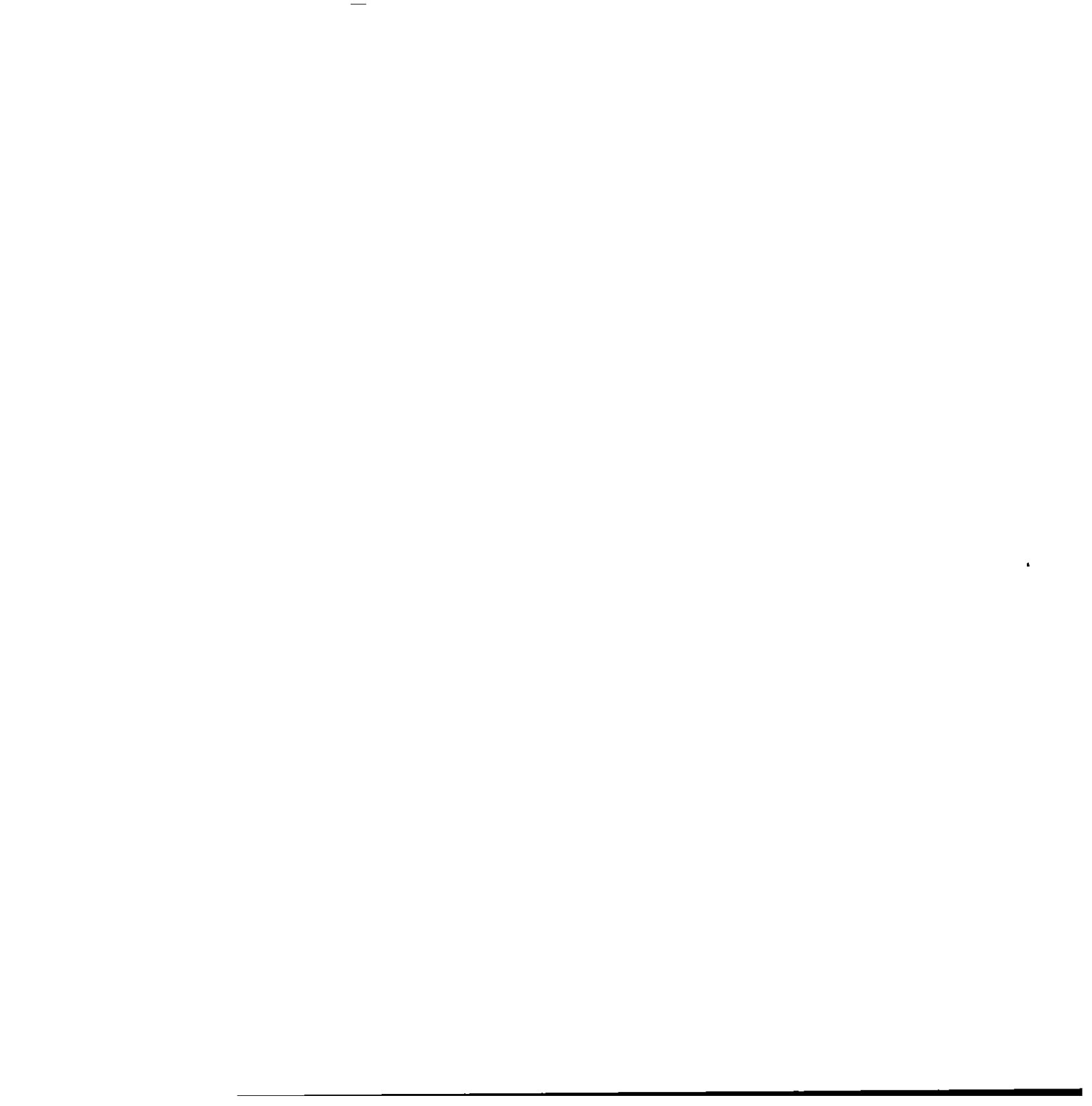
By passing these bills, you have only shown your ignorance in the exoneration of Pianned Parenthood in ali wrong doing during their recent false accusations. if you remember, Pianned Parenthood provides health care for all women and men, of all income levels and ages, providing safe and preventative health care and safe and emotional support to anyone who needs it.

Planned Parenthood is pro contraception which means pro family, pro child, pro responsibility. It is not the legisiatures job to limit only certain kinds of education providers in our schools. You are unfairly targeting one 'unnamed' place. Parents, including myself want fact based sex education that includes all the language, options, choices, and biology.

Please don't use ideology when you cast a vote that prevents protecting our children from the facts of sexual health and safety.

Thank you,
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My name is Nithya Thiru.

I am representing myself.

In high school, I was in a sexually abusive relationship. It was my first relationship, and I stayed in it for four years. My parents are from South Asia, and cultural barriers prevented me from being able to approach them for information about healthy relationships. They had no concept of what American dating might look like, having had an arranged marriage themselves.

I was provided very few resources at school.

It wasn't until graduating from high school that I became aware of the resources available, and was able to gain the knowledge and strength I needed to leave my abusive relationship.

Planned Parenthood, as well as schools can provide valuable support to those faced with abuse.

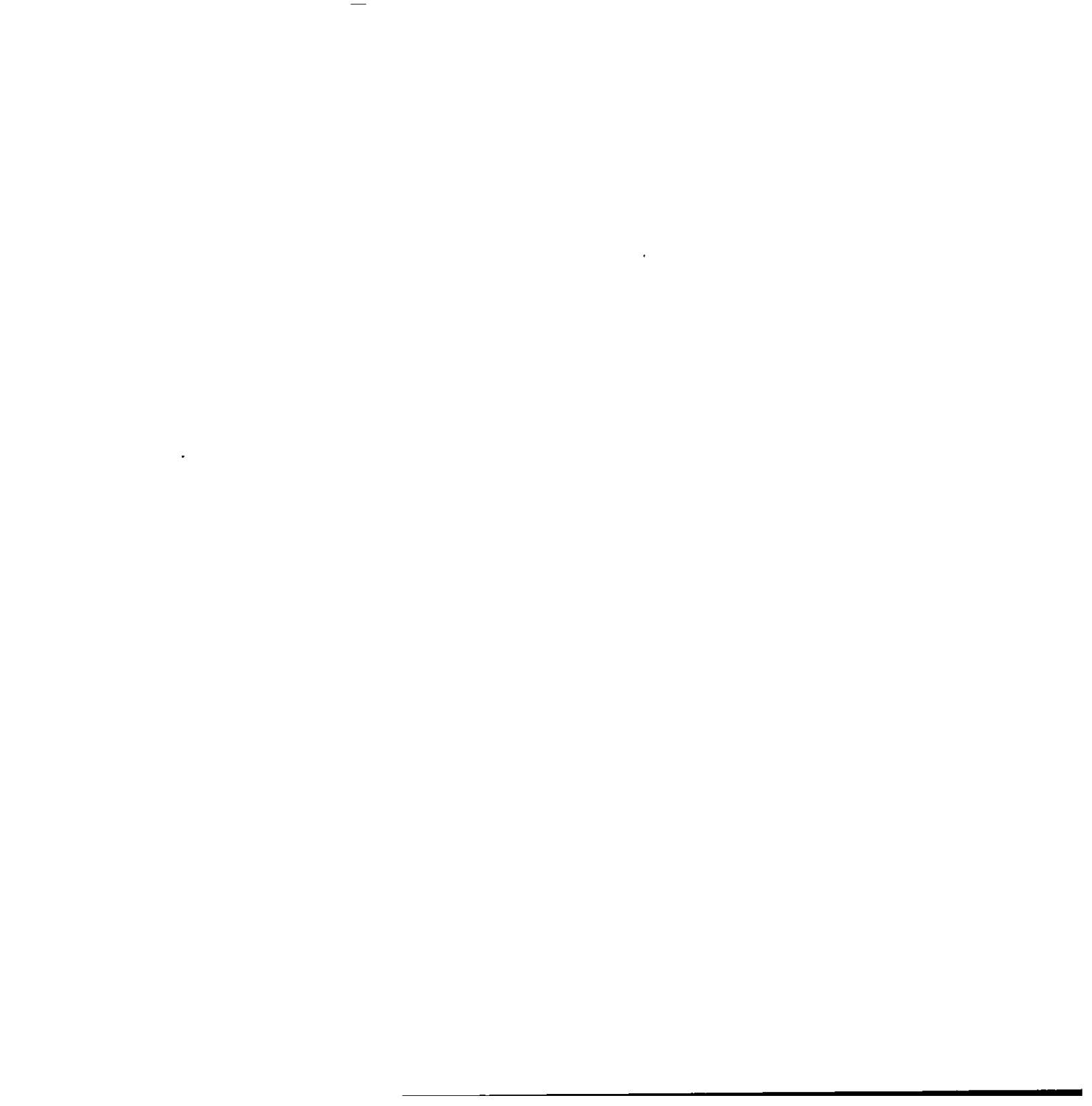
Especially in a place like Alaska where abuse is so prevalent, limiting access to such resources is a disgrace to our state, and is a grave disservice to young people who are currently suffering and need our help. Planned Parenthood offers professional counseling, support, and resources where families cannot. A parent's ability to help can often fall short due to a lack of objectivity.

The abuse I suffered stripped me of my sense of self. Had my school provided more resources regarding sexuality, and healthy relationships, I believe I would not have waited so long to leave the relationship that I was in.

We need to empower and inform our youth, and not strip them of their ability to make informed decisions about their personal health.

Please stand against SB89, and don't perpetuate the cycle of abuse.

Thank you for your time.



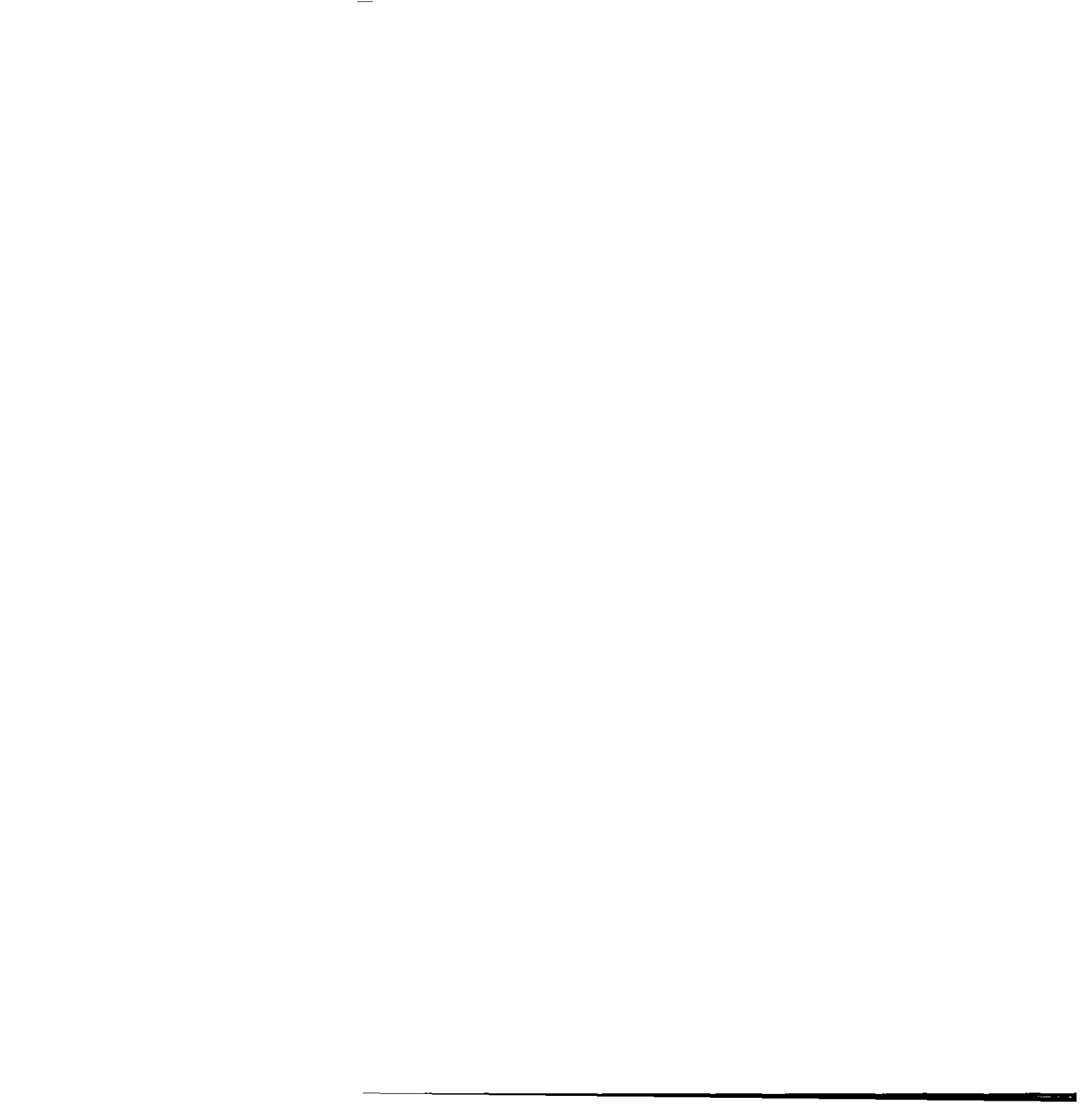
To: Rep. Wes Keller
Cc: Rep. David Guttenberg
Subject: SB89

Dear Representative Keller,

I am strongly opposed to SB89. In a state with a epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases, we should not be afraid of education, we should embrace it. But if you are opposed to sex education for your children, there is already an opt-out provision. I have three grandsons in the school system in Fairbanks and I hope that they receive all the information they will need to be responsible, educated citizens. Please do not add a layer of bureaucracy to the education of our children and grandchildren. This is a time for stream-lining and responsible decisions on revenue sources for our budget crisis, not adding to the bureaucracy and administration responsibilities in our schools.

Sincerely,

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To: Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; representative.ivy.sponholz@akleg.gov
Subject: Please SAY NO to SB89

Good Morning House Education Committee:

Please Say NO to SB89.

How many children in Alaska are being raised by a single parent?

How many children have parents that are divorced/separated?

I appreciate the education services of qualified adults to teach about a subject I don't have the expertise in.

I advocate for sex education, from qualified adults, In a public forum!

I don't want my children, grandchildren learning about STDs, abortions, kidnapping, sex rings from 'some alley' or unqualified racist, manipulative men.

Not every parent goes to Churches, listens to religious tirades that men rule over women, using the Bible as their weapon upon women. Alaska sex abuse by Priests is covered by court cases already.

That is not the "sort of" education I want to see in Alaska any longer.

SB 89 is an insult to equality, insult to girls/women, insult to rights to security for girls/ women!

I don't like seeing Legislators of Alaska 'being a partner' to crimes against women! This is a threat to our security, a threat to healthy futures! Please say NO to SB 89! I reserve all my rights!

I've been looking for reports on/statistical data on single parents in Alaska School Districts.

Could only locate one on American Indians and Alaska Natives.... hmmm...

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pages: https://www.ets.org/s/sponsored_events/achievement_gap/pdf/american_indians_and_alaska_native_families.pdf

I appreciate Special Education Teachers and Planned Parenthood teaching our children and grandchildren in a public forum. I want them to learn from them, not from being kidnapped for sex purposes, removed to other states and countries! I want to see healthy, safe families ... free from prosecution, free from whacky narcissistic aggressive wierdo 'LORDING' attitudes about/over women and our rights!

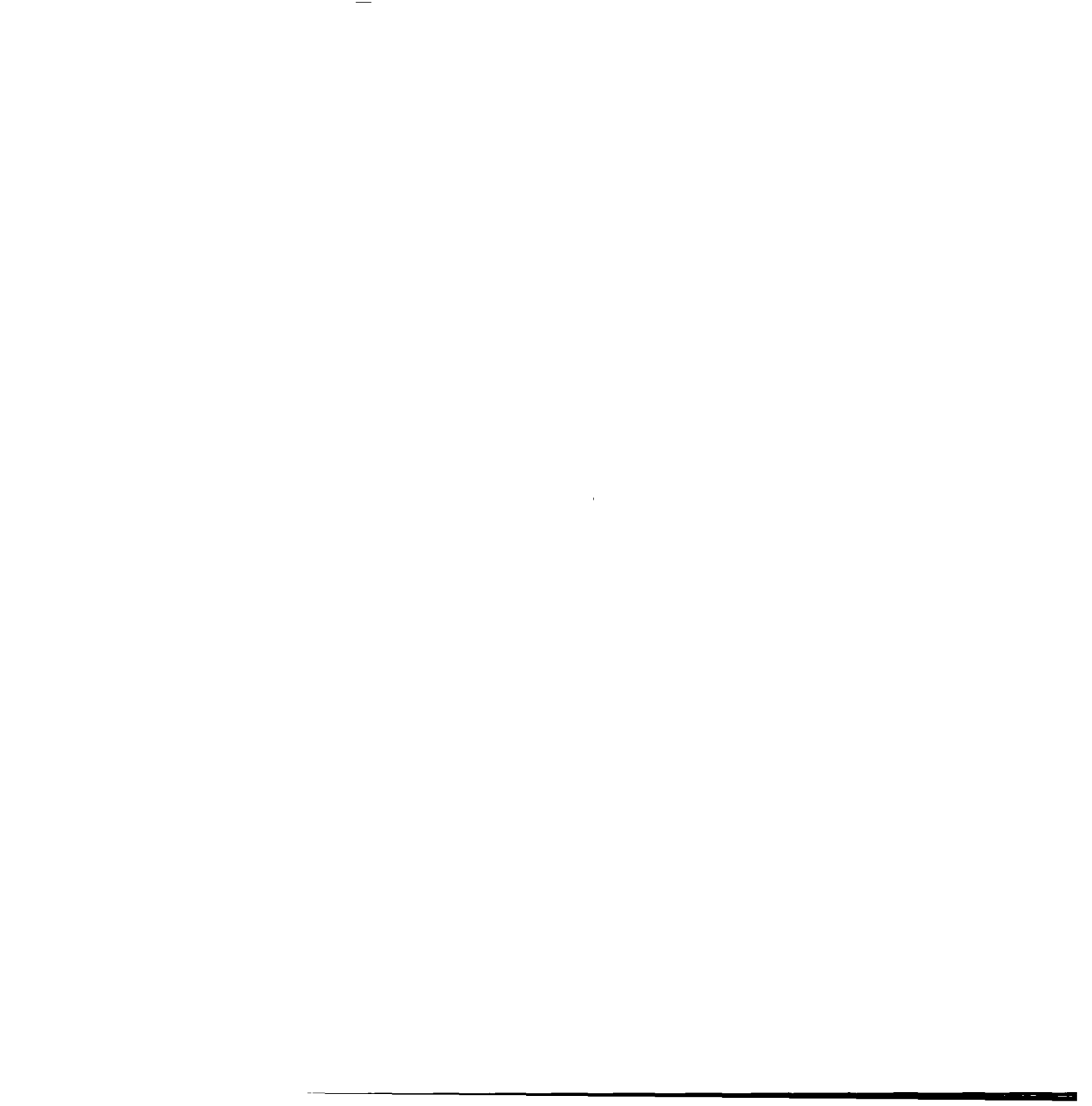
I was raised on Kodiak Island. My folks sent me to Catholic School. That School is closed now. I wish this would have been a part of our curriculum. End of story.

Please say NO to SB 89.

Delice Calcote

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My name is Cathy Girard, I live in Anchorage, I represent myself, and I am here today to ask you to cast your vote against SB 89, "Parental Rights in Education."

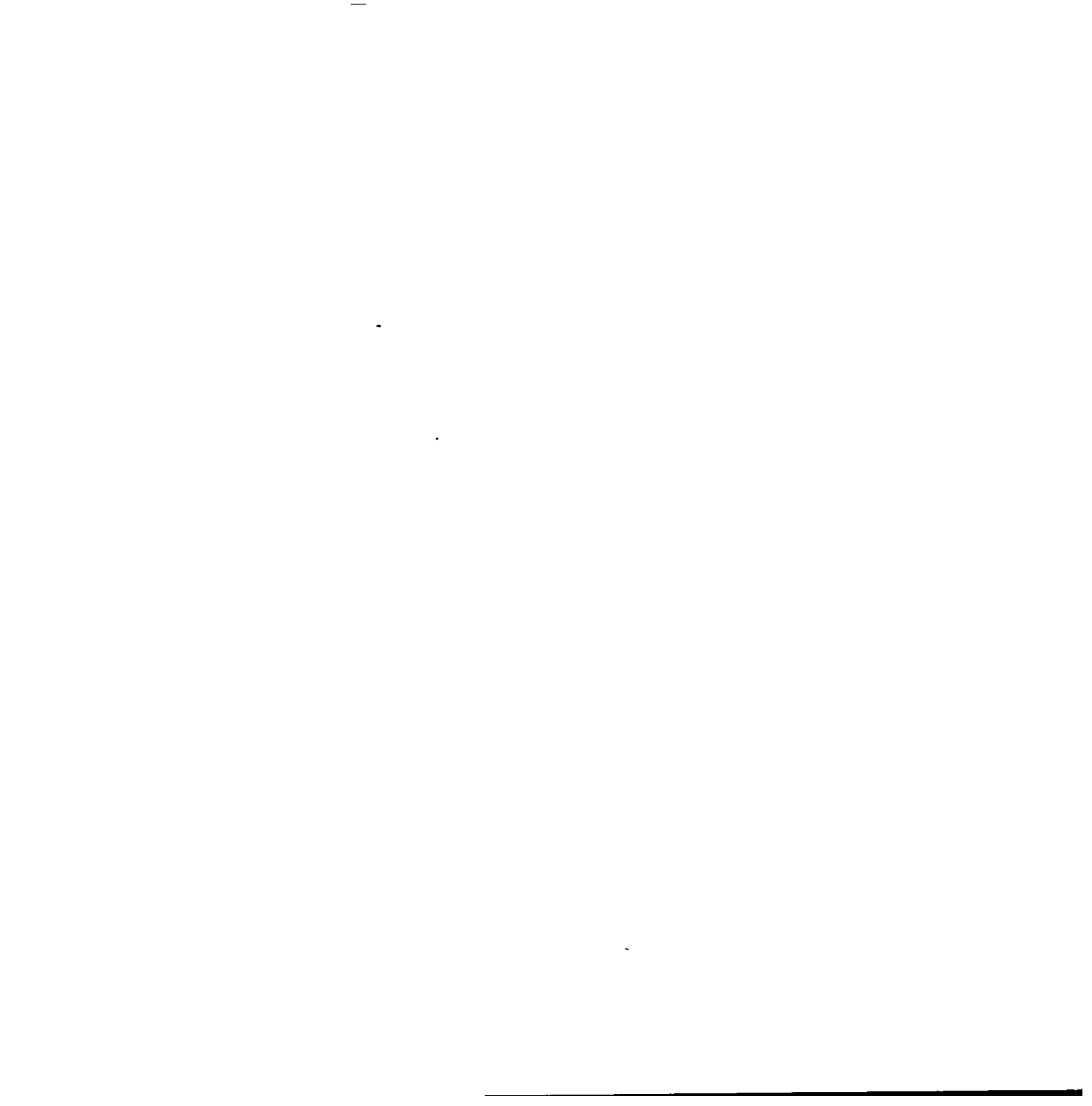
In the 1970s and in another state, I received some form of health or sex education in public elementary school, public middle school and in a private Catholic high school. Ironically, it wasn't until I was 12 years old (that was the 7th grade for me) that I realized how babies were made...and I didn't find out in sex ed class. As a now 50 year-old woman, I wonder what I was actually taught in sex ed, and did my parents know what critical details were being left out? Most of my education came from friends and my father's Playboy magazines. However, I credit the little sexual education that I received in school as the reasons that I waited to have my first sexual intercourse until I was 19 years old, consistently use birth control (which I received from Planned Parenthood), get a college education, and contribute financially to many social service agencies within this state because I have a very good-paying job. All of these benefits came from understanding the seriousness and the consequences of unintended pregnancy.

If Crisis Pregnancy Centers or Alaska Right-to-Life were the organizations teaching sexual education in Alaska's public schools, SB 89 wouldn't be in front of you today. As a grandparent, I want my granddaughters to have educational alternatives to their parents and grandparents because any child may not always feel comfortable talking with trusted elders who are rightfully but emotionally involved. I want unbiased, educated professionals to give my granddaughters and all Alaskan children a consistent message throughout all of the stages of their sexually maturing lives. To me, this kind of legislation is embarrassing and a complete waste of our state's precious financial resources. Also, this alleged no-cost bill just redirects the cost of limited or no sexual education towards all of the social service agencies that already strain the state's budget.

An opt-in requirement does not serve parents or students, especially those students who have disengaged parents, and/or are already vulnerable to abuse in any form within their own families. A parent or guardian who is already abusing their child or ward is the very parent who won't opt in for sex ed. Parents already have an opt-out option; why complicate things for parents, teachers and students? This bill is not about giving parents their rights because they already have full rights over the courses their children take and do not take; this is about making healthy sexual education more difficult to access and more difficult to administer.

I am extremely disheartened by the routine, biased, and low-value attacks on Planned Parenthood. Please kill this bill, as well as SB 191. Thank you for considering my thoughts today.

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To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; rep.Ivy.Sponholz@akleg.gov
Subject: Oppose Senate Bill 89!

Attn: Mr. Chair and members of education committee.

My name is Zhenia C. Peterson, I am writing to you today in opposition of Senate Bill 89.

I am currently in my last semester at the University of Alaska Anchorage where I am studying Social Work and Public Health. At UAA I am part of Generation Action – Students for Reproductive Justice, a club that focuses on sex education, promoting healthy lives and youth leadership.

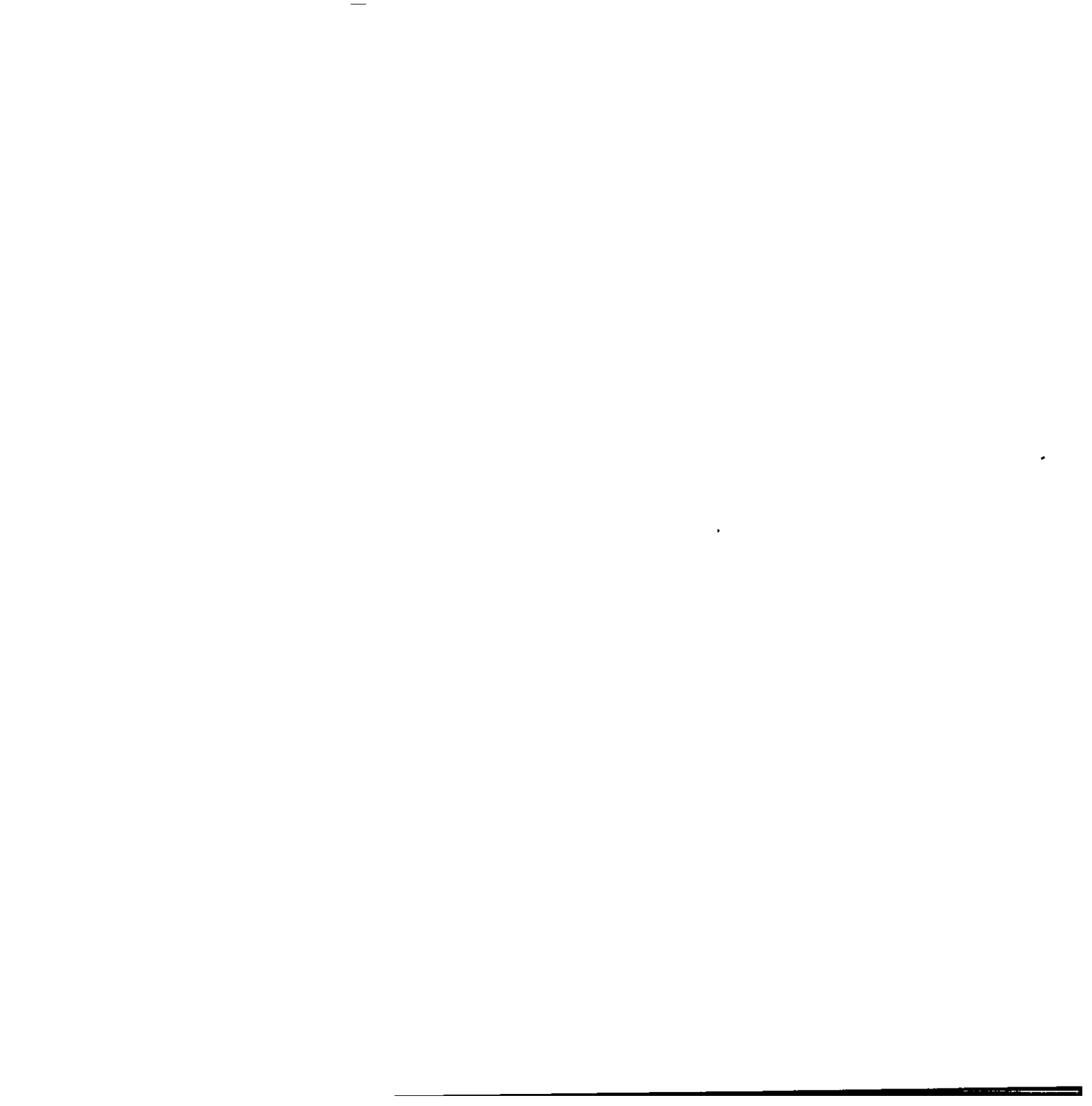
I strongly oppose Senate Bill 89. **All students should have access to education without barriers**, because sex education is important and it will prepare students for successful and informed adult lives. Even at a collegiate level, I often find my peers to be confused about informed consent, how to lead a healthy life, make healthy sexual decisions and know what STI's are and where to get treatment.

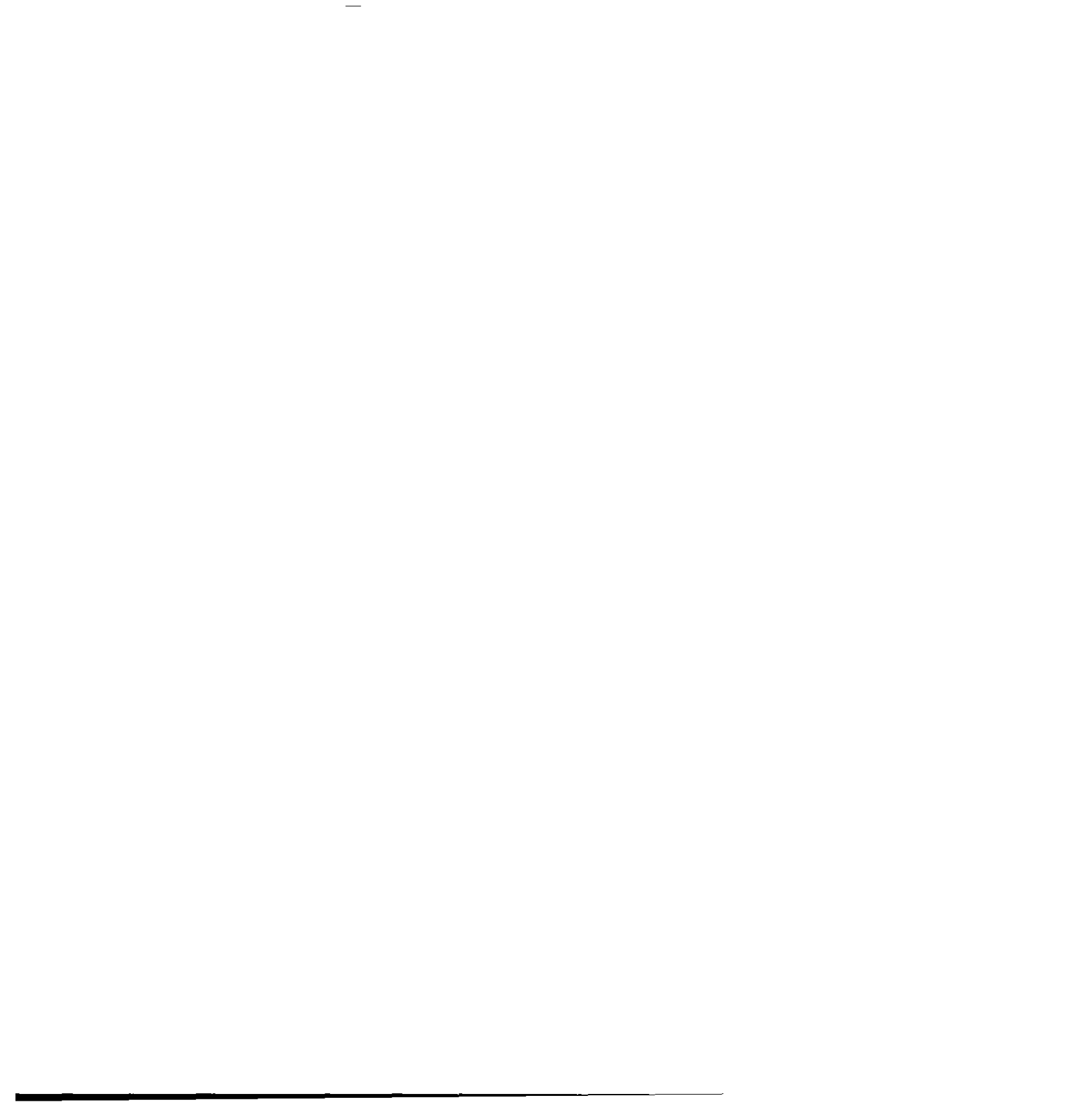
Access to sex education is both critical for students and vital for our state. We know Alaska has an epidemic with sexually transmitted diseases and problems with sexual abuse. By teaching students what it means to be healthy and where to get services for STI treatment and prevention, we can cut cost and return money to the state during its budget deficit.

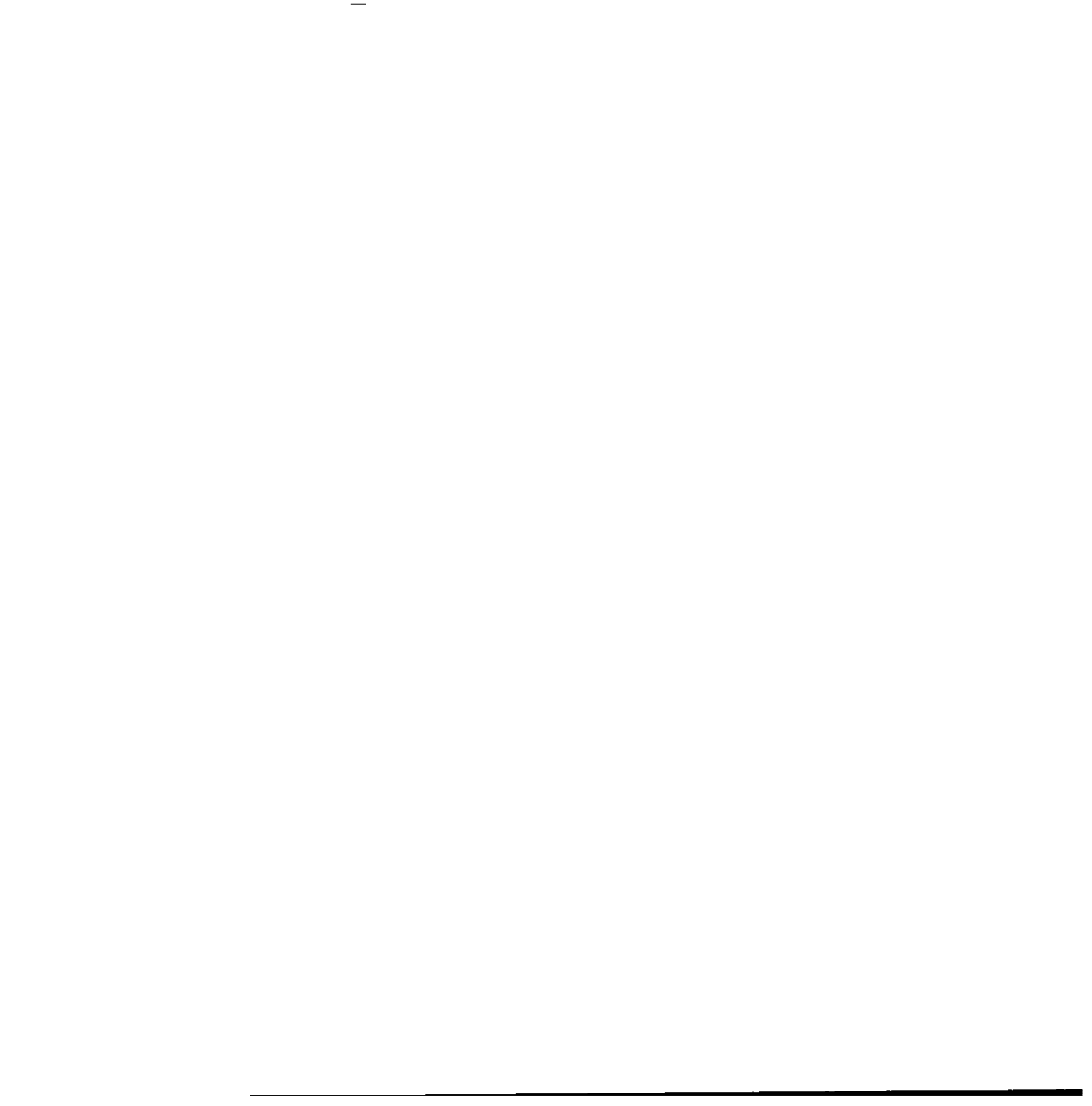
Planned Parenthood's role in Alaska is indispensable for student access to information and to learn how to have relationships with our peers and to make healthy sexual decisions.

I strongly urge you to support comprehensive sexual education in Alaska schools and to oppose SB 89 so we can decrease high rates of STIs and make sure our state is healthy, safe and educated.

Thank you

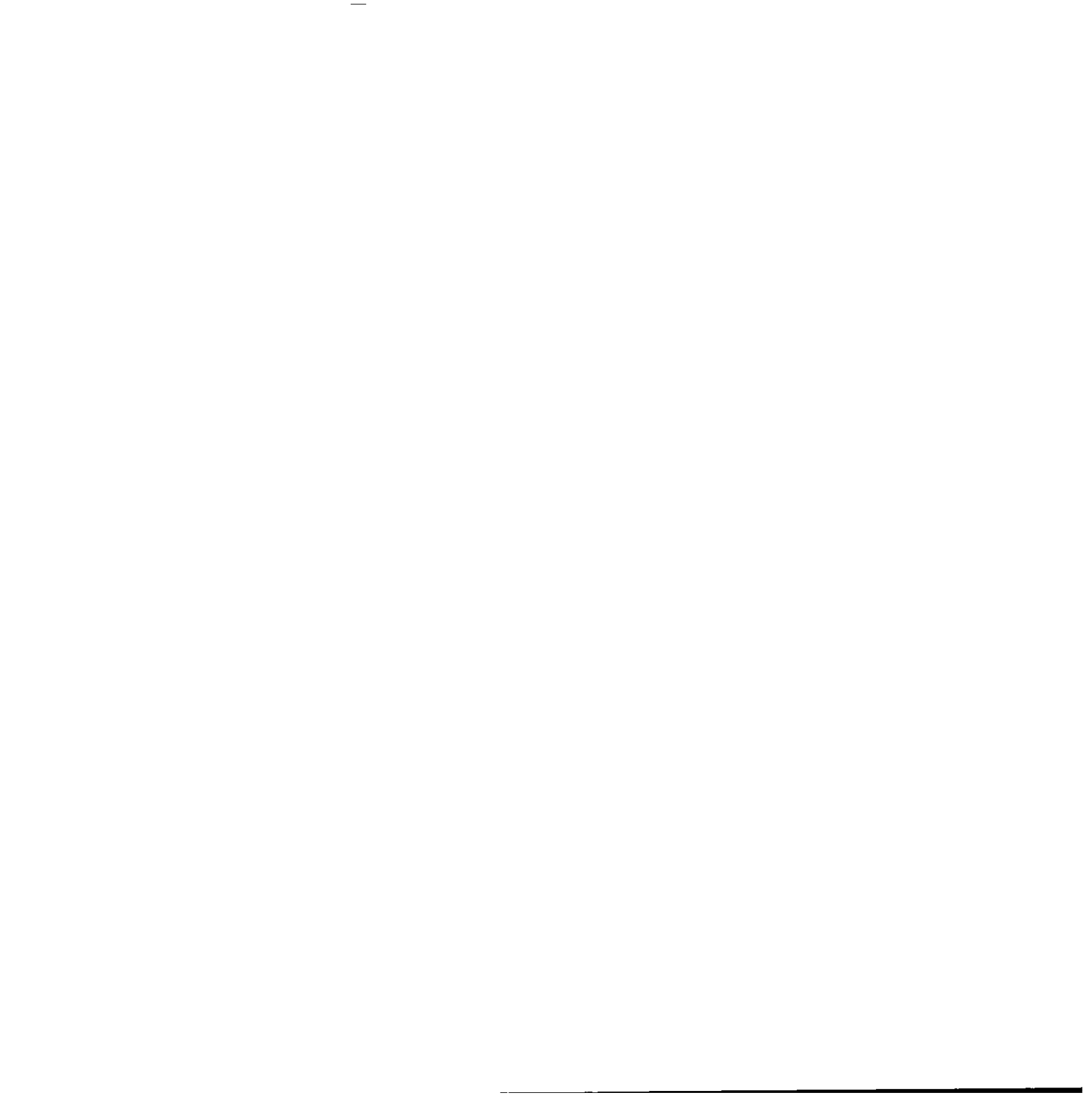






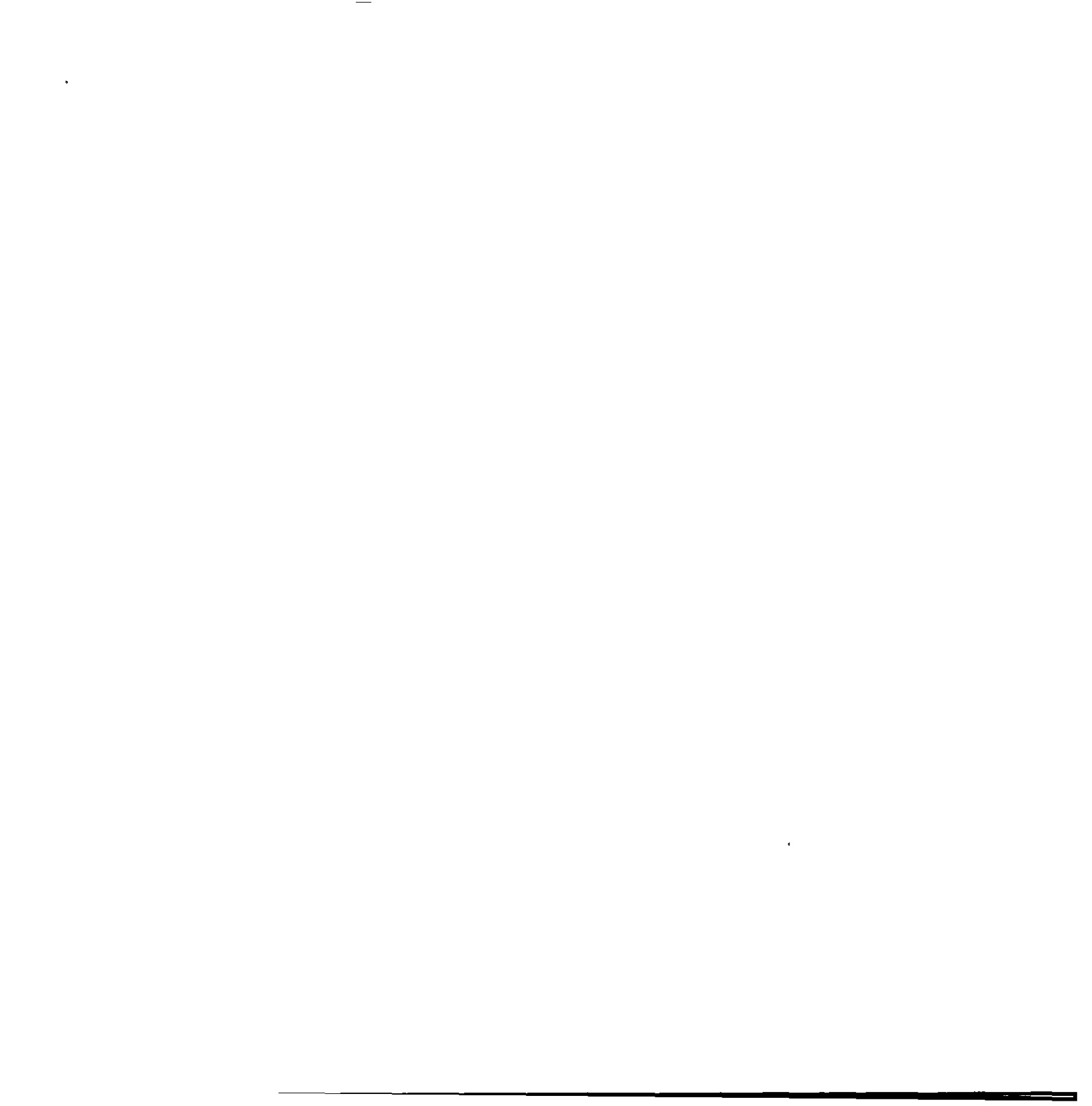
To: Janet Ogan
Subject: Oppose Sb 89 Rev Engel
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I apolgize for the spelling errors! I typed ot quickly.



Thank you chairman and members of this committee. I am a resident of Douglas. I am... and I am testifying against sb 89. I find this bill to be dangerous for 2 big reasons. As I said I am a pastor and I contract with who this bill is calling an abortion provider, the healthcare provider for so many men, women and children: Planned Parenthood. I view sb 89 as an attack on Planned Parenthood, one of my partners in ministry. I had teens from Planned Parenthood's teen council come in and talk with their peers in the cooperative youth ministry here about healthy relationships and they had conversations that wouldn't have happened with me.

I wish I had the education and opportunities teens have through the puberty workshops and comprehensive medically accurate sex education that



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Cc: Rep. Matt Claman
Subject: oppose SB89

Dear members of the House Education Committee;

I strongly encourage you to oppose Senate Bill 89, which is greatly flawed and will have many unanticipated negative consequences for schools and the health of Alaskan youth. It is veiled as a parent's rights bill, providing parents with the opportunity to remove their children from classes--such as sex education--which they do not agree with. Parents already have such a right.

The companion bill, SB191, was heard last week and there was STRONG opposition. Out of 50+ people who testified, about 90% opposed this bill. Please do the same for SB89.

Have teachers/schools even had an opportunity to comment on this bill? They will be outraged. What it's asking is completely unfair, particularly the excessive parent notification components which will put an incredibly burden on schools disseminating and tracking parent notification, within 2-6 weeks of whatever survey, class or other event is offered.

The prohibition of "abortion service providers" in schools is completely misguided and should be removed from this bill. Planned Parenthood has PREVENTED countless abortions due to its use of evidence-based, sexual health education and preventative services (such as free birth control). If schools do not want people teaching about abortion, then use that specific language, if need be. But it will be a huge mistake to prohibit the pregnancy and STI/HIV prevention education that Planned Parenthood--and similar organizations--provide. I understand that Sen. Dunleavy and others may think that sexual activity is always a choice (and a morally wrong choice at that for anyone who is unmarried), but the sad truth is, it often is not a choice. Especially in our state, with some of the highest rates of domestic violence and sexual assault in the country. Research has show that women--especially young women--who are in unhealthy relationships are up to 6 times more likely to have an unintended pregnancy due to forced sex and contraceptive coercion. Effective contraceptive options and age-appropriate education about those options, such as IUDs and implants (known as LARCs: long acting reversible contraceptives) play an important role in protecting our most vulnerable girls and women from unintended pregnancies. Reducing the amount of sexual health and healthy relationships education in schools that Planned Parenthood--and similar organizations--provide will likely increase the number of abortions in the state. The #1 way to prevent abortions is to prevent unintended pregnancies in the first place. Providing medically accurate, age-appropriate sexual health education in schools helps to prevent unintended pregnancies and abortions.

Please vote no on SB89 (or SB191), if given the opportunity.

Katie Reilly
(District 21 - 99517)

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To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez
Cc: Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: ACLU of Alaska's Testimony in Opposition to SB 89
Attachments: Keller & Vazquez. SB 89. ACLU Concems. 2016.03.14.pdf

Chair Keller and Vice Chair Vazquez—

We hope that you are well. Attached is the ACLU of Alaska's testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 89, which the House Education Committee will consider at 8 am.

Please let us know if you cannot open it or if you have any questions, and thank you for considering our views.

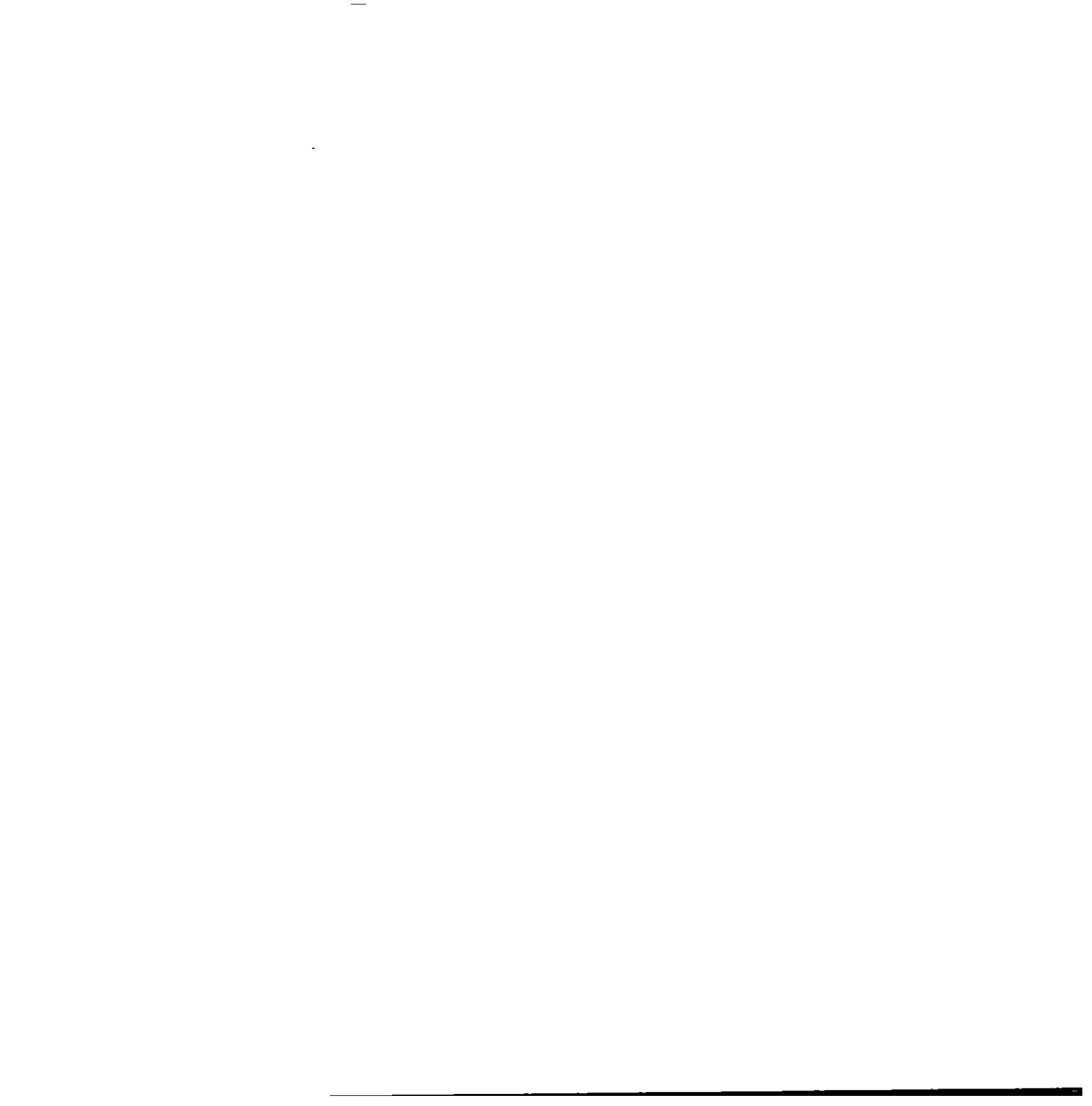
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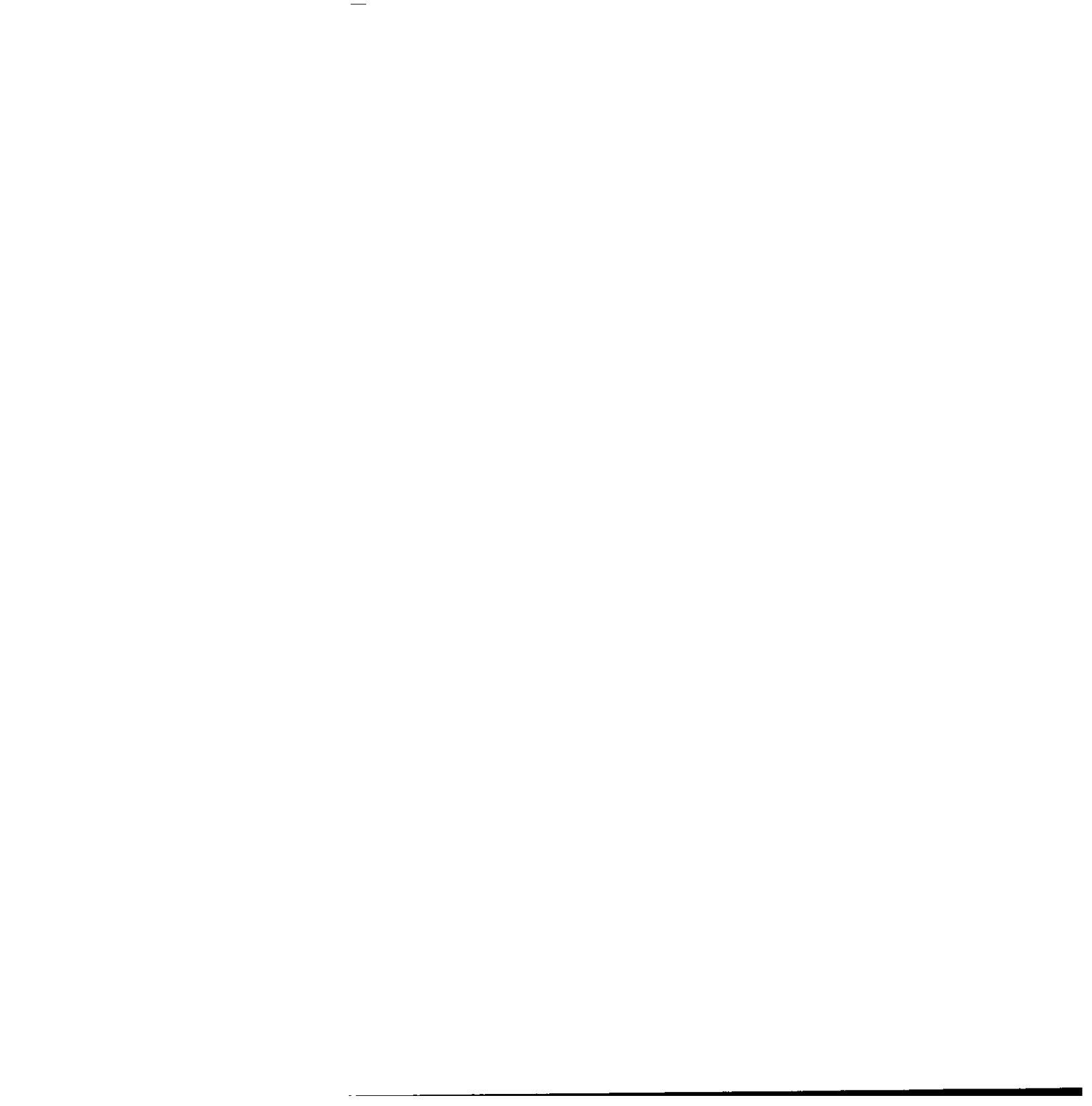
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Rep. Wes Keller
Sexual Education in Schools

Representative Keller,

I urge you to consider the importance of sexual education in our schools. Alaska is about individualism. The only way to practice individualism is to be informed. The best way to be informed is to be educated in all aspects of a particular subject. The youth of Alaska need us to provide them with as much information as possible concerning sexual education so they are able to make wise decisions regarding their own sexual activity. Without sex ed in schools, many youth are receiving little or no information about safe, healthy choices. I encourage you to stop the bill coming before the House to restrict sexual education in public schools. Our youth deserve better from us. They deserve the right to be informed.

Christine Schut



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
SB89 - Bah, humbug. Best regards, Theda Pittman, Anchorage



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Talerico;
Rep.Jim.Colvert@akleg.gov; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: SB 89 Planned Parenthood

I am writing to express my disapproval of SB 89, and SB 191. As a former educator in the field of physical education and health, I am dismayed that the legislature would vote to take away the tools that would give our young people valuable information concerning sexual health which includes information about HIV and other sexual disease. Having worked with teens and young people, I know that many of them are not willing to discuss these matters with their parents and that parents do not really know how to have such discussions with their children. You are so concerned about abortion, that your are willing to overlook the fact that this education might actually prevent pregnancies and abortion. They WILL get this information from someone, and probably a source that is not reliable. In todays society where many teens get pregnant because of alcohol and drugs, they need all the help they can get in recognizing dangers in these situations and how to learn to say no and be sensitive to feelings of others.

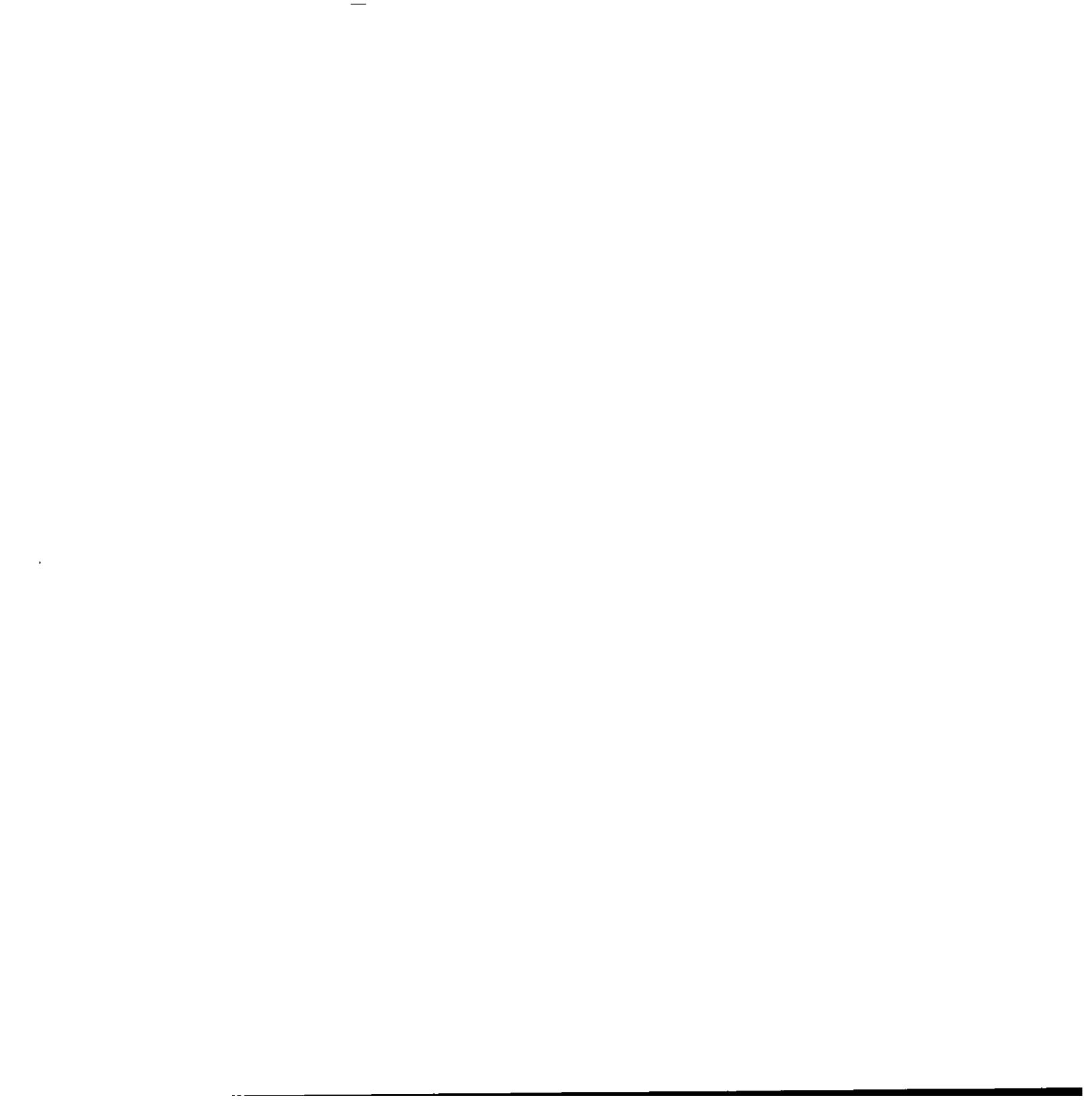
PARENTS ARE ALREADY ALLOWED TO HAVE THEIR CHILD REMOVED FROM SEX EDUCATION CLASSES. DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER YOUTH TO BECOME BETTER INFORMED.

TAKING AWAY LICENSES OF TEACHERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IS A GROSS OVER-REACH OF GOVERNMENT which many of you complain about all the time. But you think in this instance GOVERNMENT OVER-REACH IS OK.

For the future of our children and this state, please vote against these bills.

**Sincerely,
Janice Whitton**

Fairbanks Alaska



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Cc: Sen. Mia Costello
Subject: SB89

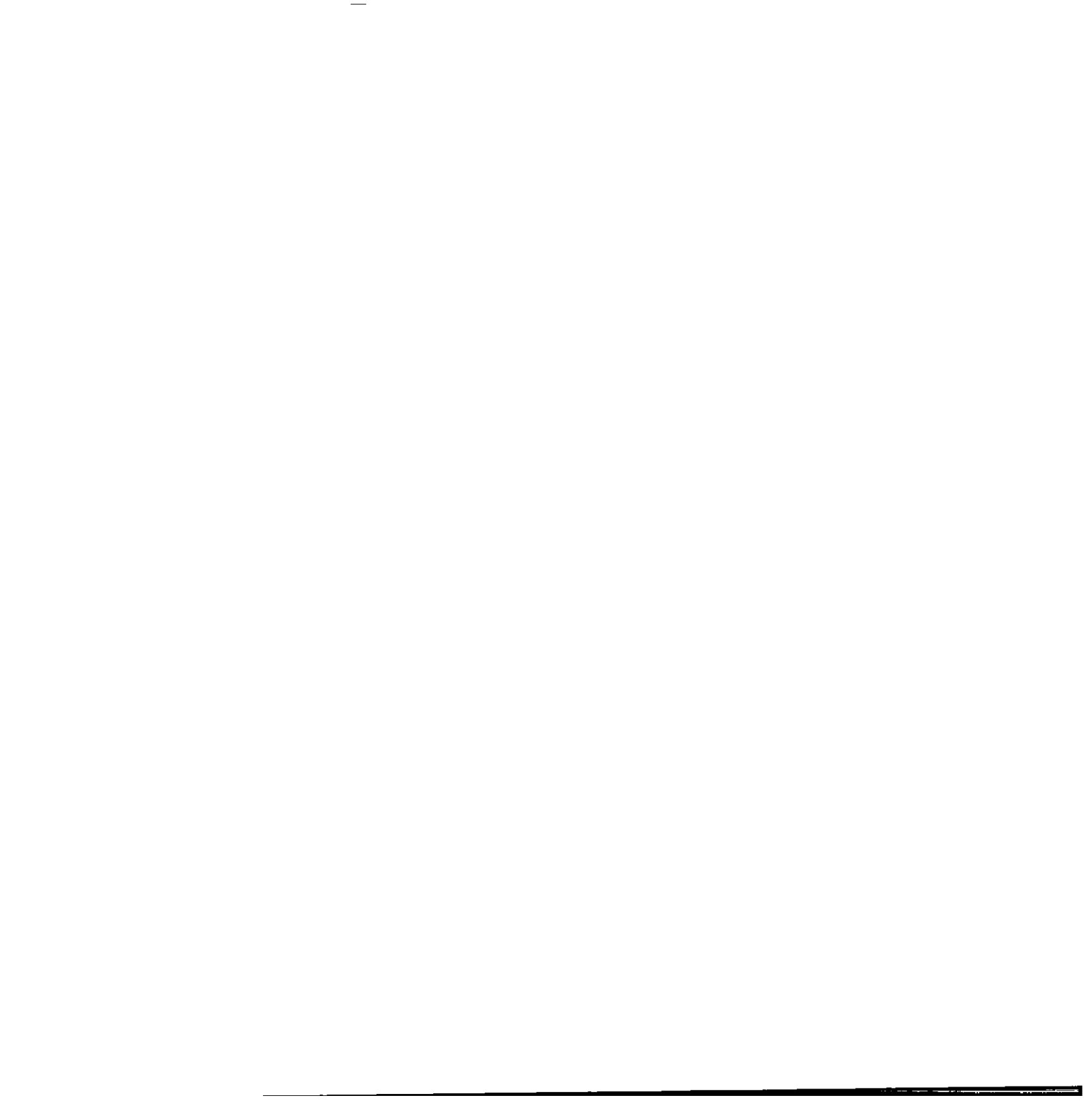
We have high rates of STDs, sexual abuse and unwanted pregnancies in our state. We need *more* science-based sex education in our schools, not *less*. And to write SB89 in such a way that it blocks Planned Parenthood from doing what it does best -- educating -- it makes no sense whatsoever.

I have 4 grandchildren still in the Anchorage school system and I want to see that they have every opportunity to learn from the most experienced educators, and in my book, that is Planned Parenthood. They are willing to partner with the school district, which is strapped for funds.

There are much more important issues to be dealt with in Juneau. The sex education system as it stands is not perfect, but SB89 will make good, reliable, science-based sex education even more rare than it already is. Please vote this down.

Thank you

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To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: Senate Bill 89

Dear House Representatives,

Hello, my name is Tasha Elizarde and I am a Junior at Juneau-Douglas High School, as well as a concerned member of the community. I am concerned about SB 89 and the various negative effects that will be inflicted upon Alaska's youth by the bill's passing.

As a teenager, I have noticed the lack of sexual health information that has been taught at home. Like many teens, I did not learn much information about my body until it was introduced through our public education system. For example, I was extremely confused and afraid the first time I experienced my menstruation cycle. My mother had never thought to teach me about it and I missed the one day during the 5th grade when our teachers taught us about puberty. Menstruation was never talked about amongst my peers, and because of all these factors I grew ashamed of my own body for doing something completely natural. It was not until after my mother discovered that I started my period did I finally learn more about its process, but even then, most of the information I learned came from pamphlets given out in my school.

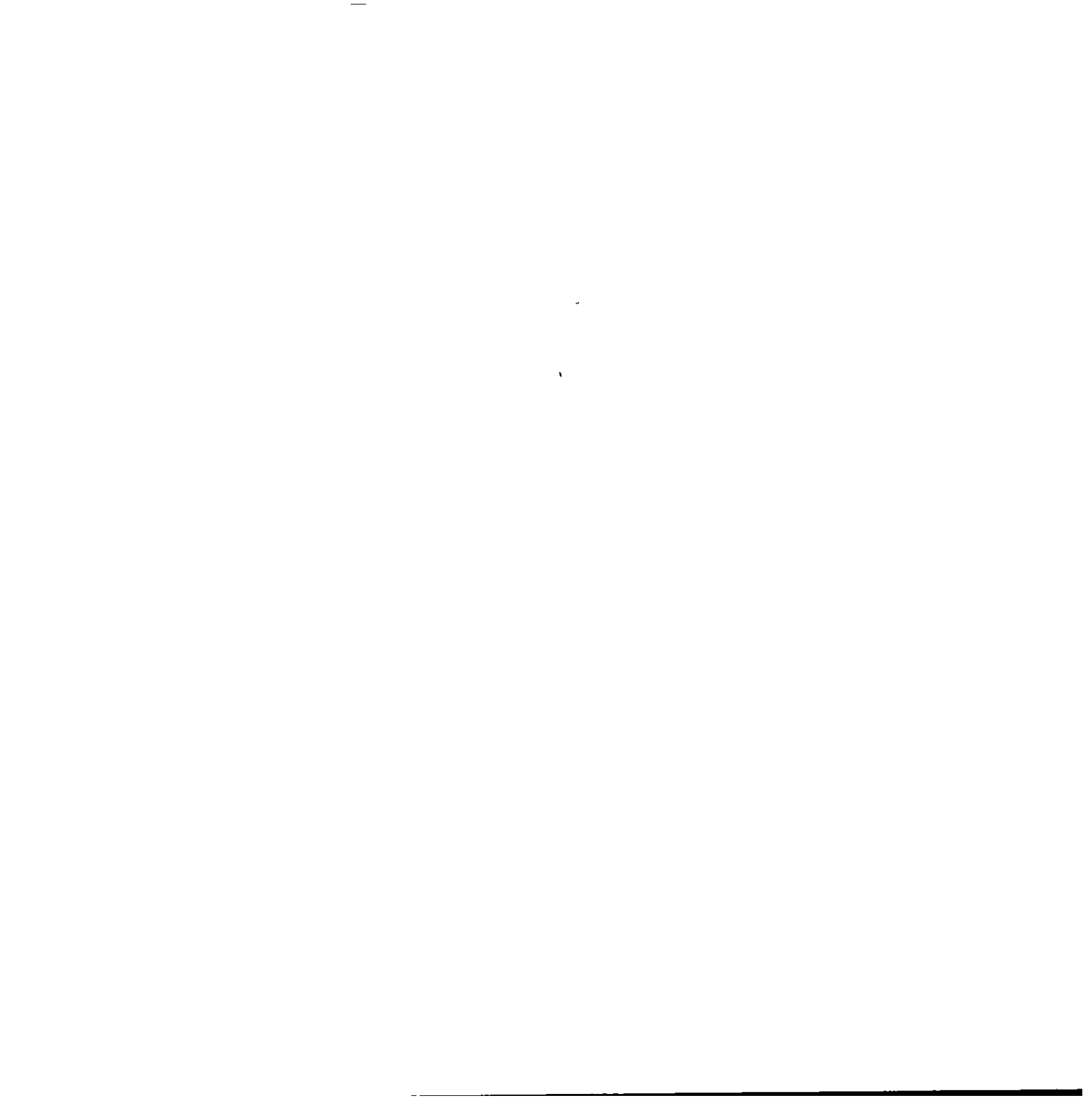
This is only one example regarding many aspects of sexual health, but most simply put, youth in our public schools need to have access to a comprehensive and accurate education to prevent this fear and shame from occurring. Unfortunately, with SB 89, the 'opt-in' policy creates a barrier for teens who need that education. Though it is ideal for parents to be more involved in their children's education, this 'opt-in' policy does not ensure this but instead takes away the student's right to much-needed information. If a form is not turned in on-time, or is forgotten by its deadline, then the student is automatically excluded from learning a lesson that may teach them about healthy relationships, their anatomy, STIs, or birth control.

Alaska has the highest chlamydia rate in the country. In order to lower that percentage, we, the Alaskan youth, need to have access to a comprehensive sexual health education. Furthermore, Alaska's child sexual abuse rates are 6 times higher than the national average, and the 'opt-in' policy will conflict greatly with the Alaska Safe Children's Act. If a child is being abused by their parent or guardian, it is very simple for the abuser to not to sign the form that would allow their child to get this lifesaving lesson. We do not want Alaska's conditions to become worse, but SB 89 will only move us backward in time.

Although SB 89 claims that it will promote the inclusion of our parents in our education, there is no evidence that it will. Instead, if passed, SB 89 will only take away Alaska youth rights to education that will help us be more informed and feel safer in our bodies.

Please do not allow this bill to pass and vote in opposition to SB 89. Thank you for reading my testimony, and I hope that you all have a great afternoon.

Tasha Elizarde



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond
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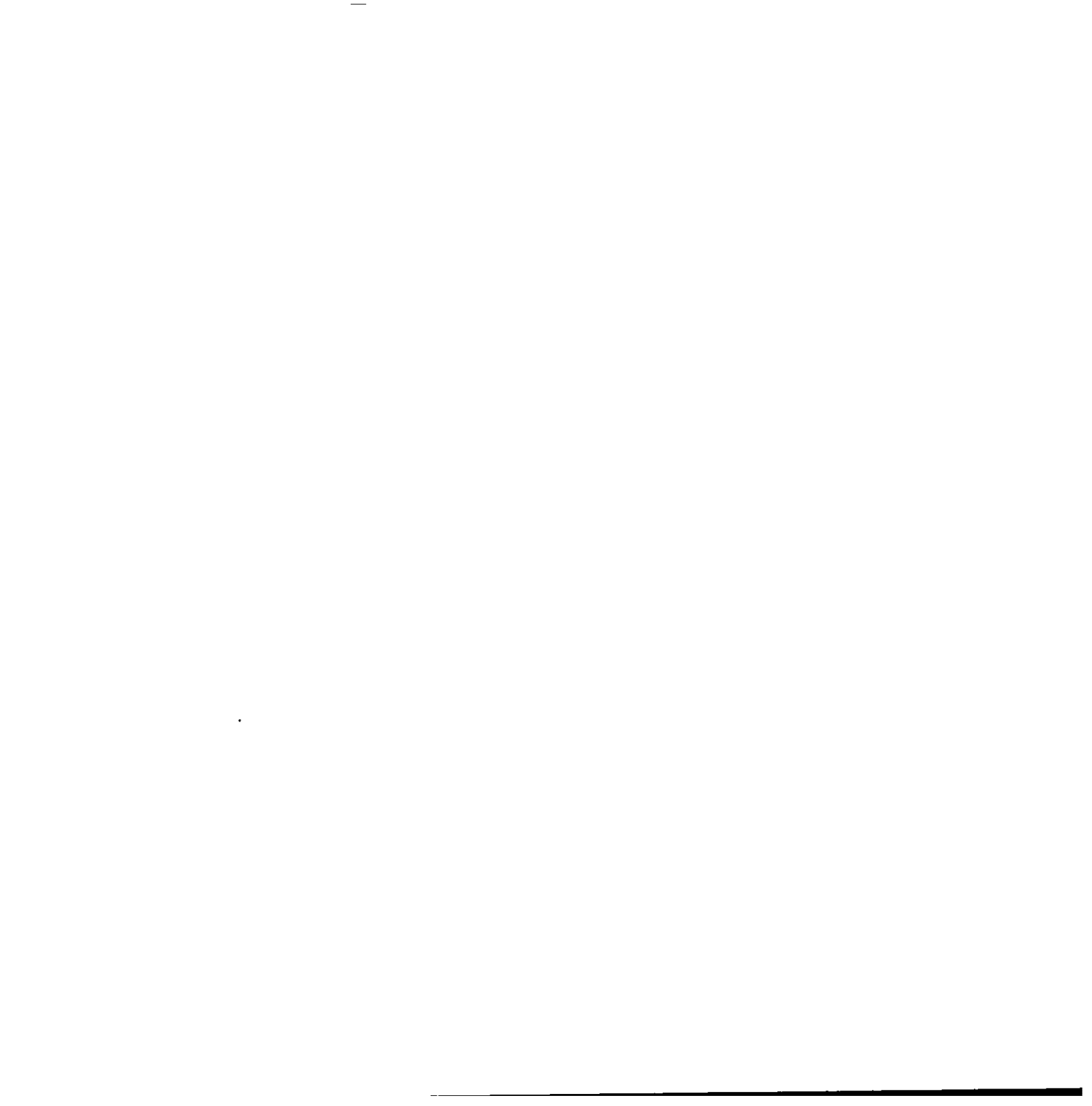
March 13, 2016

Re: SB 89

Dear House Education Committee Members:

Senate Bill 89, regardless of your personal opinions, is a lawsuit that this state cannot afford. SB 89 is a watered down version of SB 191 and it restricts educational materials as well as takes parental rights away from families, removing choices on materials they want for their children. It places an undue burden on school districts and a financial hardship on teachers applying for employment in an Alaskan school district.

Families have had the right for years to not allow their child attend a class on sex education. If a family doesn't want the materials present to be taught to their child, then that is their right to make that choice. In Sutton alone families have been notified repeatedly when a class on sex education will occur. Permission slips are mandatory for children to attend this class and parents are very much invited to review or be present during the class. Senator Dunleavy indicates in his sponsor statement that many parents remove their children because of sex education. I believe from firsthand experience that many parents are removing their children because of budget cuts to curriculum, the infestation of crime and drugs, and the increase in class sizes, just to name a few. The first section is most because it is already in practice.



materials for sex education and what the cost to school districts for different materials to teach these classes. School districts should be given the choice on which curriculum is cost effected and complies with the state standards. This, in my opinion, is making these rules and then forcing school district to comply. Passing the "buck" without consulting school districts and school boards opinions is inexcusable.

Section 4 places unreasonable financial burden on potential teachers by requiring them to pay for and submit to a medical examination to obtain employment. When considering this section, is the results of these medical examinations confidential and what is the purpose of this exam? If potential new employees have to pay for an exam, it can discourage teachers from apply due to finances. Section 5 puts another undue burden on school districts by forcing them to determine who is an employee or volunteer with medical facilities. How will the school districts plan to run around and check who volunteers for what, especially if it is not during their employment time? This, in my opinion, is an invasion of privacy. Let us face it this is a direct attack on Planned Parenthood, an organization that supplies information about how to protect against disease, unwanted pregnancy, and low-income health.

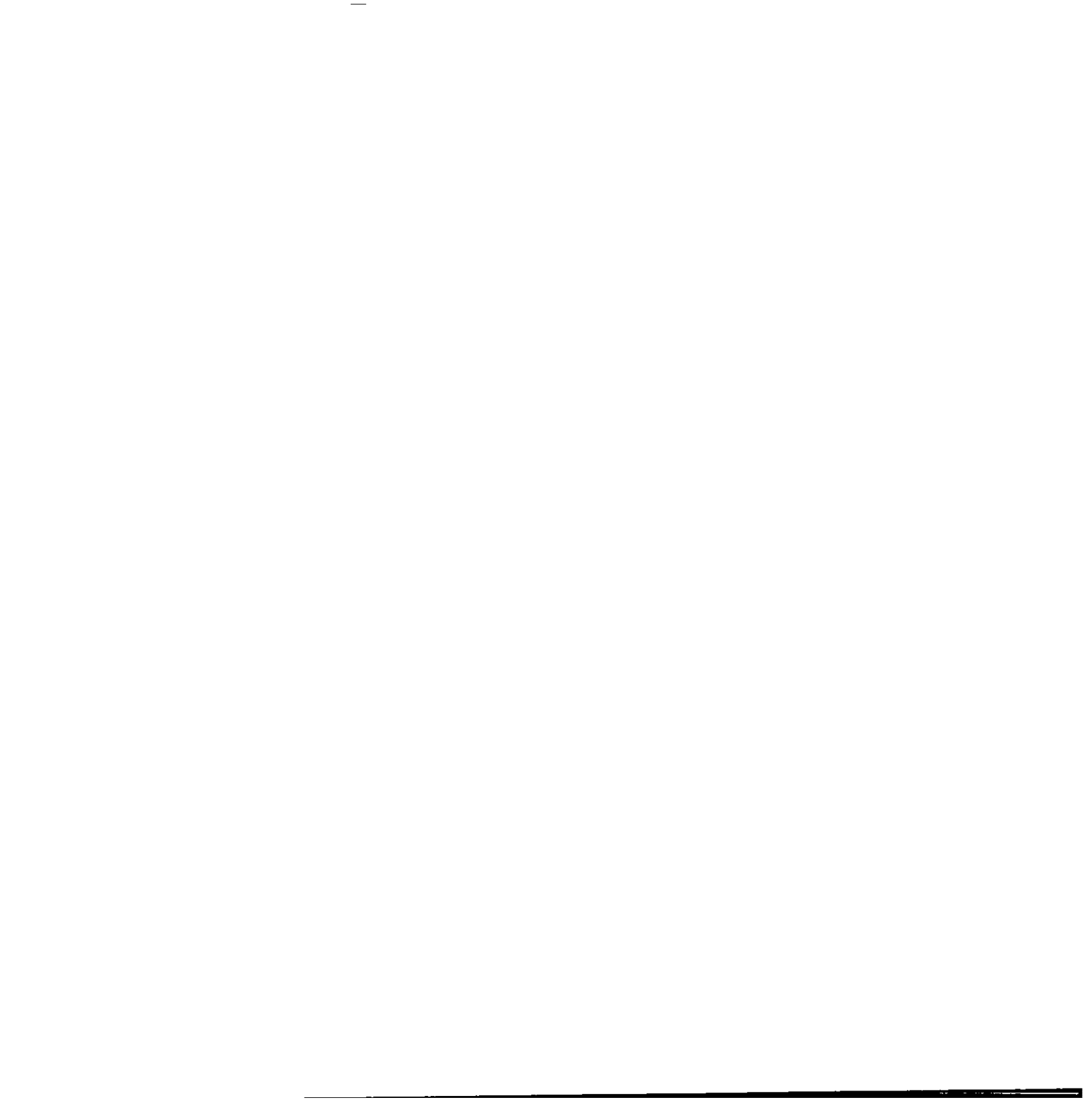
Once again, regardless of your personal feelings or bias against certain organizations, this proposed bill is will be inviting, promoting, and encouraging lawsuits. In a time when the State of Alaska is trying to save money and seems to cutting money from anything that has education and health written on it, the litigation expense this will incur is not worth. As you read all the letters encouraging the passing this bill, I am beseeching the House Education Committee to listen to the Senate testimony of high school students testify against SB 191 on March 11th before the Senate Education Committee. Listen to these children, take their words to heart, and don't pass this bill out of committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marci Hawkins

Mother of 5, Grandmother of 12

UAA student, Pursing a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
Do Not Support SB 89

Representative Keller

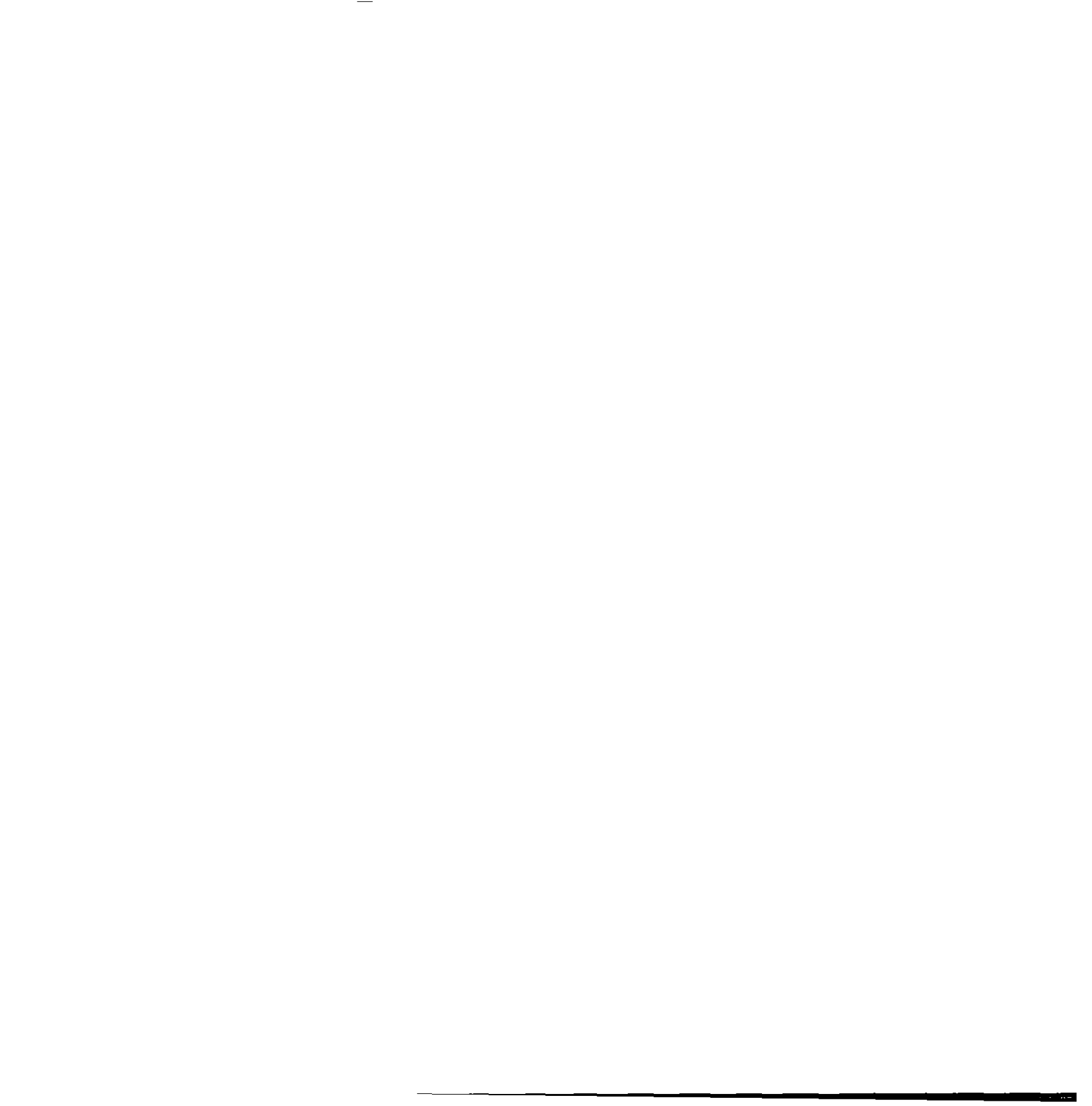
Please do not support SB 89. As a teacher in the Mat-Su Borough School district I can tell you that it is bad legislation that will harm public education in Alaska. This is true for the following reasons:

1) Much of the bill is unnecessary. Much of this bill contains provisions requiring districts to allow parents to withdraw students from classes and activities. Is this a problem in Alaska? Are schools holding kids in classes against the wills of their parents and requiring them to sit through lessons their parents are offended by? If this isn't a problem, why the fix? Schools already allow parents to withdraw their kids for any reason whatsoever. There is no need for a law here. These sections seem only to be written with the intention of scoring political points with those that are unaware of what is actually happening in public schools.

2) Section 1(a)(3) will make it extremely difficult for schools to provide much-needed sexual education for students. The requirement for parents to opt in will make a difficult job even harder for teachers. This will affect not only health classes, but biology, anatomy, civics, history, and possibly other classes. It will put an effective gag order on teachers.

This is a bad bill that seems to only be written to score political points by requiring districts to do what they already do, and hindering the job of good, hard-working teachers. Do not support it!

-Ben Wargo
Wasilla
907-232-0476



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Cc: Rep. Steve Thompson
Subject: Please Oppose SB 89

Dear Senate Education Committee and Judiciary Chair,

My name is Samantha Savage and I live in House District 2. I am writing today to voice my opposition of SB 89.

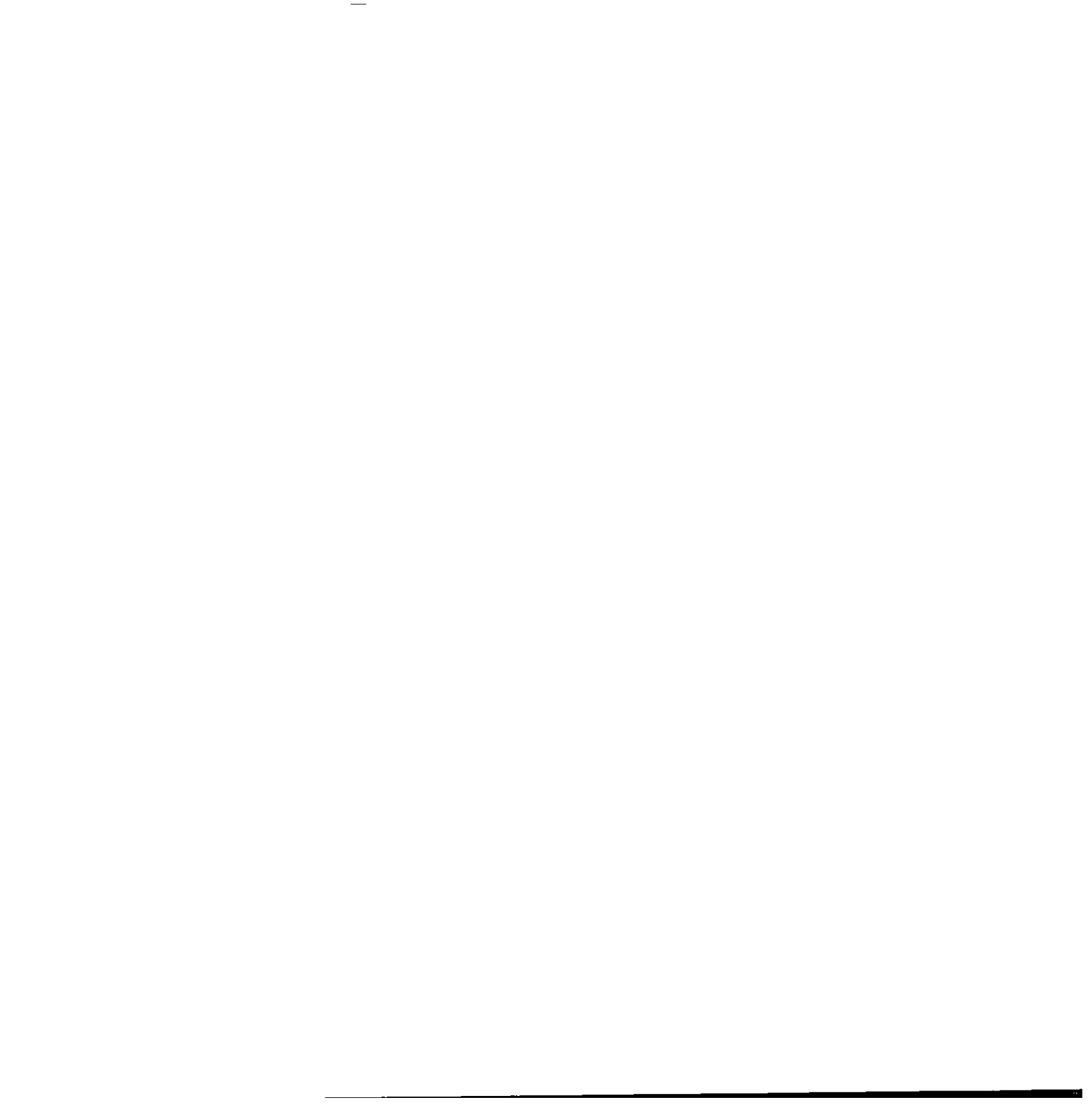
The state of Alaska suffers from epidemic rates of sexually transmitted diseases, high teen pregnancy rates, and a devastating high rate of intimate partner violence. SB 89 puts barriers between students and receiving education that is very clearly needed for our population to be healthy and free from violence. Planned Parenthood provides sex education when invited to over 2,000 students and to bar them from providing this service would have devastating effects on Alaska youth.

Teachers should feel empowered to use their professional judgement to invite the most qualified individuals into their classrooms to speak to their classes about special topics such as sexual education. Local schools and teachers should be in control of who they believe should be allowed in schools, not the state legislature.

The opt in requirement of this bill unravels a key component of the Alaska Safe Children's Act, which is highly disturbing as our state suffers from high rates of child sexual abuse. Passing this bill would put our children at risk of losing out on key information to protect themselves and others. Parents can already opt children out of class when they feel a moral objection to a lesson being taught, this only puts additional barriers on children with disengaged parents who are the most at risk.

For these reasons I am asking you to oppose this harmful bill.

Thank you,
Samantha Savage
North Pole



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; governor@alaska.gov
Subject: NO on SB 89

Dear Lawmakers,

I am writing to tell you to vote NO on SB 89!

I am a mother of a 19 year old daughter who graduated from the Anchorage School District and I know the importance of giving our teens all of the information they need to make good decisions as adults. Part of this is comprehensive and informative sex education that includes what resources are available to them in our community.

I want teens to continue to receive comprehensive education on how to protect themselves against STI's, STD's, unintended pregnancy, and unhealthy relationships.

Senator Dunleavy would like you to believe abortion is being taught and encouraged in Alaska public schools. This couldn't be further from the truth! Current Sex-Ed curriculum has nothing to do with abortion and everything to do with protecting our kids from getting pregnant, contacting STI's & STD's, and learning about healthy relationships.

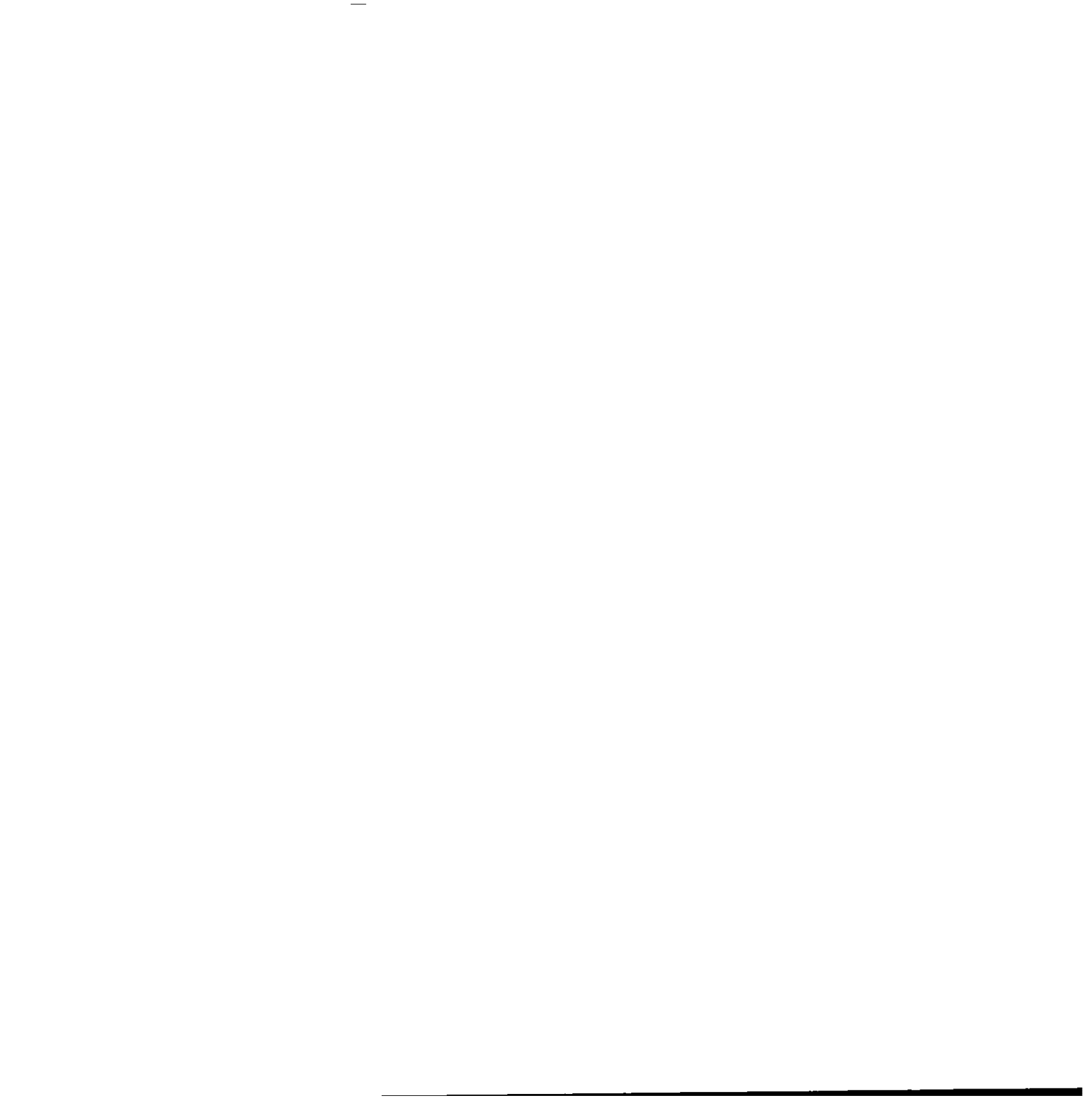
Senator Dunleavy is leading people down the rabbit hole with the word "abortion" in his bills (remember, abortion is illegal for minors, without parental consent!) SB89, is to fulfill Dunleavy's personal agenda of eliminating PPH from schools and making Sex-Ed less available to our students by making it opt-in versus opt-out! Opt-in will drastically reduce the number of teens receiving this education. We cannot afford this, as Alaska leads the nation in certain STD's and ranks near the top for teen pregnancy.

As lawmakers I urge you to stand up for the rights of our kids to be healthy & safe by objecting to this bill!

Sincerely,

Chelan Schreifels

A concerned mother and former teen.



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: HB 352 & SB 89

Hello,

I am a voter residing in Wasilla who is employed by the Anchorage School District. I teach 8th grade Social Studies and for 8 years have also taught a health class elective. This class includes a unit of direct instruction on human growth, development, and sexuality. Over the years of my service as a teacher, I have taught this unit to approximately 500 students.

I am absolutely appalled at the thought of HB 352 & SB 89 for several reasons:

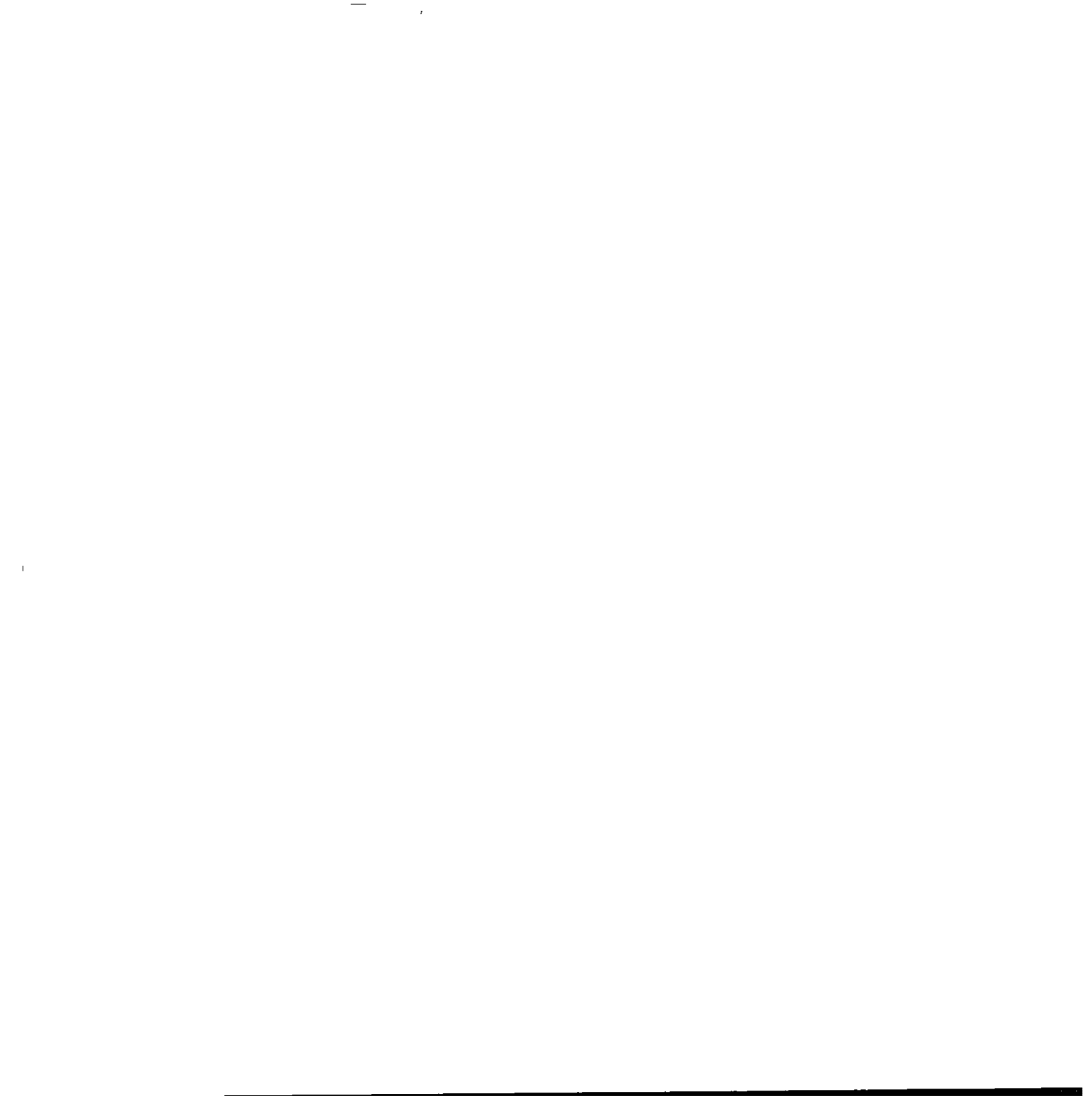
-It is extremely difficult to find medically trained community members willing to donate their time to come in to speak to students as guest speakers and if doing so required a complete background check of previous employers our students would have NO ONE (any person who even worked doing rounds in a hospital would be out of the mix)

-I have had the privilege of hosting in my classroom educators from Planned Parenthood in the past. They were knowledgeable, relatable to students, and provided high quality medically accurate information. Their presentations were age appropriate and DID NOT mention anything related to abortion.

This bill is a waste of my representatives' time in Juneau! I am firmly say that any person who supports this bill with never receive my support as a voter again. I would be happy to speak on the phone with anyone who has further questions. 907 982 7502

Sincerely,

Kelsey Gerke



To: Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Wes Keller

Subject: Fwd: SB 89 and SB 191

Dear Representatives,

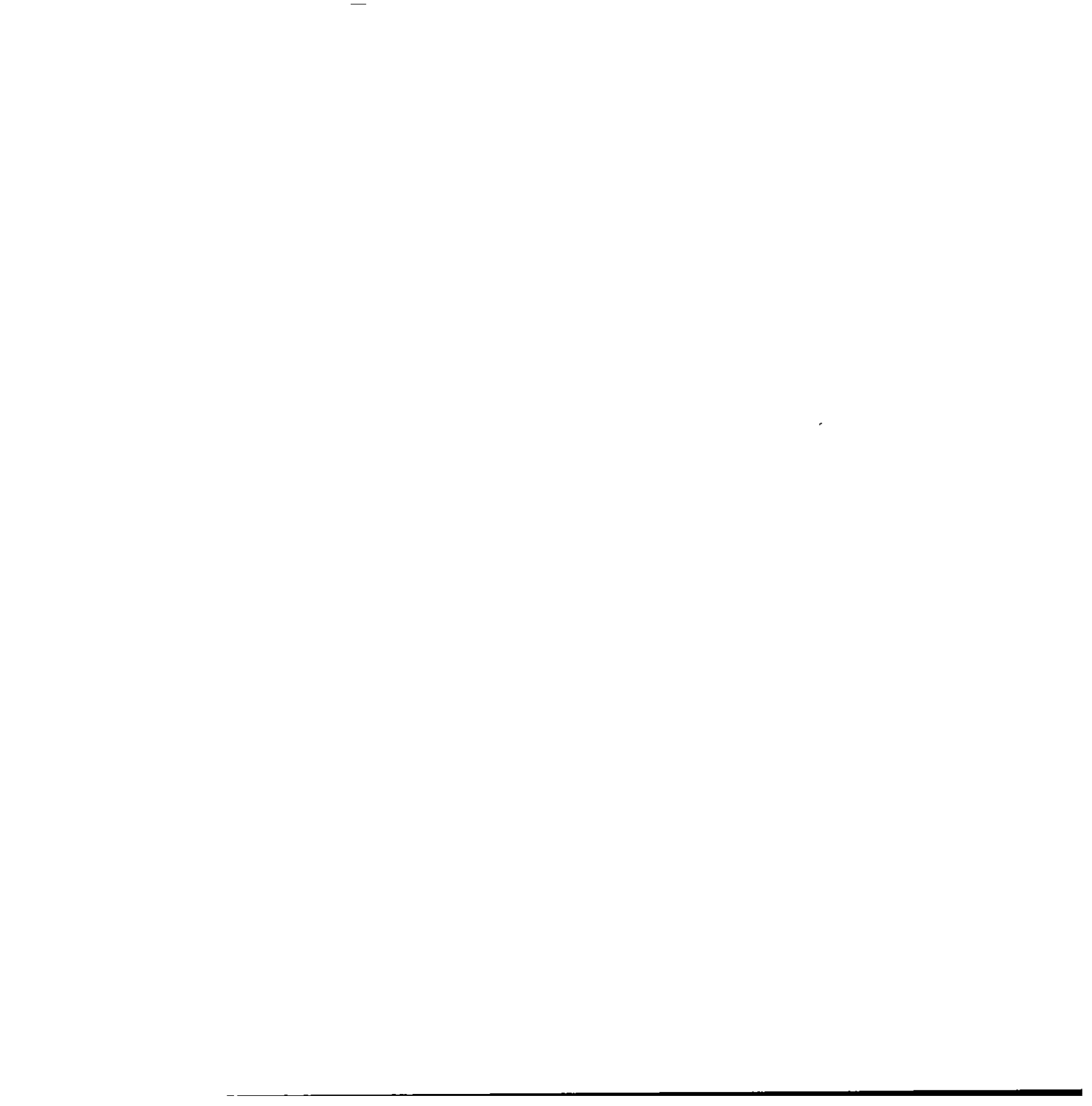
I write to you as a parent, as a citizen, and as an abused child to urge you to oppose SB 89 (and the companion SB 191 if it leaves the Senate) on the grounds that it is too broad in scope, too punitive, and that it contributes to the shaming of sexuality in the minds of young people.

I am in favor of parents taking up the responsibility of educating their children. However, I know from experience that many parents are either uncomfortable addressing sexual matters or ill informed. Young people deserve age-appropriate and accurate information about their bodies. My own parents were good people. Yet in spite of the fact that they experienced a teenage pregnancy and my mom never finished high school, they remained uncomfortable ever talking about sex to their children. We subconsciously absorbed that sense of shame. My sister had a similar experience with teen pregnancy, and an early abusive marriage took its toll on her. The spouse of that sister sexually molested me for a number of years, but I didn't have the self-awareness or open door to report it and therefore endured it silently. He said my family would disown me if they ever found out, and I believed him. I was finally mature enough at 17 to realize that I no longer had to participate, but I carried my secret for decades. Why didn't I know better you may ask, and I will tell you that child molesters have a strong psychological influence over their prey and that they exercise it carefully and slowly over time. The grooming of children to participate in their own abuse is pernicious.

From that experience, I have avowed to remain a strong advocate for children who need age-appropriate, accurate information. Planned Parenthood has long been such a provider. If the House or Senate wish to address the substance of such curricula, they should take up that matter substantively. However, the guilt-by-association reasoning further undermines the access of children to very important information, and at some level, I have to believe that children have rights to information regardless of parental desires or ignorance. I know that such information would have made a big difference in my life and might have saved me from much suffering.

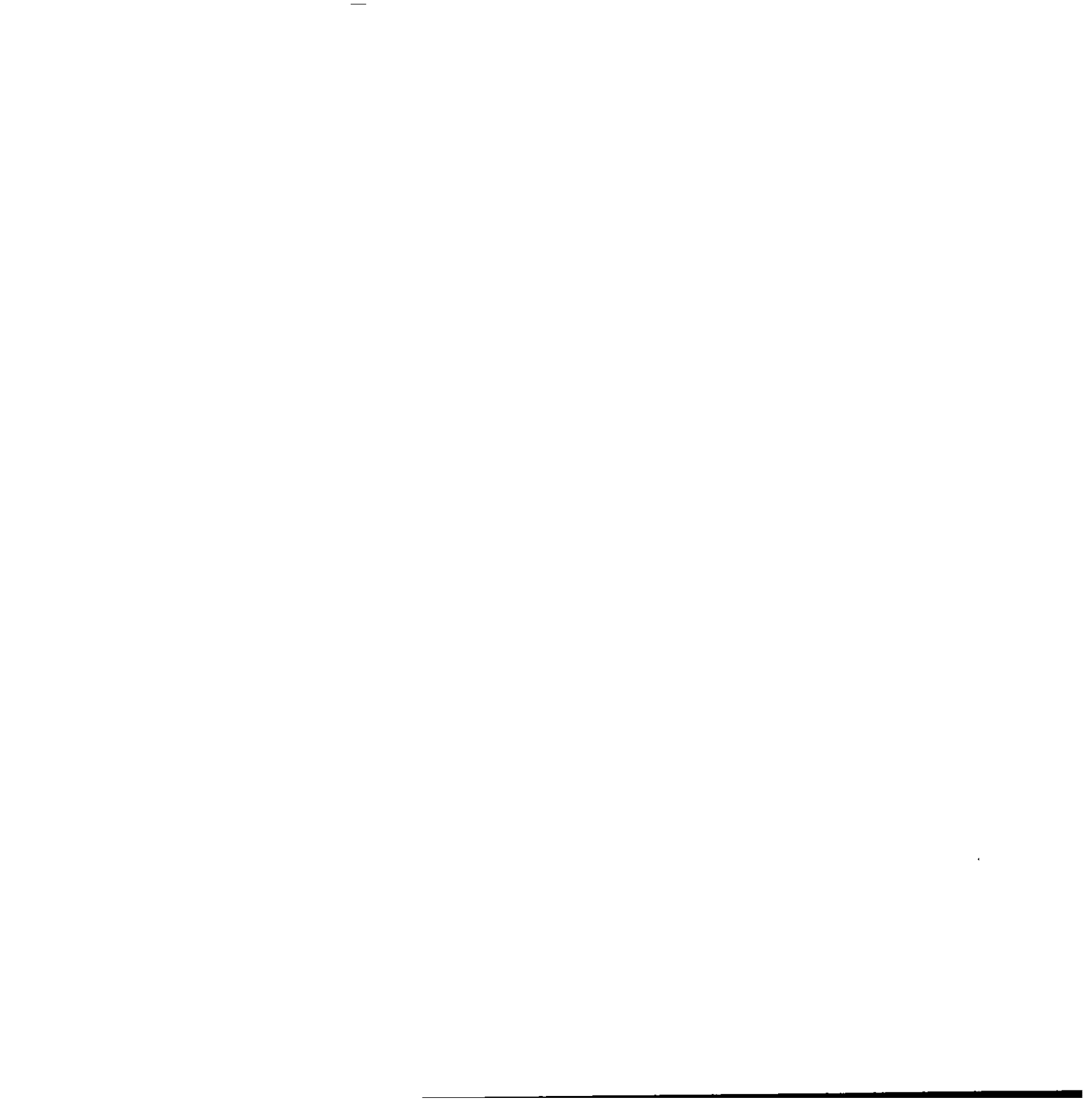
I do not believe the current curriculum is comprehensive enough. My husband and I therefore rely on a program at our church to provide comprehensive sexuality education. PP has been a strong partner in providing that education, and I know that many with PP affiliations work tirelessly to help young people make good decisions and grow up healthy. Many have nothing to do with abortions. While most adults believe that young people do best to abstain at least until adulthood, as do I, the goal is that they will one day experience a healthy and fulfilling sexual relationship with a lifelong partner, someone they can grow old with. The shaming of sexuality and sexuality education, and the threat of severe, career-ending punishment for all who are affiliated in some tangential way with the fact that PP provides abortions further serves to undermine a view of sexuality that is normal and healthy. It comes across as something to hide rather than to discuss openly. Children absorb those attitudes subconsciously, and that places them at risk.

While I have never depended on the public school district for sexuality education for my own children, I am



Sincerely,

Jackie Cason
4107 Balchen Drive
Anchorage, AK 99517



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
SB 89

Senate Bill 89 that bars “abortion providers” (Planned Parenthood) from teaching sex education in Alaska is a bad bill. My experience with Planned Parenthood in a classroom has been very positive. They informed students in an understandable and professional way. Their presenters, coming from outside the classroom, were able to establish a rapport with the students that their normal teachers could not.

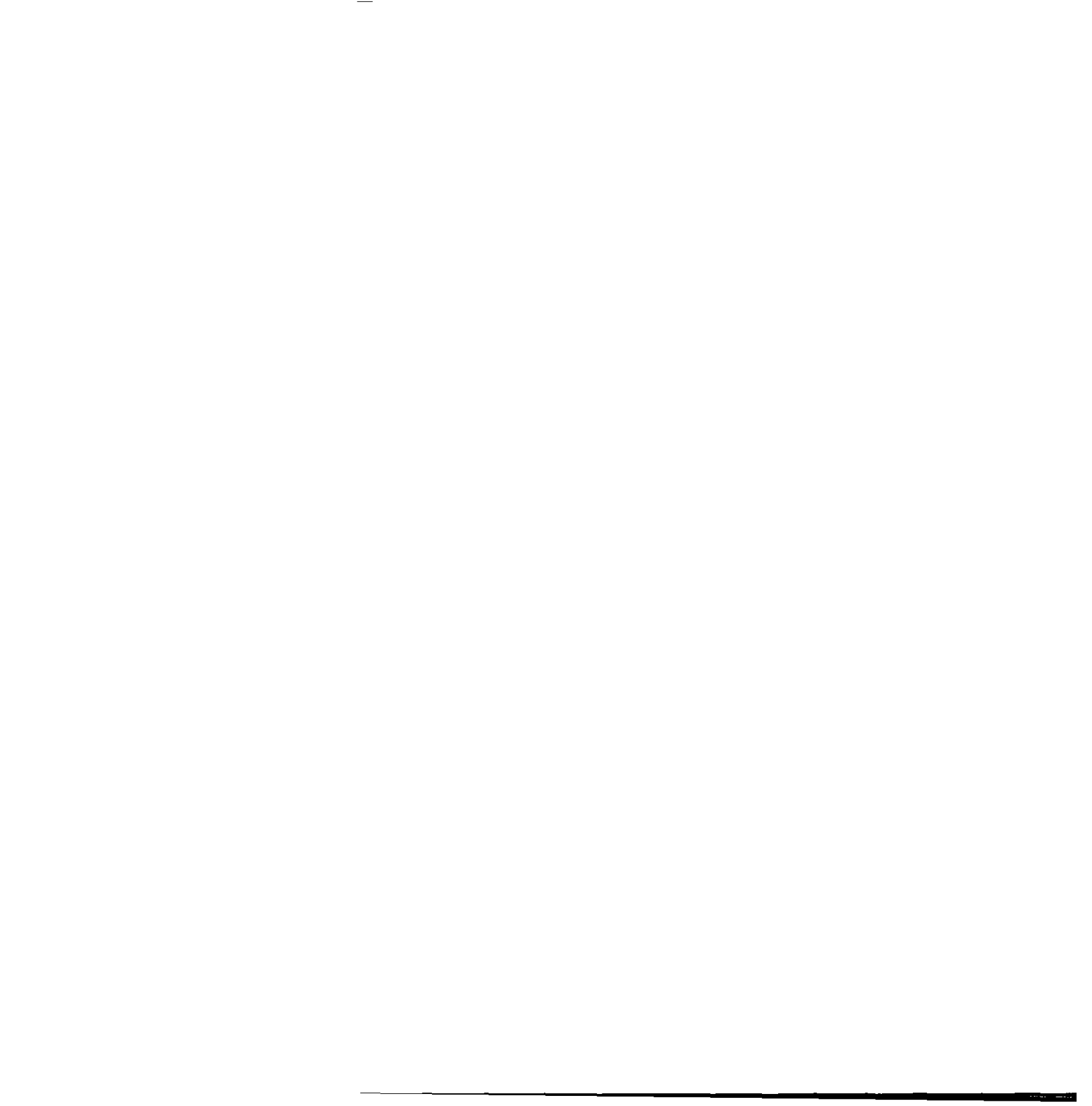
With Alaska’s higher than average STD rates, higher rates of unintended pregnancy, and much higher rates of sexual violence, we should bolster sex education not limit it. Bills that target a specific group, (with whom special interests have had long running political battles), have a history of unintended consequences: less education means more unintended pregnancies and more abortions. Please vote against SB 89.

Thank you,

Darrell Keifer

35128 Clock Ct.

Sterling, AK 99672



To: Morgan David/Connie
Cc: Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Christopher Kurka; Rep. Dan Saddler
Subject: Re: Subject: My support for SB191.

I and my family support SB 191!! Thank you for the leadership Senator Dunleavy and all other politicians! Enough is enough!

Ross Bieling

Ross P. Bieling

On Feb 26, 2016 10:45 AM, "Morgan David/Connie" <morgandavidconnie@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Senator Mike Dunleavy:

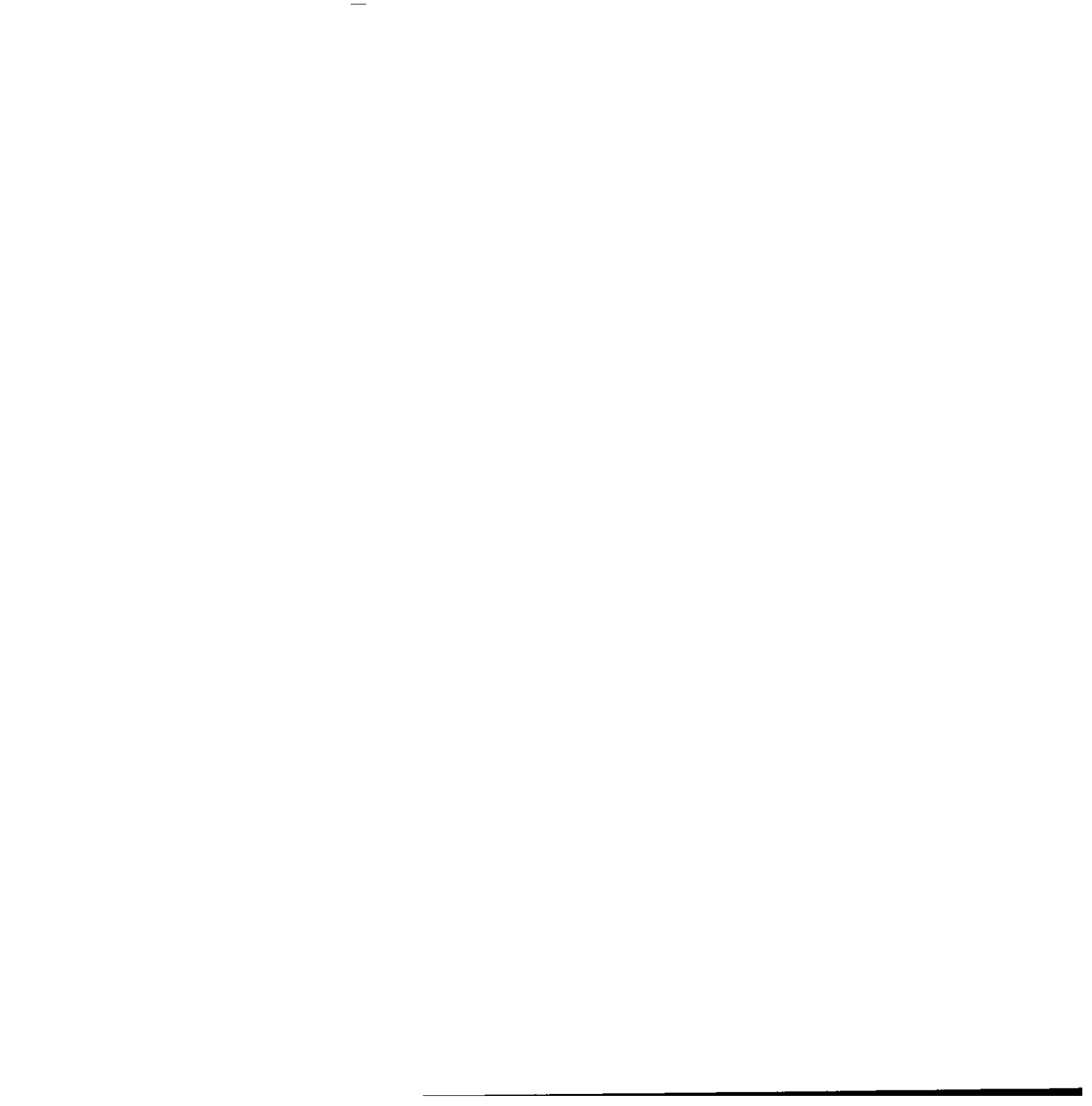
I support SB191 that you introduced, that will stop Planned Parenthood from targeting Alaska's public school children with materials that are quite frankly obscene. Planned Parenthood currently has free advertising to a target rich environment.

1. Planned Parenthood is brought to a school by a teacher or through curriculum to give "sex education"
2. Planned Parenthood teaches their "anything goes" view of human sexuality
3. Young hormonal adolescents engage in sexual activity
4. Unintended pregnancies may skyrocket
5. Planned Parenthood is a convenient answer to a problem that they help to create.
6. A child dies.

I support Alaska Right to Life drafted legislation that will prohibit Planned Parenthood and all abortion providers from having free access to our school children. Today that bill (SB191) was introduced in the Alaska State Senate by Senator Mike Dunleavy.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

David Morgan
2170 Stanford Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99508



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
Abortion Providers

<http://www.adn.com/article/20160224/bill-bar-abortion-providers-alaska-schools-advances-senate>

Dear Mr. Keller:

I see that the legislature is considering banning abortion providers from public schools.

Below I have listed MATSU REGIONAL MED CENTER abortion providers.

Michael Fitzgerald, MD

Peggy Downing, MD

Cassandra Cook, DO

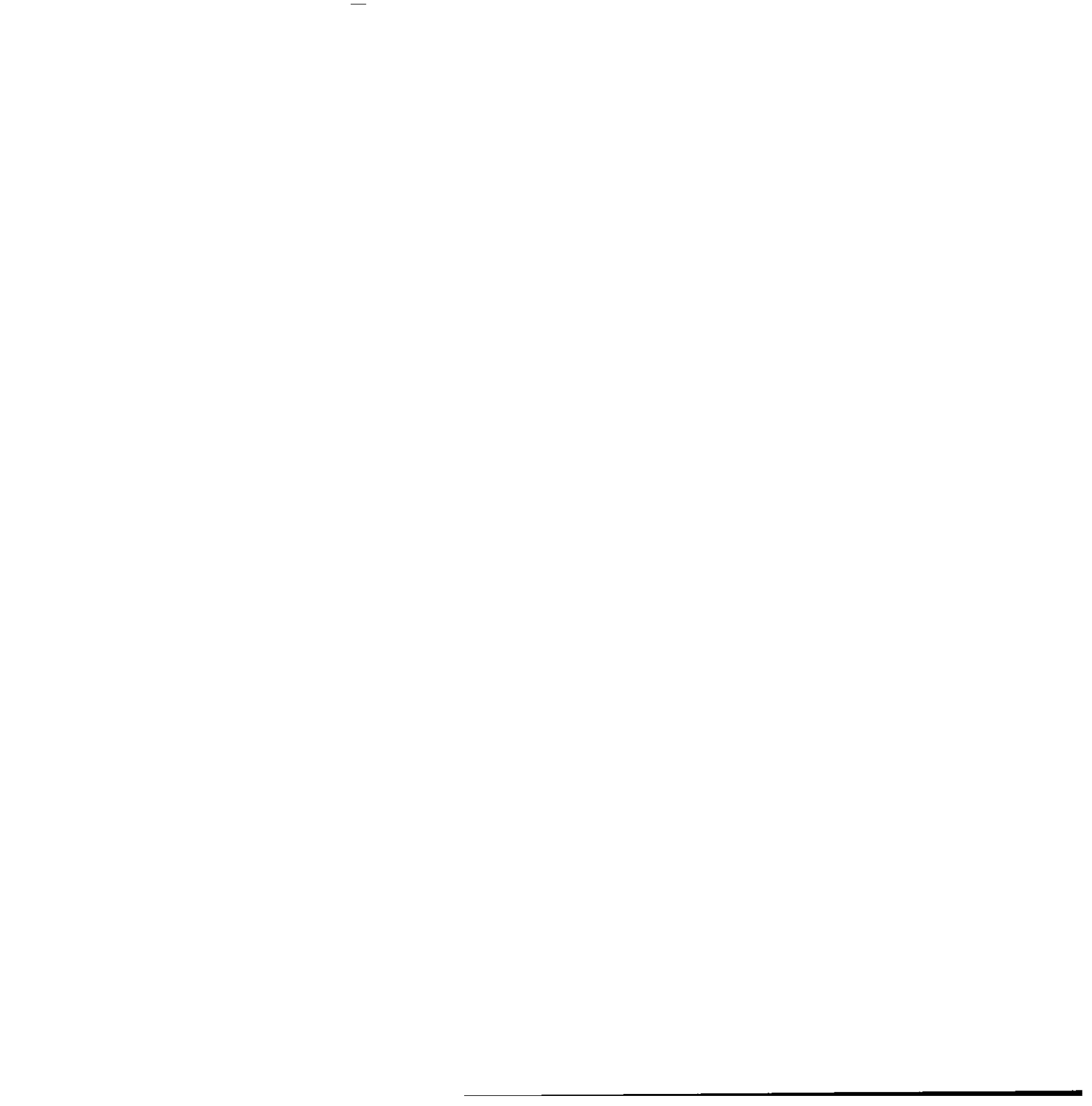
Ellen Faucett, DO

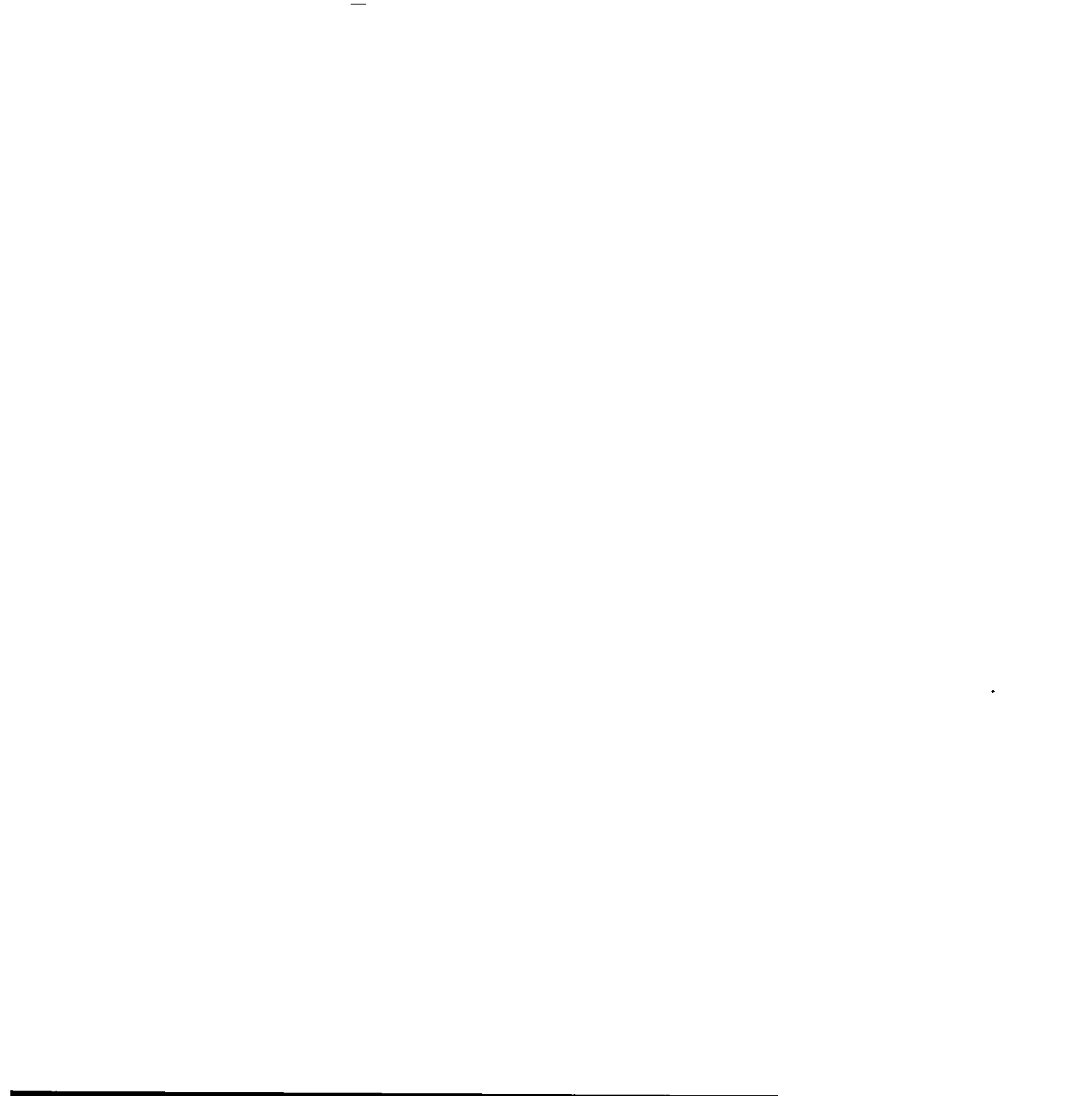
Susan Lemagie, MD

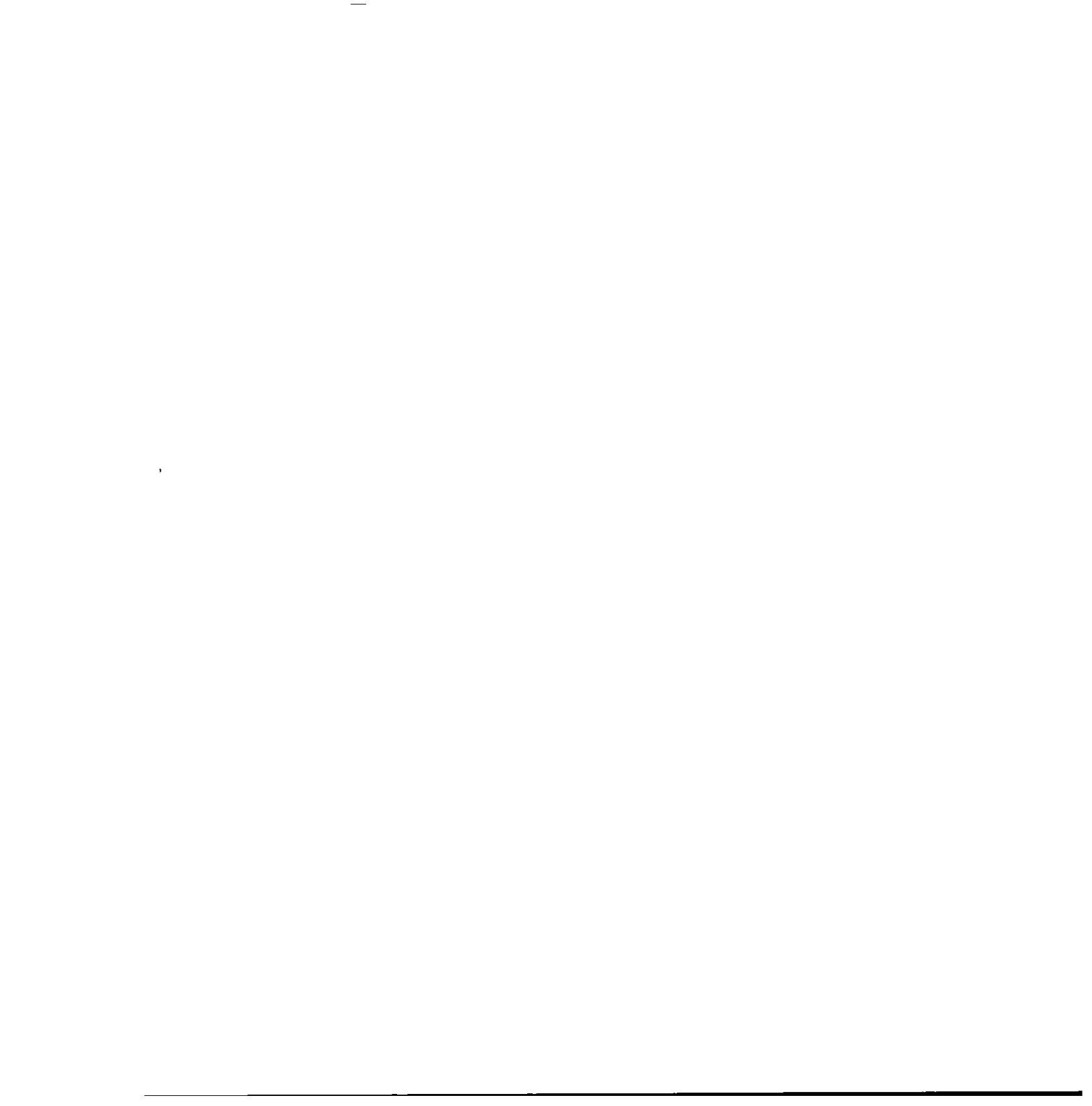
John Oliver, MD

These persons are also called obstetricians/gynecologists and they provide health services to women including abortions.

Are you really banning these highly skilled professionals from talking to high school students?







Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 10:58 AM
To: Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: Please oppose SB 179 and SB 89, harmful restrictions on abortion and sex ed

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Feb 16, 2016

State Representative Wes Keller
State Capitol, Room 403
120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear State Representative Keller,

I am writing as your constituent to urge opposition to two restrictive bills that would severely damage reproductive health care in Alaska.

Please oppose SB 179, which would put politicians in the exam room between women and their doctors, and please oppose SB 89, which would take away the sexual health education options available to communities across the state.

By substituting the will of the legislature for the professional judgment of trained physicians, SB 179 would set a dangerous, unsafe, and unfounded precedent motivated entirely by politics, not by medicine or science. Doctors would be forced to either abandon their professional judgment and training or face criminal penalties while denying women the care they need.

Alaska is already defending two politically motivated abortion restrictions in court. With our state's budget crisis, the legislature should not be risking yet another costly lawsuit by passing legally questionable laws like SB 179. Instead, the legislature should be focused on commonsense measure to improve reproductive health, like allowing 12 months of birth control at a time.

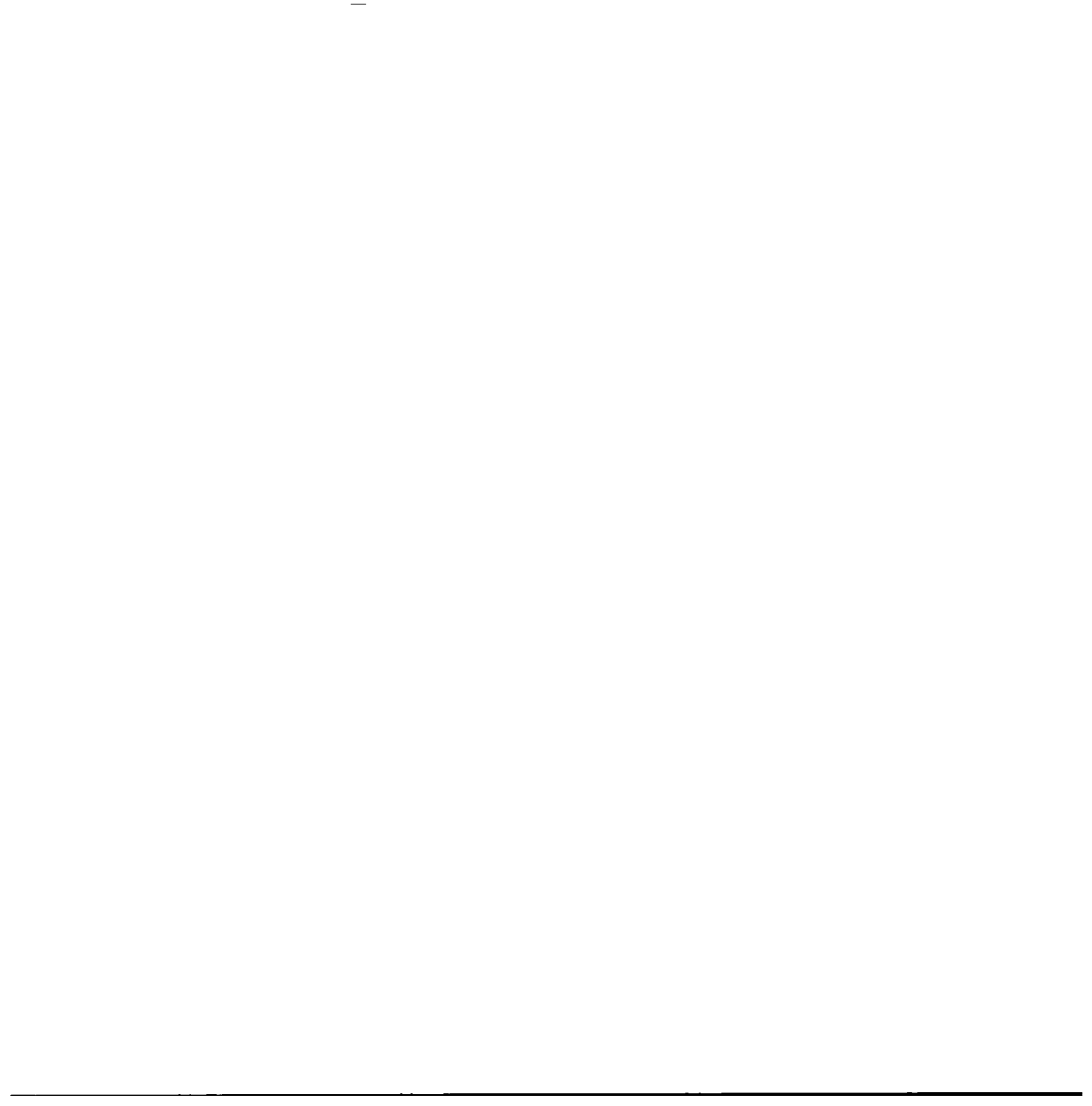
The bottom line is that politicians should never come between a woman and her doctor, but this bill does just that. Please oppose SB 179.

Additionally, please oppose SB 89 and let communities, not the legislature, choose what sex ed programs are right for their students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jordan Bartolo
2235 E Grizzly Bear Dr



Dear House Education Committee (Representative Wes Keller, Representative Liz Vazquez, Representative Jim Colver, Representative Paul Seaton, Representative David Talerico, Representative Harriet Drummond, and J Representative Johnathan Kreiss-Tomkins):

My name is Denise Shelton and I was born and raised in Alaska. My children are fourth generation Alaskan's and my entire family has benefited from the Anchorage School District. I have seen many changes and most recently cuts to the schools on programs and services. I have also seen how our state leads the nation in specific STD's, has higher than the national average on child sexual abuse and teen pregnancy.

It is hard for me to see this proposed legislation be nothing more political because of recent national attention Plan Parenthood has received in the last year. Education is what is needed, more not less. I am very disturbed by the blatant attempt to keep sex education from the schools specifically from such a useful and key service provider in our community.

This bill while it does not name Planned Parenthood it is clearly being targeted. In this atmosphere of budget cuts I don't see where logically you would want to make decision that limits the sexual education of our children. It is clear what we have as far as sexual education is not working by the high rates of teen pregnancy and STD rates of teens as compared with the rest of the nation.

This bill is full of unnecessary teacher, and doctor sanctions and educational limitations that are not needed in this day and age. We are past the 'abortion' issue as a nation and Alaska needs to understand that not try to stop information that is crucial to teens. Again, if we are in such a financial crisis with the State and schools why turn aware a medically accurate, evidence- based, nonjudgmental sexual education opportunities? This is a knee jerk reaction to fear that someone will be 'talked into an abortion.' While this bill references abortion it clearly doesn't want the entity to provide ANY information on the multitude of sexual education topics available. The nation has trusted this organization to provide services to the community for decades and I benefited from them in my younger years and never once did someone try to talk me into an abortion.

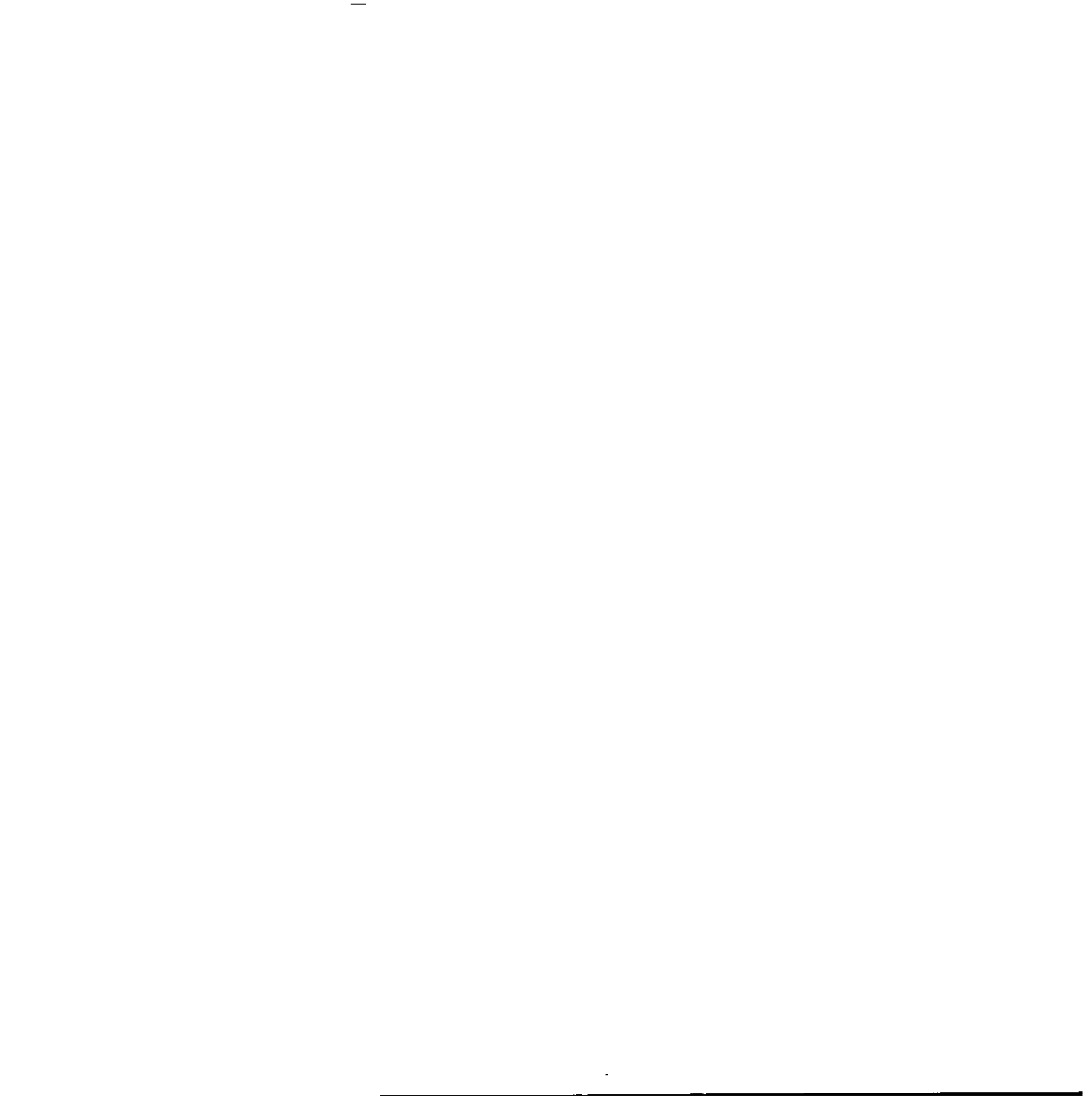
In the age of transparency this is a very CLOUDY document shrouded in fear and is politically driven. There is nothing good for our community or children as a whole in this SB 191 and please see this as my vote against SP191.

I thank in advance those of you who see the reality of this bill and vote it DOWN.

Thank you,



Denise Shelton, 907-677-3757





March 14, 2016

To the House Education Committee:

Alaska NOW strongly opposes SB89.

We know most Alaskans want broadly-available, evidence-based, age-appropriate, sexual education taught in our public schools by vetted professionals. We should expect that local school districts are capable of managing that process for themselves and don't require state overreach to meet students' needs.

SB89 is an unnecessary bill. Parents who prefer their own brand of sexual and healthy relationship education for their children may opt them out under existing law, and meet their personal needs, without imposing their preferences on everyone else in Alaska.

Alaska is renowned for its worst rates in the nation for relationship abuse, sexual abuse, sexual violence, and STD's. And incivility is on the rise in the US. From the time they understand language, our children are constantly exposed to unhealthy relationship and sexual health messages. We must respond to the education void that clearly exists. We do that by providing our youth professional, evidenced-based education. Abstinence only sexual health education is a proven failure and as a result lost all of its federal funding for 2017. It is a travesty that is the only public education option for many Alaskan youth currently. We need to effectively address the education void. Knowledge is power; naiveté breeds victims. We are confident that most Alaskans do not consider sexual victimization a desirable public policy outcome.

The good news is there is a solution to that unfortunate outcome: broadly applied, professional, evidence-based, sexual health and relationship education. And Planned Parenthood is in high demand as a professional and effective service provider. They have an excellent reputation for providing effective services. SB89's sponsor's charges against Planned Parenthood are baseless; with no evidence provided. To single out law-abiding agencies for exclusion from professional opportunities, based on the ideological opinion of a few, is simply unethical and un-American.

SB89 is the latest submission in a never-ending barrage of quirky bills generated by "bill mills" that are designed to put abortion providers out of business nationally, thus obstructing American women's access to the legal health services that surveys prove they want and need. Abortion is legal. Please stop attacking Alaskans' right to reproductive health choices and access to our providers with bills like SB89.

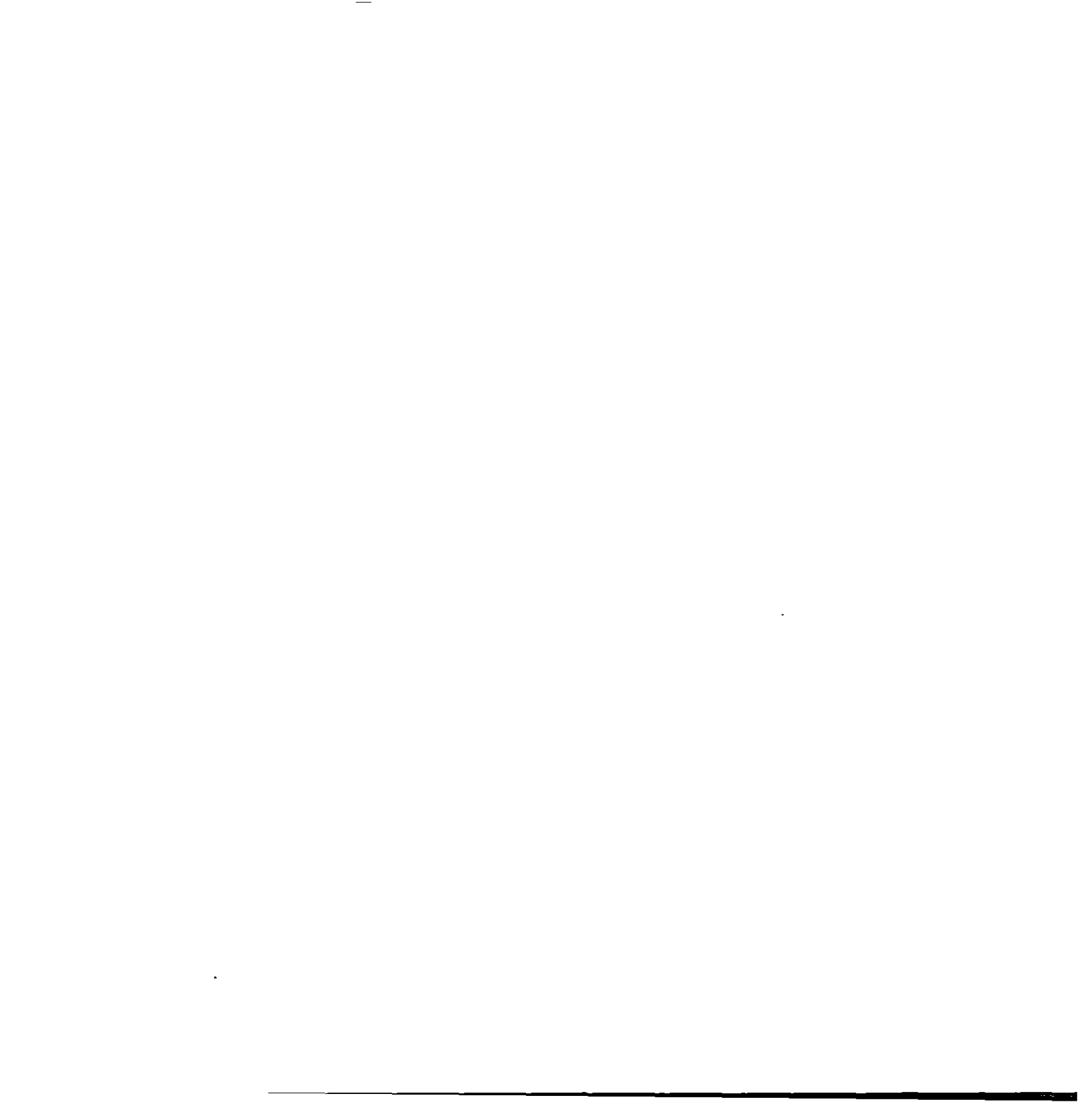
In addition, SB89 is harmful related to mandatory testing opt outs. The Alaska Dept. of Education has made it very clear that if 5% or more Alaskan students are opted out of mandatory testing, Alaska could lose related federal funding, currently about \$96.7 million. SB89's sponsor said his odd bill "has never been tested" and that he has no idea whether Alaska will lose these funds.

SB89 is an unnecessary bill that does more harm than good. Parents may opt their children out of sexual health education already without imposing their personal, provider exclusion on other families. And SB89 puts the state at unnecessary risk for losing over \$96 million, which is irrational in a year when we cannot afford to lose any funding.

Thank you,

Barbara McDaniel
Alaska NOW President

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March 14, 2016

The Honorable Wes Kelly, Chair
The Honorable Liz Vazquez, Vice Chair
House Education Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

by email: Representative.Wes.Keller@akleg.gov
Representative.Liz.Vazquez@akleg.gov

**Re: SB 89: Limiting Students' Education about Sexual Health and
Sexually Transmitted Diseases
ACLU Analysis of Constitutional and Financial Issues**

Dear Chair Kelly and Vice Chair Vazquez:

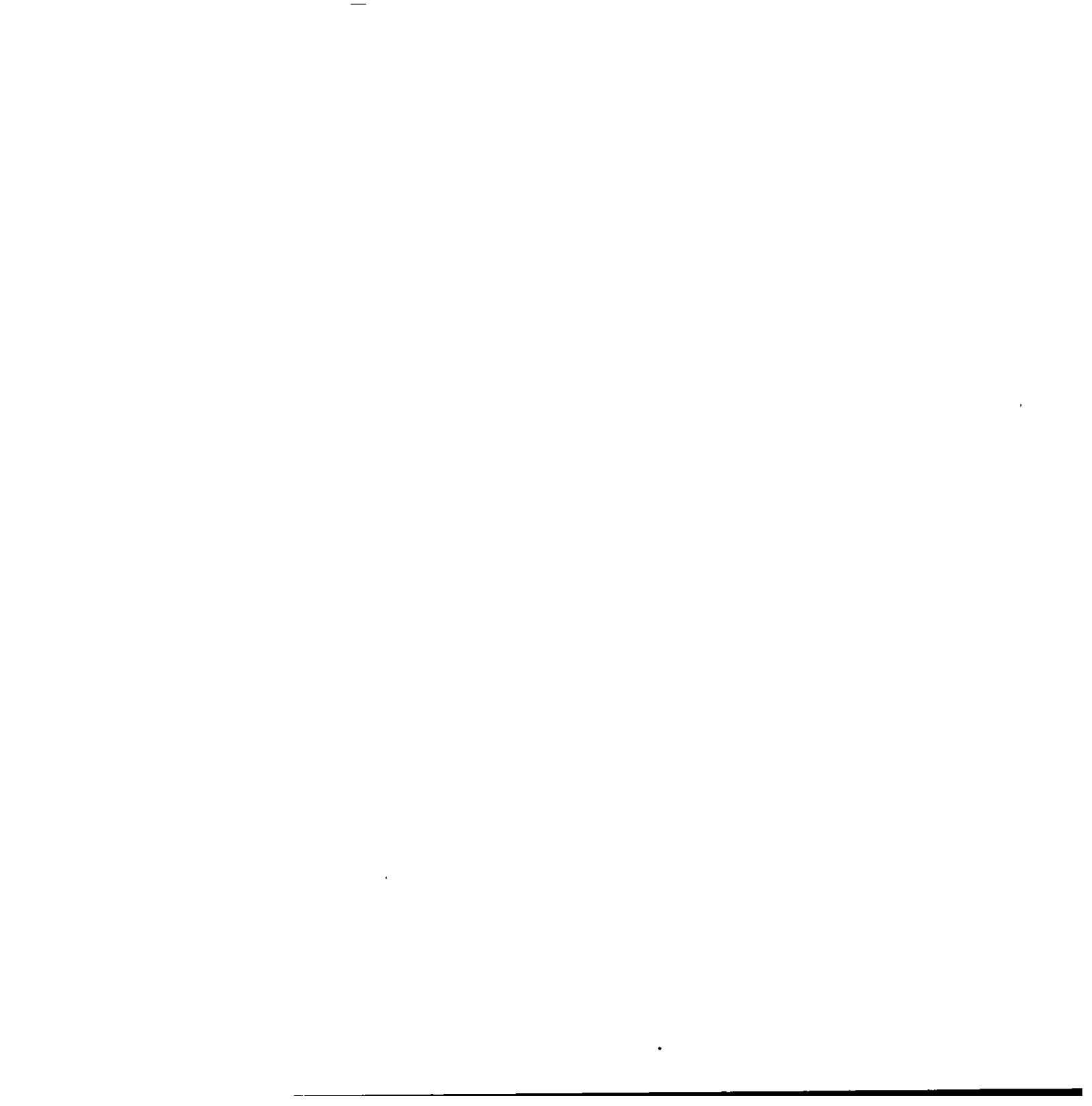
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony about Senate Bill 89, which interferes with the freedom and livelihood of Alaskan students and teachers. SB 89 singles out and discriminates against Alaskans engaged in legal, socially vital, and constitutionally protected conduct, at the expense of their rights under the Alaska and United States Constitutions. We urge the committee to not pass SB 89.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska represents thousands of members and activists throughout Alaska who seek to preserve and expand the individual freedoms and civil liberties guaranteed by the Alaska and United States Constitutions. We engage in public advocacy and education to further those rights, and—when necessary—we litigate to protect them when they are attacked. In this context, we write to advise you that this bill unconstitutionally restricts people's freedoms. In addition to these constitutional harms, if this bill is enacted, Alaska will likely pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorney's fees and costs arising out of the seemingly inevitable constitutional challenges that will follow.

1. Section 5 of Senate Bill 89 discriminates against a group of people, violating their right to be treated equally.

Section 5 of Senate Bill 89 endangers the job of any public school teacher who provides instruction on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases if that teacher also works or volunteers for an abortion services provider. This interferes with Alaskans' right to be free of unequal treatment in the pursuit of their livelihood.

Section 5 identifies one group of people—employees and volunteers of abortion services providers—and prohibits them from providing instruction on two specific topics: human



sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases. It disqualifies one group of people from a form of public employment available to everyone else, based solely on unrelated behavior conducted entirely outside the schoolhouse gates.

This implicates the Equal Protection Clause of the Alaska Constitution.¹ The right to engage in economic endeavor is an important constitutional right; accordingly, laws that interfere with that right—by treating some groups differently than others—are closely scrutinized by Alaska courts.²

But under the provisions of SB 89, any certified teacher of human sexual health would be forbidden from, for example, also teaching a class or even giving a single talk at any women's health clinic or hospital where abortions are performed—whether as an employee or as a volunteer. Any tangential connection with a women's health clinic or hospital where abortions are performed—even just stuffing envelopes—will automatically prevent Alaskans from teaching sexual health. This flat ban is triggered even if the teacher does not know that abortions are performed there: this will chill constitutionally protected behavior, as teachers of human sexual health become wary of accepting part-time work or even volunteer opportunities at women's health clinics or hospitals.

By singling out people affiliated with abortion services providers and interfering with their livelihood, Alaska can expect SB 89 to be struck down.

2. SB 89's chilling effect unconstitutionally restricts the right of free speech.

The corollary of how SB 89 discriminates against some teachers—those who also work or volunteer at abortion services providers—is how it will muzzle their constitutional right to free speech.

The right to speak free from government interference is enshrined in Article I of the Alaska Constitution³ and in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.⁴ Both constitutions protect that right robustly; the Alaska Constitution is “at least as protective of expression as the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.”⁵

SB 89 undermines this fundamental right by jeopardizing a human sexual health teacher's employment should that teacher volunteer to speak—outside of school and in a context

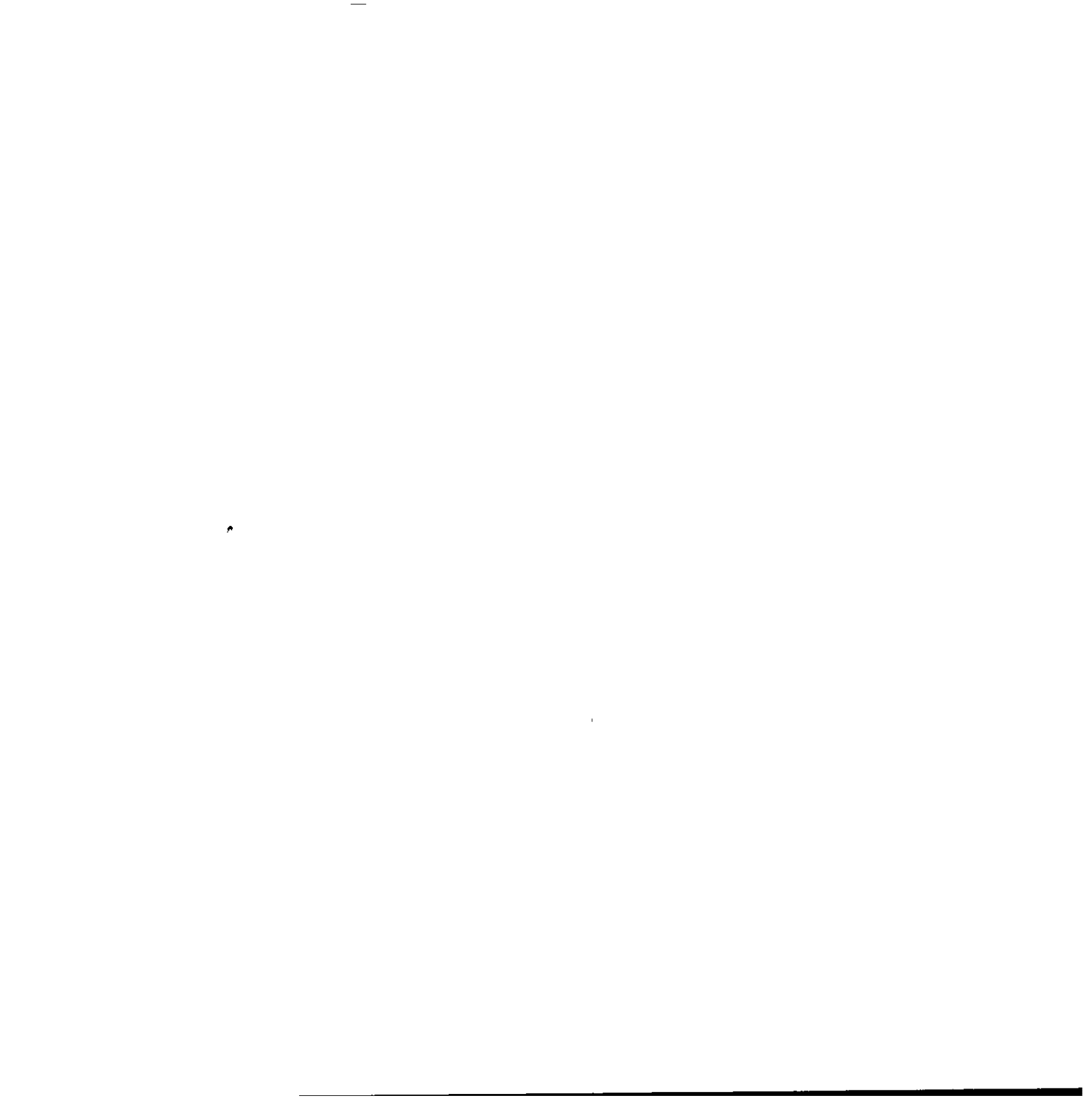
¹ ALASKA CONST. art. I, § 1. (“This constitution is dedicated to the principle[] . . . that all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law.”).

² See, e.g., *State, By and Through Departments of Transp. and Lab. v. Enserch Alaska Const., Inc.*, 787 P.2d 624, 632 (Alaska 1989) (“the right to engage in an economic endeavor within a particular industry is an important right for state equal protection purposes.”) (internal quotations omitted).

³ ALASKA CONST. art. I, § 5. (“Every person may freely speak, write, and publish on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of this right.”).

⁴ U.S. CONST. amend. I. (“Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech.”).

⁵ *Mickens v. City of Kodiak*, 640 P.2d 818, 820 (Alaska 1982).



wholly unrelated to that teacher's work—on behalf of an abortion services provider. This could take the form of educating women about their health, collecting signatures for a petition, or speaking at a rally. While the state may have a legitimate interest in what messages its employee teachers deliver at work, it may not legitimately censor what they say in their free time.

As the U.S. Supreme Court observed in *Pickering v. Board of Education*, “[A] teacher’s exercise of his right to speak on issues of public importance may not furnish the basis for his dismissal from public employment.”⁶ In *State v. Haley*, the Alaska Supreme Court similarly held that Alaska could not terminate a state employee for engaging in “speech focused entirely on public issues.”⁷ In contrast, SB 89 would make that speech a reason to fire teachers, based solely on the point of view it represents.

3. The amount of taxpayer money Alaska has already spent defending unconstitutional laws like this possibly exceeds \$1 million.

For the reasons described above, SB 89 is plainly unconstitutional. Passage of the bill would entangle Alaska in lengthy and complex—and avoidable—litigation. As Members of this Committee are aware, this would not be the first time, or even the second or third, that unconstitutional laws relating to abortion were struck down following prolonged and expensive litigation.

Alaska was recently embroiled in costly litigation over its attempt to impermissibly restrict the ability of low-income women to have abortions—the court struck down this restriction just over six months ago.⁸ Such litigation has been costly for Alaska. When Alaska’s endeavor to eliminate Medicaid funding for medically-necessary abortions was struck down in *State, Department of Health & Social Services v. Planned Parenthood of Alaska, Inc.*,⁹ Alaska wound up paying the plaintiffs \$236,026.16 plus interest (or \$321,141.37 plus interest in 2016 dollars).¹⁰ Similarly, the unconstitutional Parental Consent Act spawned a lawsuit, *State v. Planned Parenthood of Alaska*, and multiple appeals, lasting over ten years.¹¹ Alaska paid the successful plaintiffs \$278,127.42 (or \$354,277.61 in 2016 dollars).¹²

⁶ *Pickering v. Bd. of Ed. of Tp. High Sch. Dist. 205, Will County, Illinois*, 391 U.S. 563, 574 (1968).

⁷ *State v. Haley*, 687 P.2d 305, 314 (Alaska 1984).

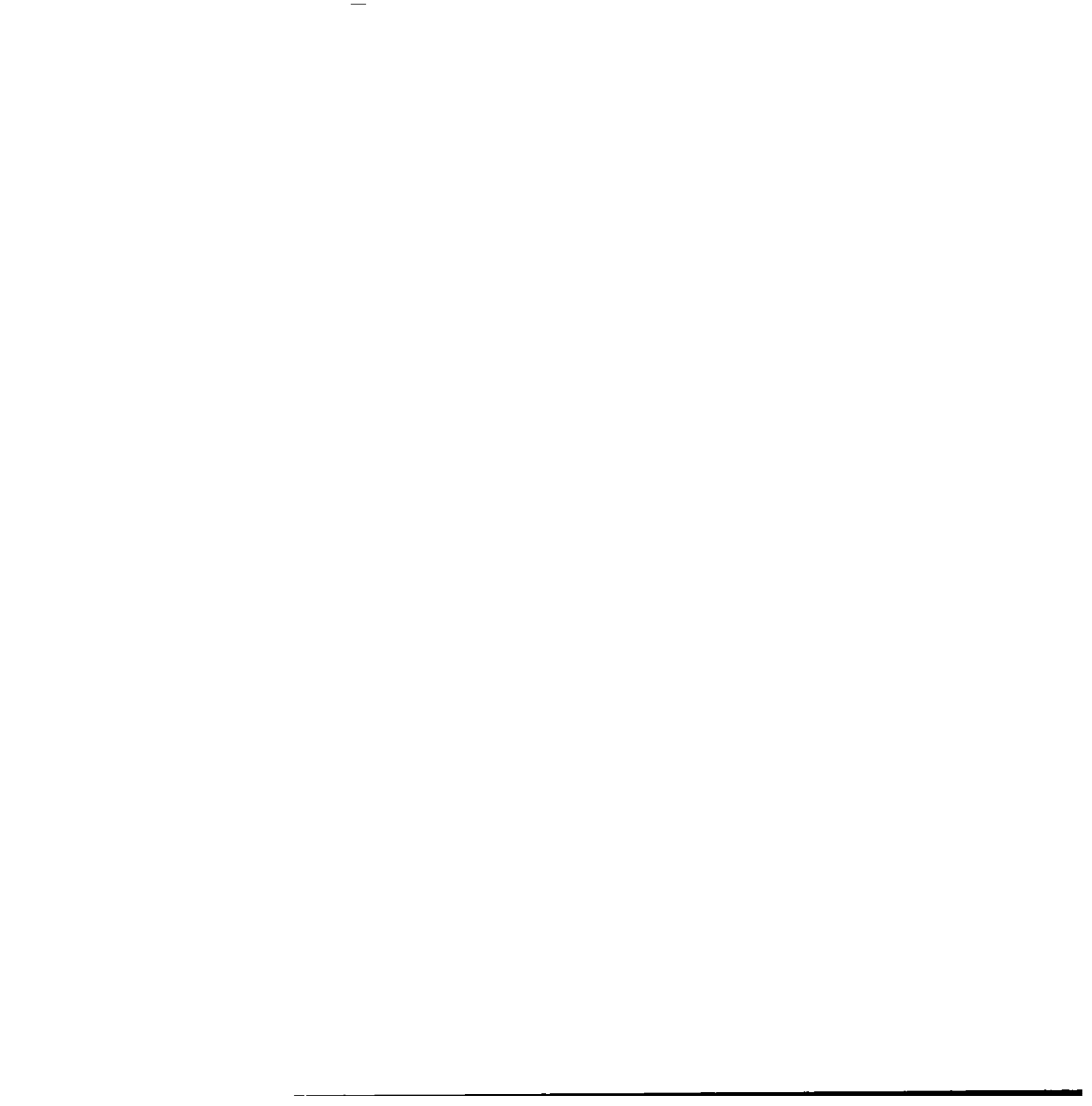
⁸ *Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest v. Streur*, No. 3AN-14-04711CI (Anchorage Super. Ct. Aug. 27, 2015), appeal filed, No. S-16123.

⁹ 28 P.3d 904 (Alaska 2001).

¹⁰ We have used the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator, available online at http://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm, to derive the inflation-adjusted 2016-dollar amounts. For the original raw dollar amounts from the litigation addressed in this footnote and the next, please see the attached orders from the Anchorage Superior Court and the Alaska Supreme Court.

¹¹ *State v. Planned Parenthood of Alaska*, 171 P.3d 577 (Alaska 2007).

¹² *Id.*



And, any fair accounting of the total cost must include what Alaska had to pay its own attorneys and the other internal costs of defending those suits.

Such unnecessary drain of taxpayer resources would have been avoided had those respective Legislatures simply refrained from passing statues, like SB 89, that are constitutionally infirm. Alaska has better uses to which it can direct the people's time and money than defending the constitutionality of squarely unconstitutional laws.

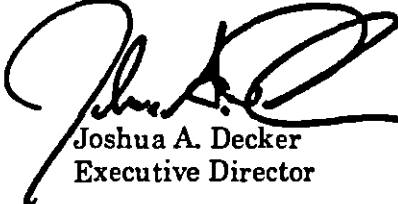
Conclusion

We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about SB 89 with the House Education Committee. We hope our testimony proves valuable to Members contemplating the bill's constitutional infirmities. Because of these deficiencies, we oppose this bill and urge the Committee to vote Do Not Pass.

We further hope that this Committee will refrain from approving legislation that squarely violates the Alaska and United States Constitutions and would entangle Alaska in expensive, time-consuming, and needless litigation.

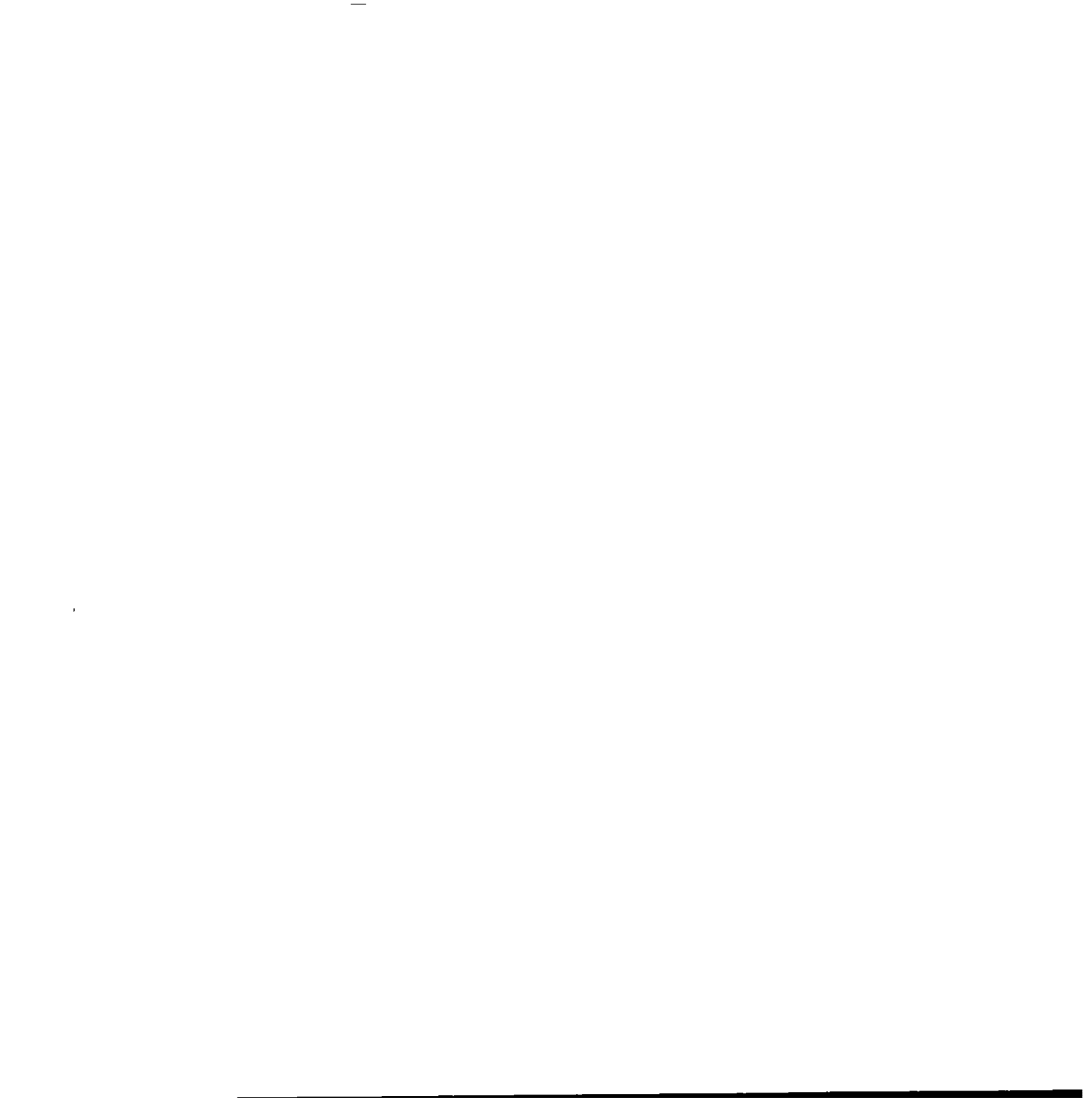
Thank you for considering our testimony. Please let us know if we may answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Joshua A. Decker
Executive Director

cc: Representative Jim Colver, Representative.Jim.Colver@akleg.gov
Representative Paul Seaton, Representative.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov
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Representative Ivy Spohnholz, Representative.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov
Senator Mike Dunleavy, Sponsor, Senator.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

APPROPRIATE COURTS
STATE OF ALASKA

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF ALASKA,)
INC., et al.,)

MAR - 02001

Plaintiffs,)

CLERK

By _____ Deputy

v.)

KAREN PERDUE, Commissioner, Department)
of Health and Social Services, et al.,)

5-9109

Defendants.)

FILED 2-1-2001

Case No. JAN-98-07004

PROPOSED AMENDED JUDGMENT

The Plaintiff's having moved the Court and having been granted by the Court awards of attorneys' fees and costs in the sum of \$109,928.41 on October 19, 1999, and in the sum of \$58,082.35 on January 25, 2001, it is hereby ordered that the Final Judgment be amended to include the prior orders for attorneys' fees and costs totaling \$168,010.76. Post-judgment interest at the statutory rate of 7.5 percent per year shall accrue on the October 19, 1999, award from that date until paid. Post-judgment interest at the statutory rate of 8 percent per year shall accrue on the January 25, 2001, award from that date until paid.

ENTERED this 14 day of March, 2001, at Anchorage, Alaska.



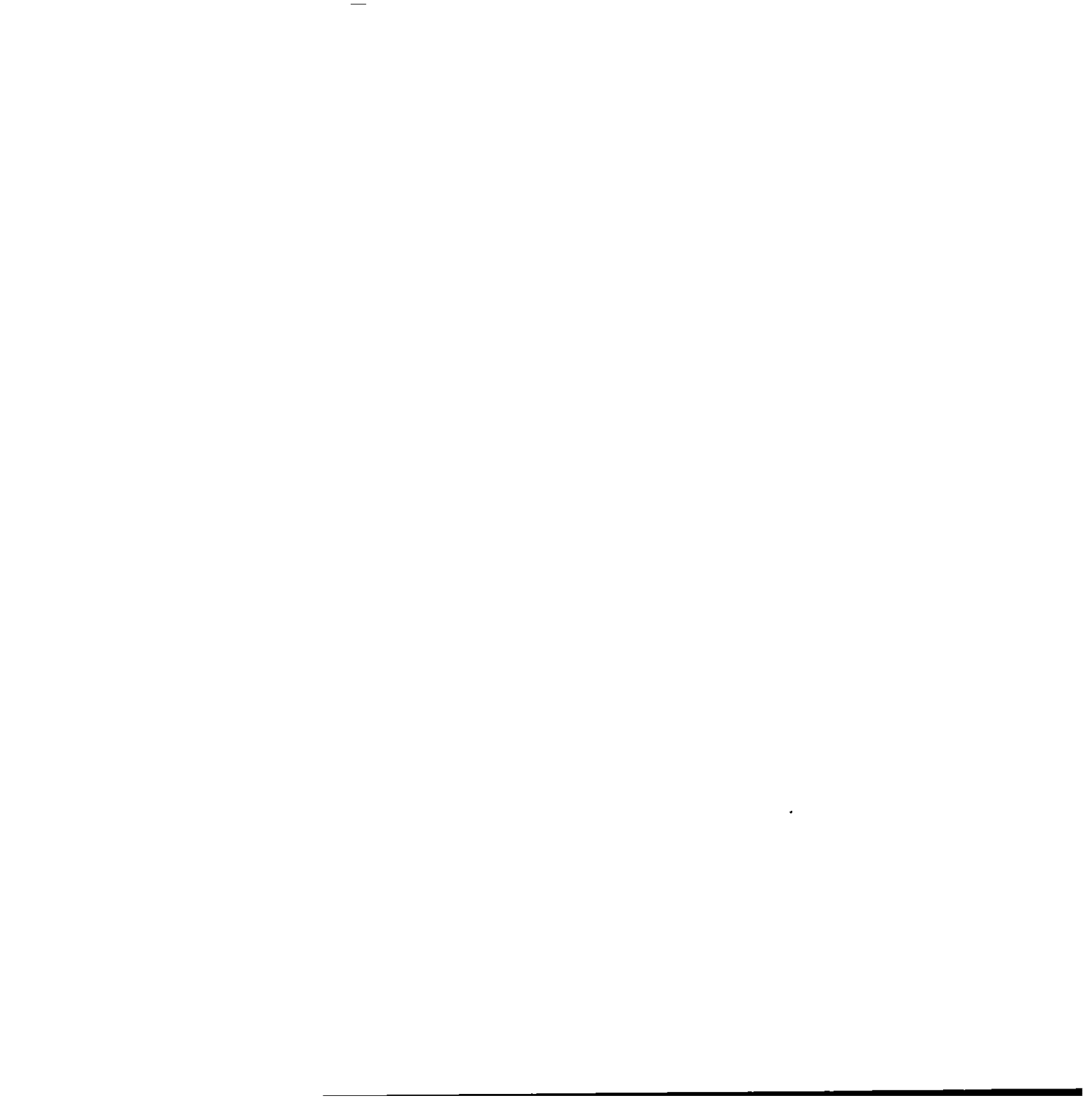
Sen K. Tan
Superior Court Judge

I certify that on 3-15-01
a copy of the above was mailed to each
of the following at their addresses of
record.

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State of Alaska, DHSS, et al.,)
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 Appellants,)
 v.)
)
 Planned Parenthood of Alaska, et al.,)
)
 Appellees.)

Supreme Court No. S-09109

Order

Awarding Costs and Attorney's Fees

Date of Order: 9/20/01

Trial Court Case # 3AN-98-07004CI

On consideration of the cost bill, filed on 8/30/01, and no opposition having been filed by any party,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Appellant shall pay appellee the following allowable costs:

Copies of appellee's brief	\$572.60
Copies of supplemental brief	\$ 48.30
<u>Copies of appellee's excerpt</u>	<u>\$244.50</u>
Total	\$865.40

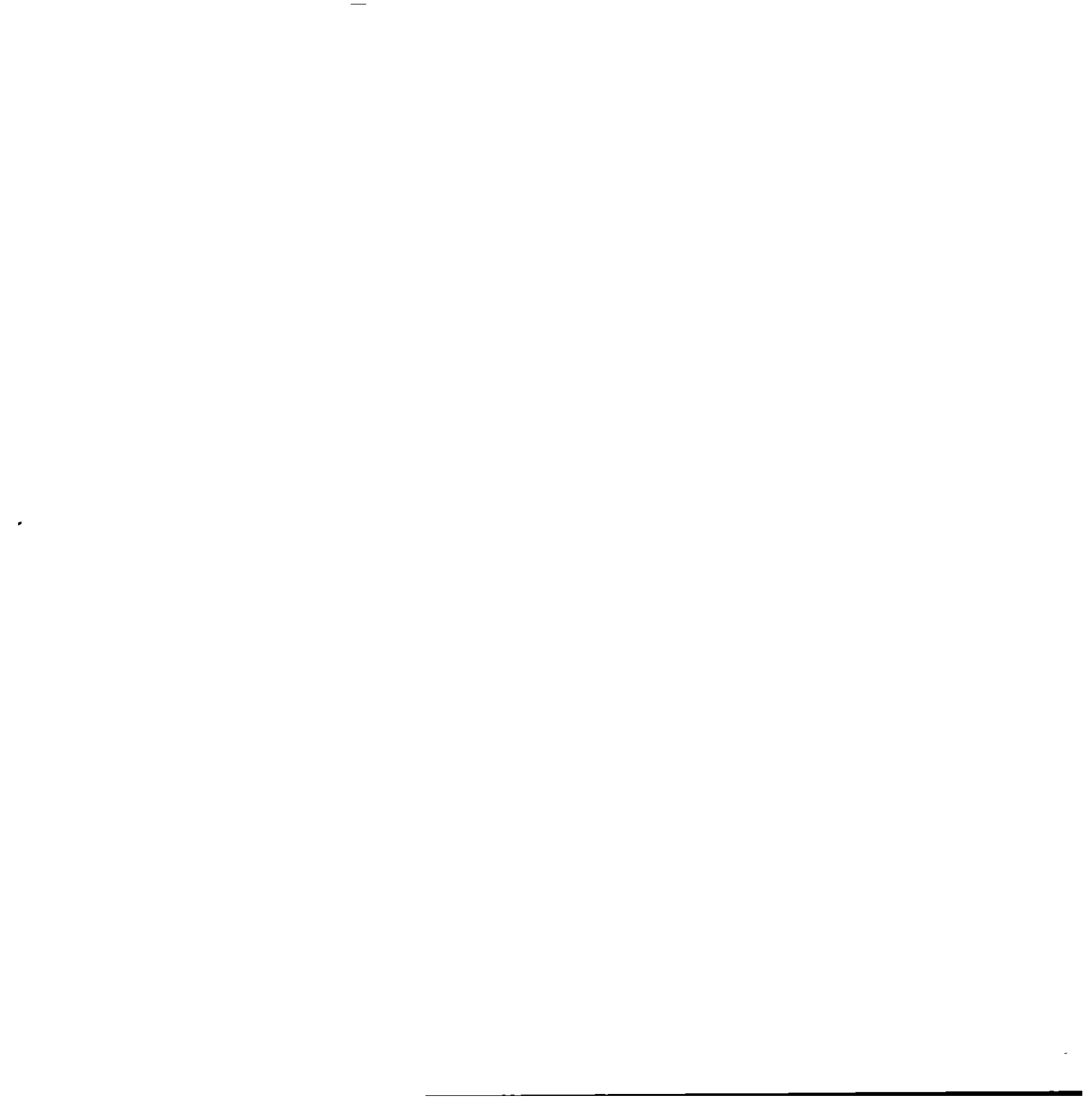
2. The following costs are disallowed:

Copies of appellee's memorandum in opposition to motion for stay of injunction	\$264.00
Appendix of cases in support of appellee's opposition to stay	\$343.20

3. At the direction of an individual justice, attorney's fees in the amount of \$67,150.00 are awarded to the appellee.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts

Marilyn May
Marilyn May



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF ALASKA,
JAN WHITEFIELD, M.D., ROBERT
KLEM, M.D., JANE DOES I-X,

Plaintiffs,

and

STATE OF ALASKA,

Defendant.

CONCERNED ALASKA PARENTS, INC.

Amicus Curie.

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State of Alaska

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Clerk of the Third District

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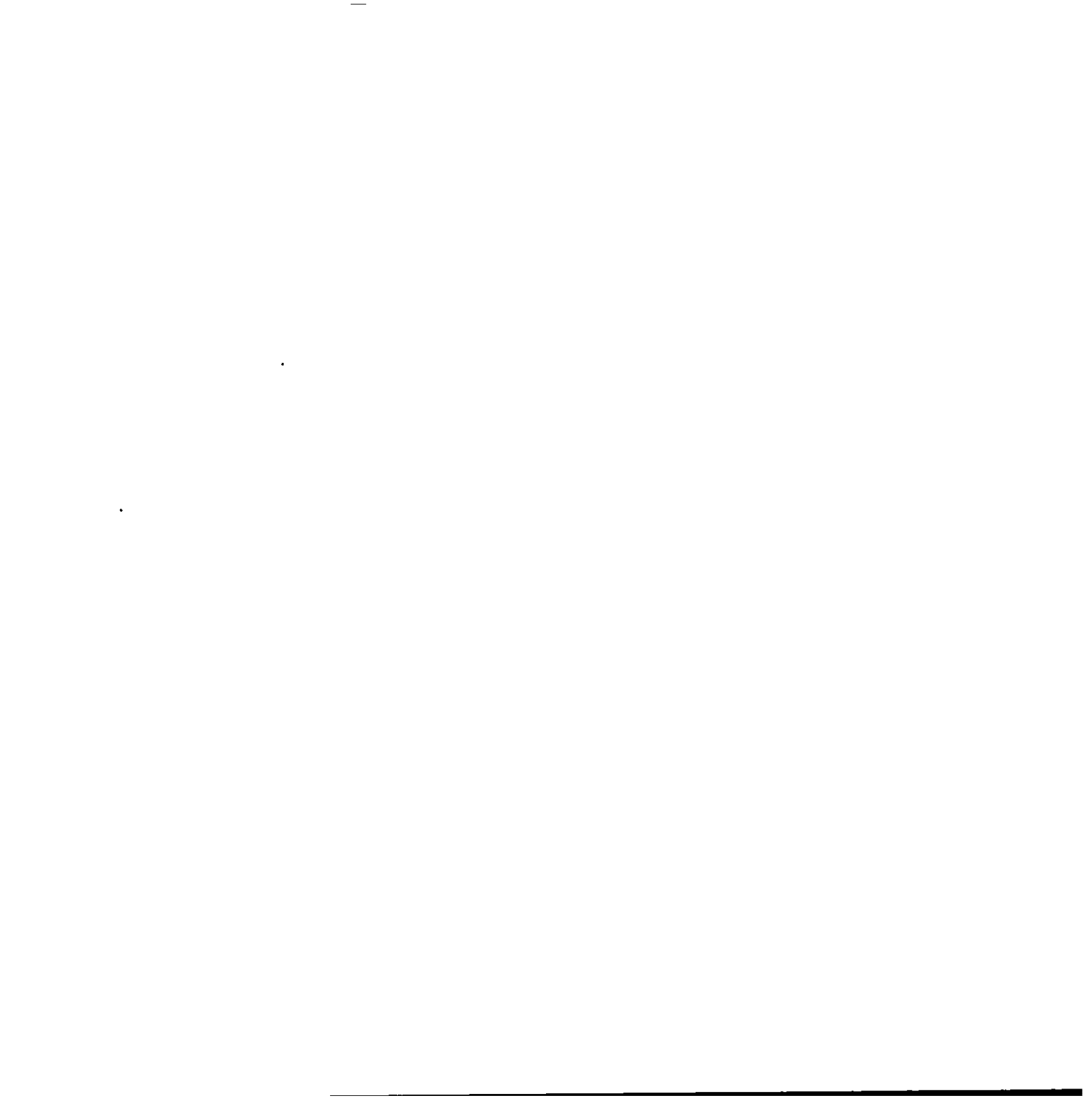
CASE NO. JAN-97-6014 CI

ORDER AND DECISION

This matter is before the court on plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney Fees. Defendant does not oppose an award of reasonable attorney fees, but disputes the reasonableness of the fees sought. Plaintiffs seek \$148,692.70 in fees.

ANALYSIS

A prevailing public interest litigant is normally entitled to full reasonable attorney's fees. Dansereau v. Ulmer, Slip Op. No. 4962 at p. 2 (Alaska April 3, 1998). Here, it is undisputed that the plaintiffs are prevailing public interest litigants. The amount and reasonableness of the fee award is to be determined on the facts of the case, and should be evaluated according to the twelve factors set forth in Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc., 488 F.2d 714, 717-19 (5th Cir. 1974). Hickel v. Southeast Conference, 868 P.2d 919, 924 (Alaska 1994).



The defendant, without citing the Johnson factors, asserts several reasons why the requested fees are unreasonable. This opinion first addresses defendant's arguments and then addresses the Johnson factors.

A. DEFENDANT'S ARGUMENTS

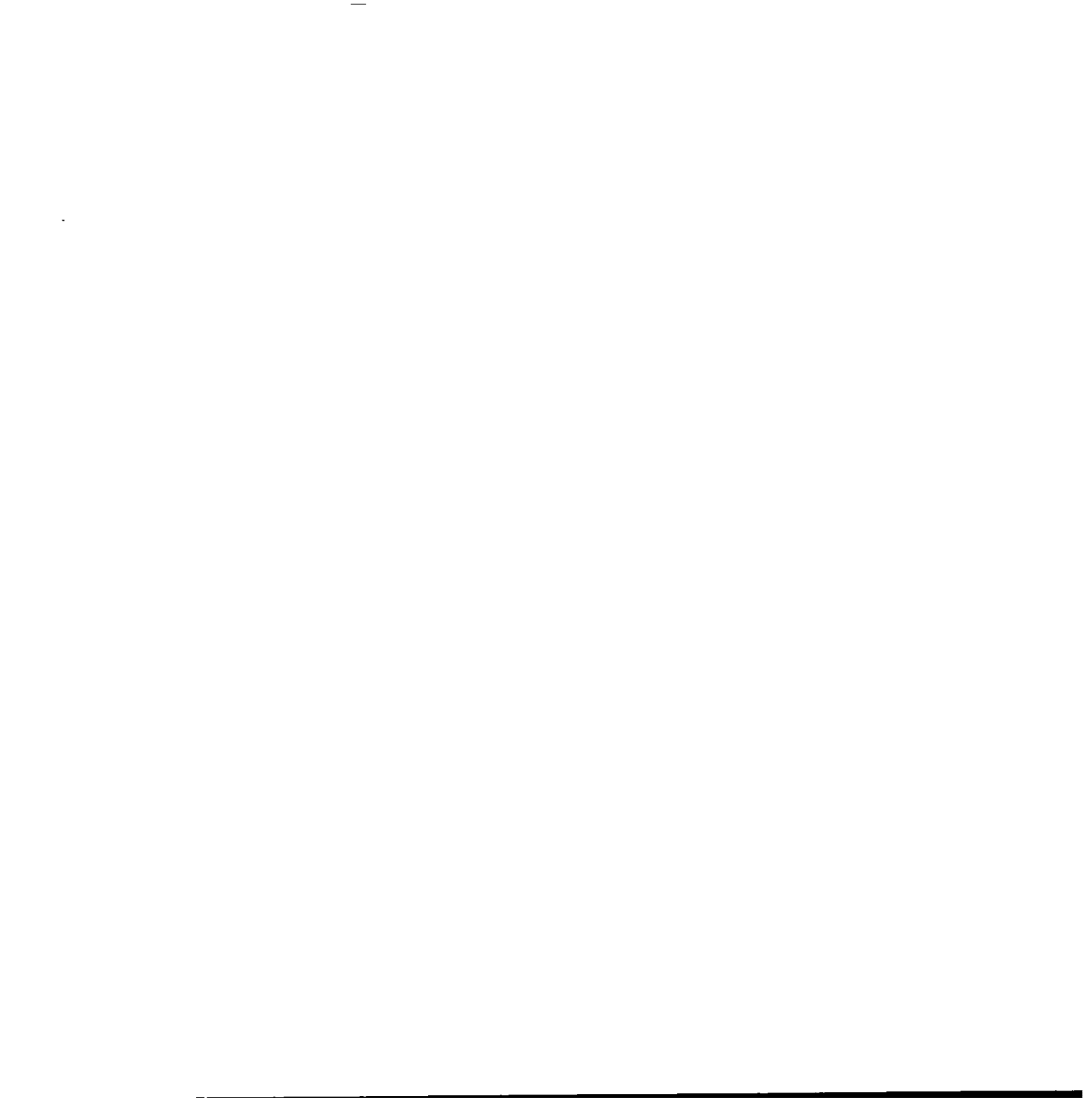
Complexity

The State notes that this court must consider the complexity of the case in determining reasonable fees and asserts that this case was not complex. This court respectfully disagrees with defendant's characterization of the case.

This case was not like most other civil cases. First, the lawsuit raised a constitutional question of first impression for Alaska. Due to its nature, this case required substantial work to assimilate the arguments and evidence necessary to support the requests for injunctive relief and for summary judgment, and to oppose the two motions to dismiss.¹ Although the arguments and the facts supporting them may have been similar, each application for relief required a different analysis. Second, this case involved Concerned Alaska Parents ("CAP") as amicus curiae.² CAP presented numerous complex issues of its own to which plaintiffs had to respond. This court concludes that this was a complex case.

¹ Since this case was brought prior to the Alaska Supreme Court decision in Valley Hospital Association v. Mat-Su Coalition, 948 P.2d 963 (Alaska 1997), it was necessary that the plaintiffs draw substantially on federal law as well as analogous state law.

² Although CAP was not allowed to intervene as a party, CAP did much more than file a brief as amicus curiae.



Inadequate Support for Request

Defendants challenge that part of plaintiffs' fees request related to work done by attorneys Ms. Schleuss and Ms. Strout on the ground that plaintiffs failed to sufficiently support that part of the request. Since plaintiffs have now provided an affidavit by Ms. Schleuss in support of her fees, I find this argument is now moot as to her fees. As to Ms. Strout's total fees of \$700, I find that Ms. Bamberger's affidavit satisfactorily supports this part of plaintiffs' request.

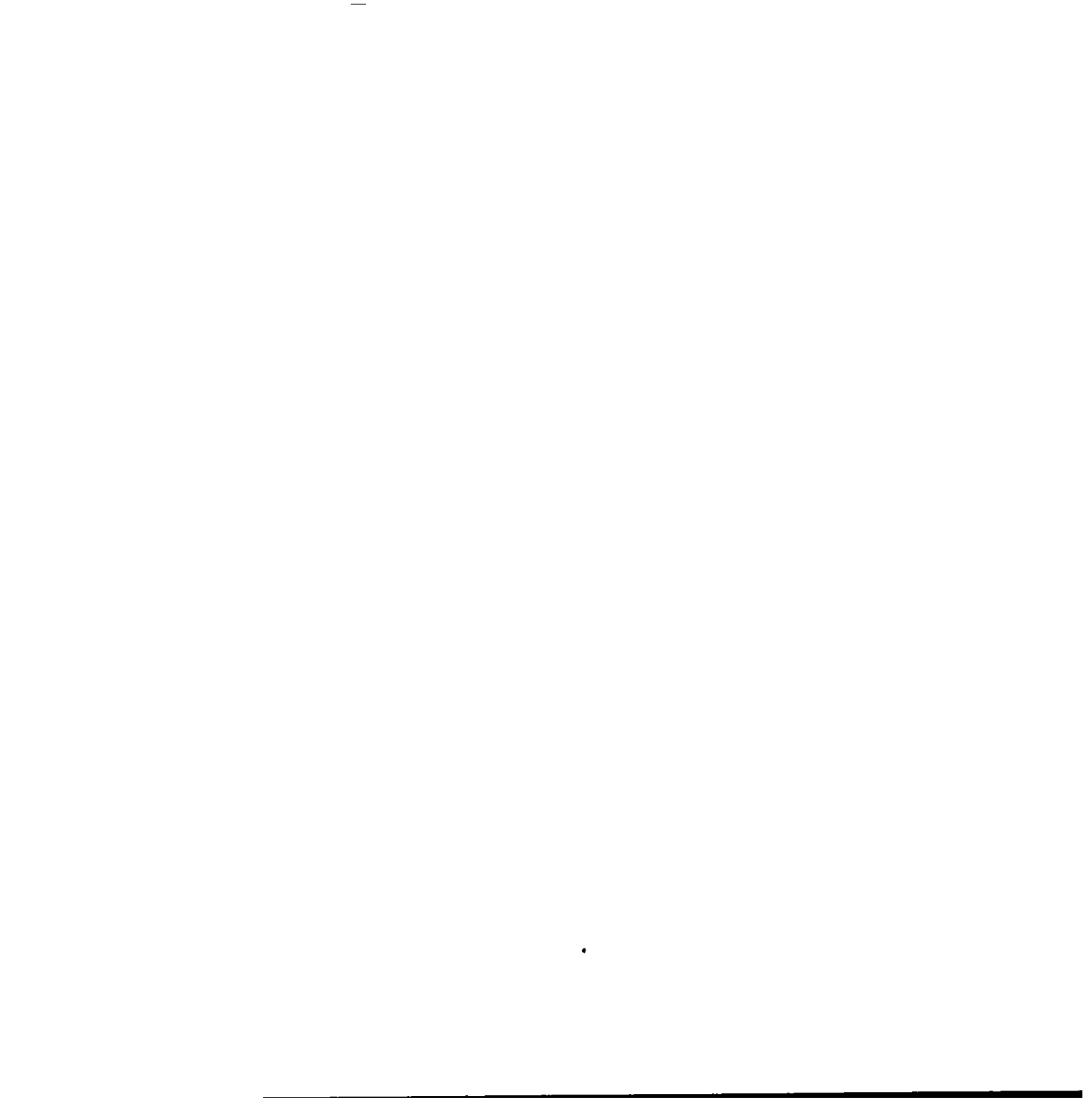
Unrelated Work

Defendants challenge some of the fees on the ground that they represent work unrelated to this action.

Defendants describe Ms. Bamberger's communications with counsel in 97-6019, the concurrent challenge to the partial birth abortion statute, as coordination by the attorneys of their cases which should be uncompensated in this matter. I find that proper representation in a lawsuit includes consulting with counsel in 97-6019, as well as obtaining a copy of the transcript of the TRO ruling in that matter. Further, I find that three telephone conversations to accomplish this purpose was reasonable.

CAP

Defendant argues that it should not be required to pay the fees associated with opposing motions or other arguments asserted by CAP. This argument also fails. First, I find that to rule as defendant requests would result in apportionment by issue, which is prohibited. Dansereau at 5. Further, this court concludes that



the State benefited from CAP's participation as one would benefit from having co-counsel. In this case, CAP was not a neutral "friend of the court." Rather, CAP's position was very much aligned with the State's in arguing that the statute was constitutional. CAP, in this case, supplemented the State's briefing and presented contentions and arguments strengthening the State's case. Accordingly, I find that the State is liable for fees incurred in responding to CAP's briefs.

Duplicative or Unnecessary Work

Defendant asserts that the plaintiffs' attorneys necessarily duplicated each others efforts or engaged in unnecessary work. In support of its argument, defendant relies heavily upon the number of hours each attorney worked on any given product, not on the specifics of what each attorney was doing. For instance, where three, or even four attorneys coordinated briefing or other efforts, defendant concludes that there was necessarily a waste of resources. I disagree.

First, I find that the more pertinent question is, what was the total number of hours spent litigating this case. Here, as defendant points out, plaintiffs' counsel spent a total of 954.28 hours in this lawsuit while defendant spent a total of 579.2 hours, or 375.08 hours less than plaintiff. However, the number of hours spent by the defendant did not include the hours spent by CAP. I suspect that if the hours spent by CAP were included, the total number of hours spent by the State and CAP would be close to what plaintiff's counsel expended in this case. In light of this



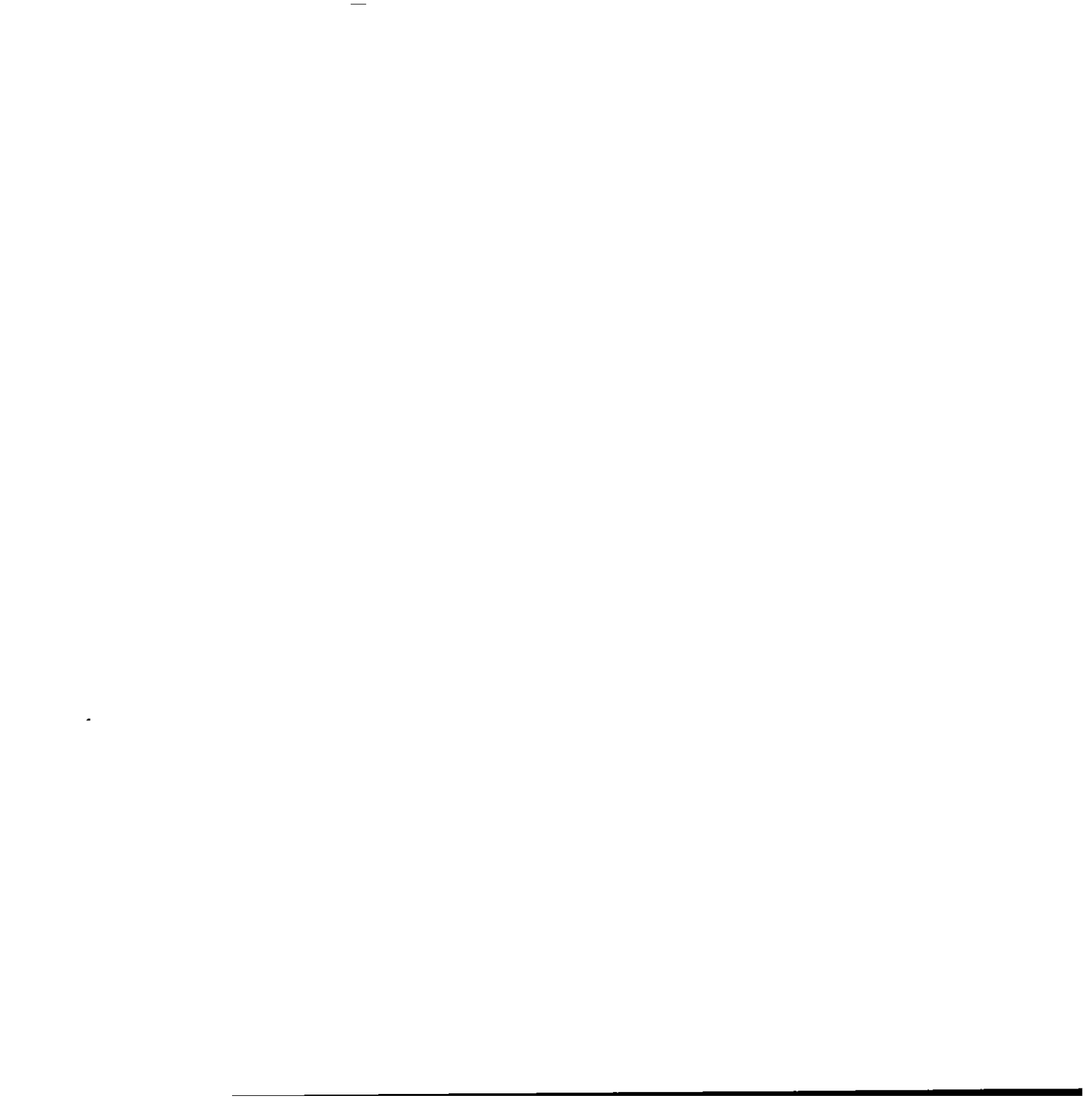
understatement, I find the difference in total hours not unreasonable.

Further, I find that the amount of time invested in the preparation of this case is reflected in the high quality of work presented to the court. Plaintiffs' counsels' arguments were extremely precise, well-written, and well-supported by facts and law. Plaintiffs' counsel presented very high qualityf briefing to the court.³

Next, after reviewing both parties' arguments, I reject defendant's objections to plaintiffs' use of out-of-state or other attorneys for depositions. For instance, I find that plaintiffs' counsel acted reasonably when they hired Fairbanks counsel to conduct the deposition of Ms. Scully, since the cost to plaintiffs was not significantly different than if their own counsel had conducted the deposition and because Ms. Bamberger, the "local" co-counsel, was thoroughly engaged with other "ninth-hour" depositions.

The State also objects to the cost of other counsel who defended a deposition in Vermont. Defendant suggests that plaintiffs' counsel should have appeared telephonically, as did defendant's counsel. Although defending a deposition telephonically may be a reasonable option, it is not the only

³ In making this finding, this court does not say that defendant's counsel's briefing was not of the same caliber. Indeed, the quality of the briefing in this lawsuit by all involved was of the highest degree.



reasonable option. Having counsel present at a deposition to consult with the deponent cannot be deemed an unreasonable expense.

Plaintiff's counsel should have been able to work faster

Defendant asserts that, because of the extensive and collective litigation and civil rights experience of plaintiffs' attorneys, the attorneys should not have required over 900 hours to prepare their case. This court rejects this final argument on the premise that the case presented a case of first impression for the State. Therefore, experience in federal law or the law of other jurisdictions did not have a direct bearing on Alaska's state law.

In conclusion, this court is not persuaded by defendant's objections to the reasonableness of plaintiffs' fees.

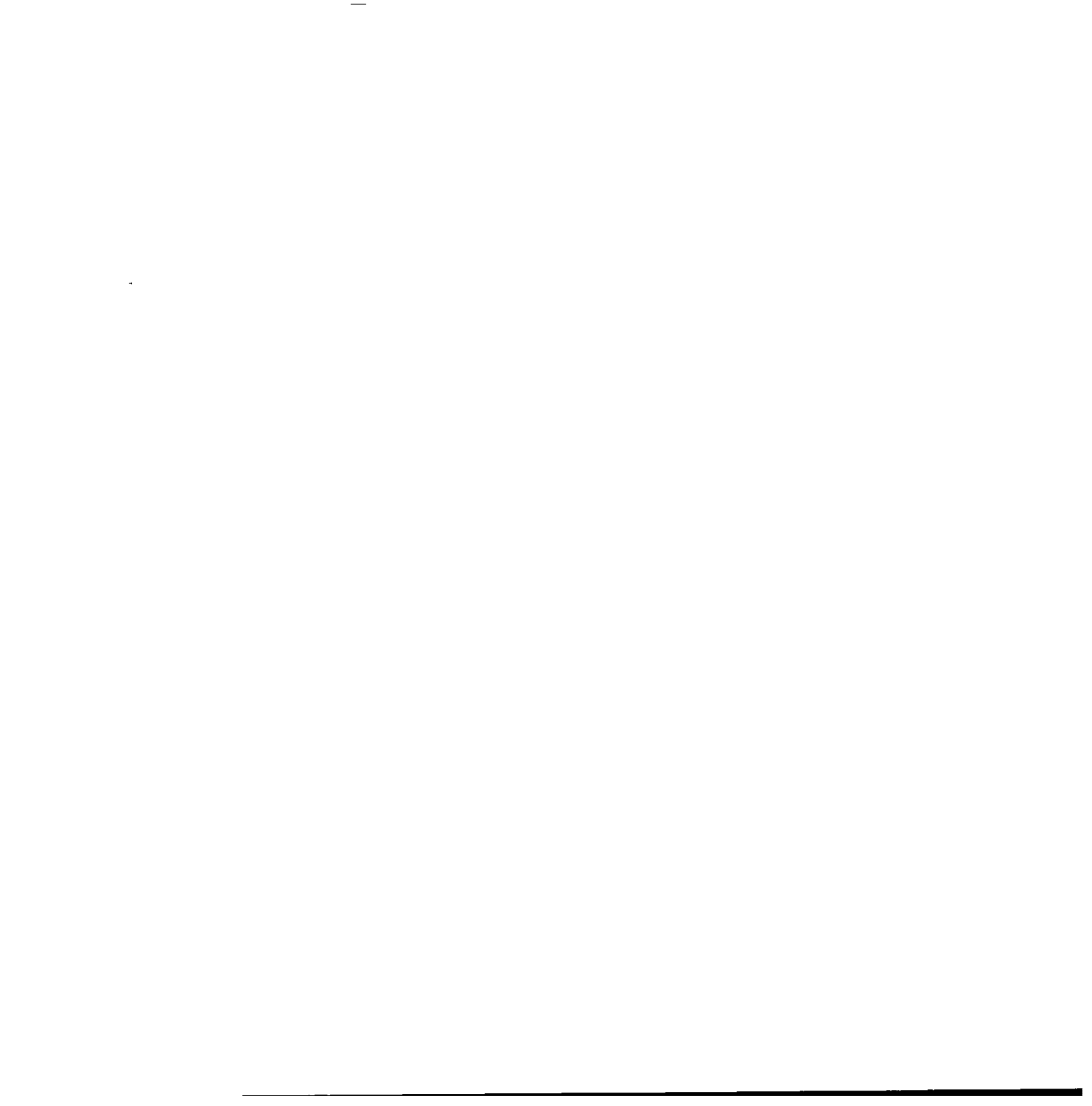
B. THE JOHNSON FACTORS

Johnson, supra, directs courts to consider twelve factors when determining the reasonableness of fees. Below, several of these factors are analyzed as they bear directly on the issue of reasonable fees in this case. Other factors are not relevant and were not addressed by the parties, and hence, I reach no conclusions as to them.⁴

1. The time and labor required

As stated above, this court finds that there was substantial

⁴ Those factors are: the preclusion of other employment opportunities for counsel; whether the fee is fixed or contingent; time limitations that prioritize this work so that other work is delayed; the "undesirability" of the case; and the nature and the length of the professional relationship between the attorney and client.



time and labor required to properly prepare this complex case.

2. The novelty and difficulty of the questions

As already stated, this case presented a question of first impression in Alaska, and did not enjoy the benefit of Alaska cases substantially analogous to the issue presented.

3. The skill requisite to perform the legal service properly

As to this factor, the court is instructed to observe the attorney's work product, preparation and general ability before the court. As already noted, this court found plaintiffs' counsels' work to be of the highest quality, reflective of the time invested in the work. Further, this court found counsels' oral presentations to be of the same quality.

4. The customary fee

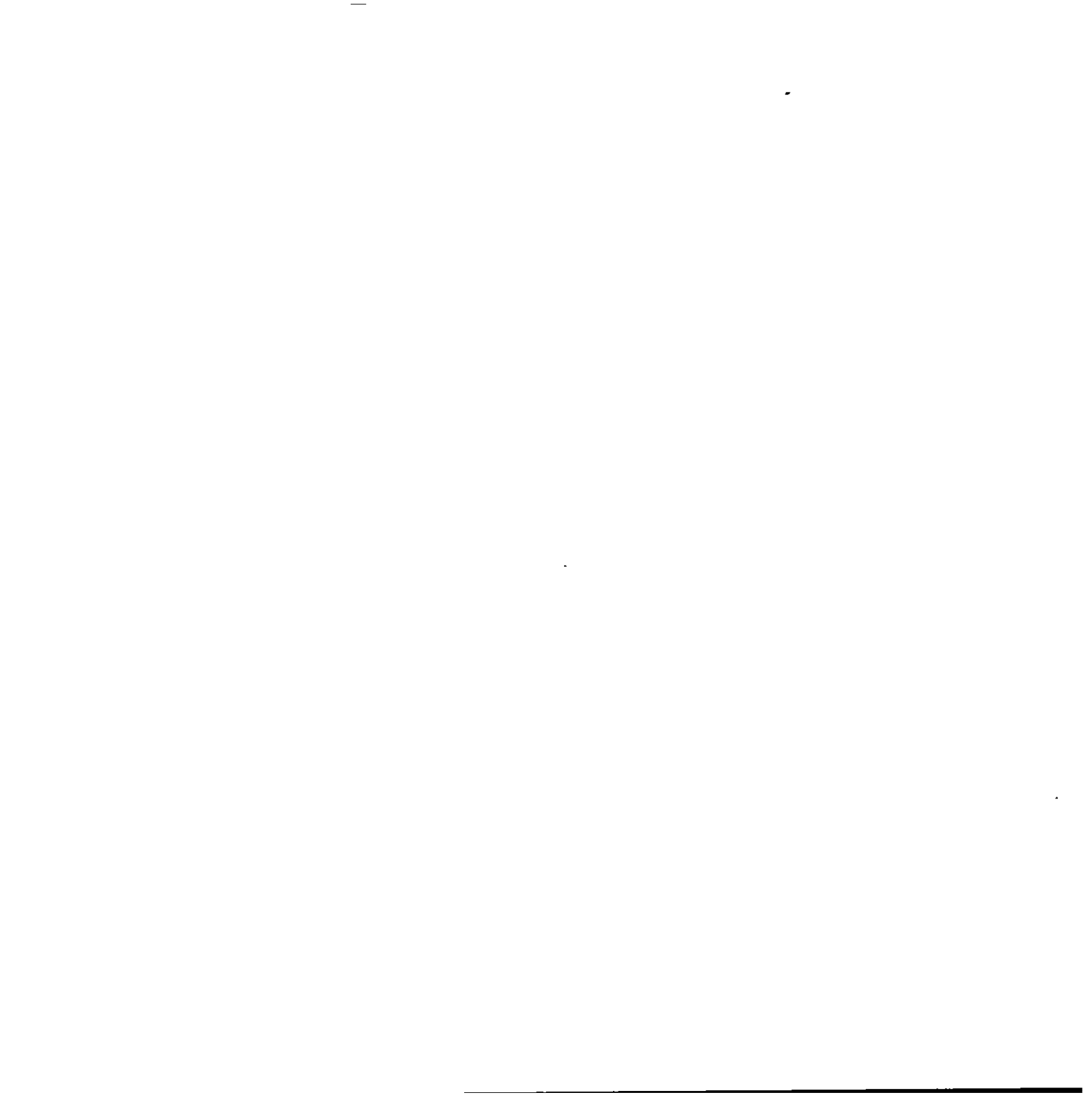
I find the attorneys' hourly rates, which range from \$110 to \$180 to be reasonable and customary.

5. The amount involved and the results obtained

Johnson directs that, "[i]f the decision corrects across-the-board discrimination affecting a large class" of claimants or plaintiffs, the attorney's fee award should reflect the relief granted. Johnson at 718. Although no exact figures are ascertainable, I find that a necessarily significant number of women have, or will be affected by this lawsuit.

6. The experience, reputation and ability of the attorneys

I have already dismissed defendant's assertions that, because of the counsels' significant experience their costs should be lower. But, this factor relates more to the hourly rate charged



by the attorney. As already noted, I find the plaintiffs' attorneys' hourly rates reasonable here, particularly since it is recognized that experienced attorneys who specialize in civil rights cases may enjoy a higher rate of compensation than others. Johnson at 718.

7. Awards in similar cases

No argument was presented by the parties to the court related to this factor. However, this court notes that, in Valley Hospital, supra, a 1992 case, the court awarded approximately \$110,000 in attorney's fees. The issue presented in that case was analogous to the one here. And, the award of injunctive relief and disposition by summary judgment in that case is also analogous. I find that, considering inflation, an award of \$150,000 in 1998 approximates an award of \$110,000 in 1992.

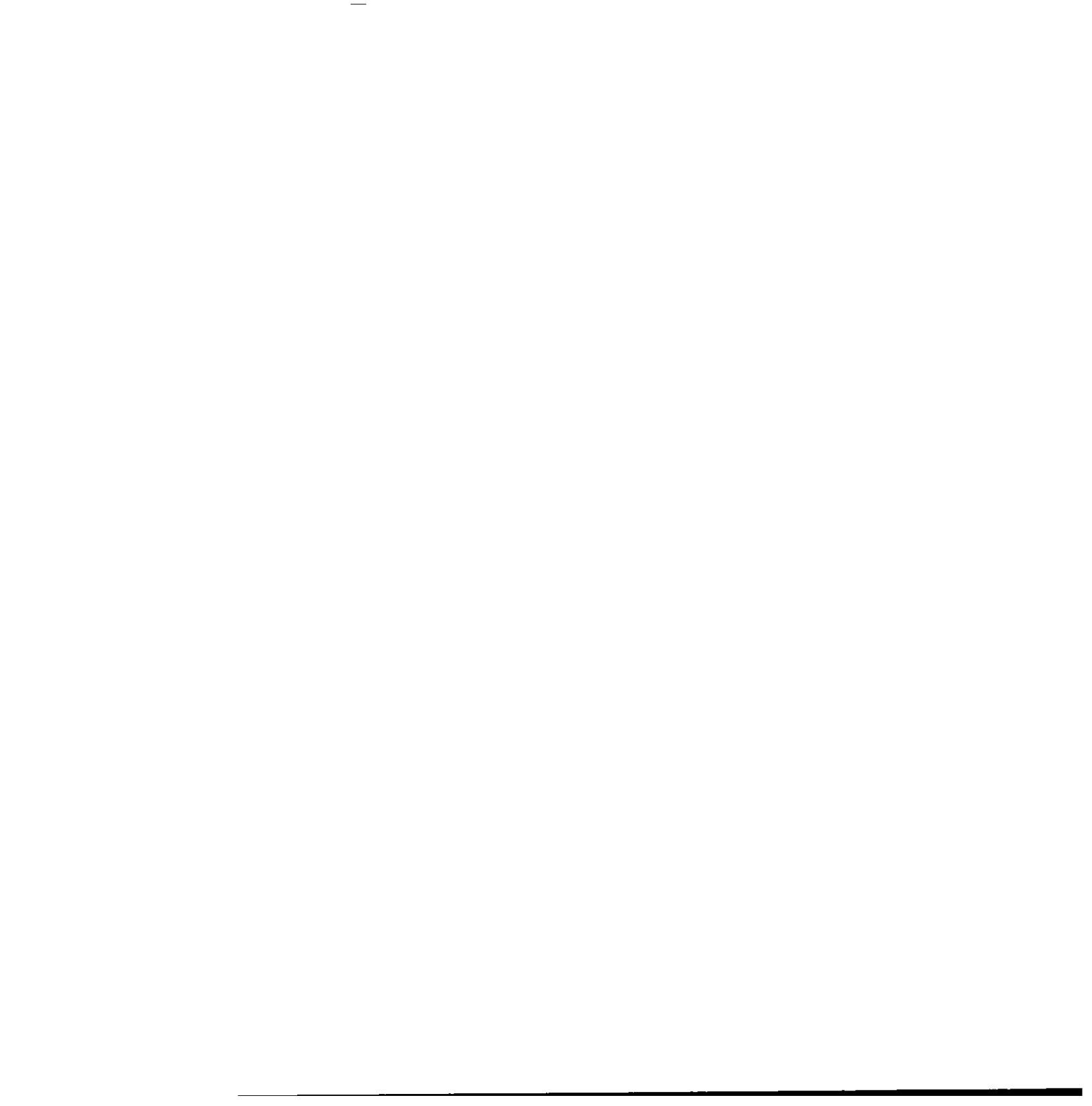
Conclusion

Application of the relevant Johnson factors leads to the conclusion that plaintiffs' attorneys' fees are reasonable. Indeed, none of the factors support a contrary conclusion.

CONCLUSION

After consideration of the parties' arguments and application of the factors set forth in Johnson, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT,

1. Plaintiffs are prevailing party, public interest litigants;
2. Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney Fees is GRANTED; and



3. The State of Alaska shall pay plaintiffs the sum of \$148,692.70 as full reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as approved by the Clerk of the Court, and an amended final judgment shall be entered in accordance herewith.⁵

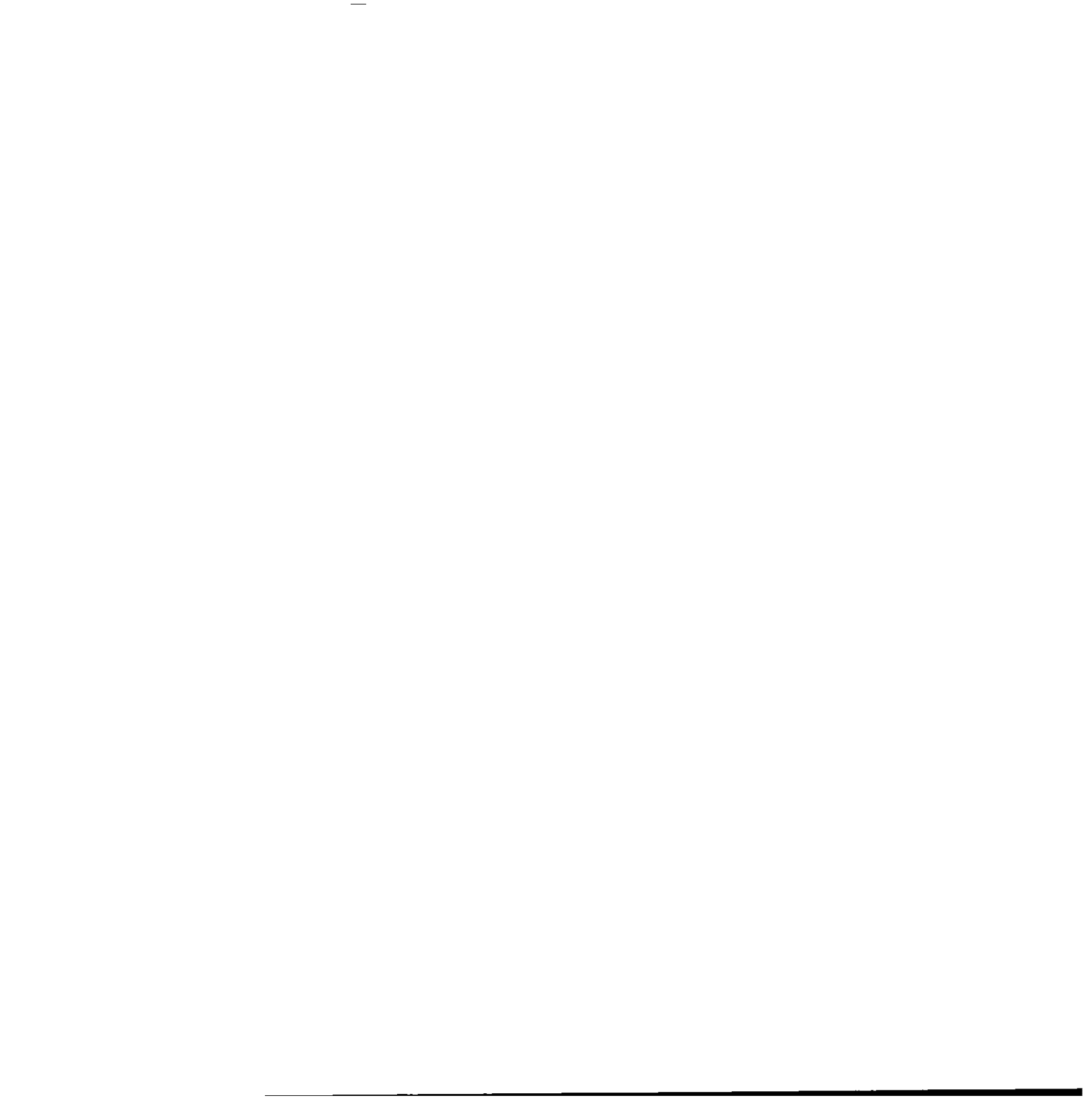
Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 2 day of October, 1998.



SEN K. TAN
Superior Court Judge

I, by and on 10-5-98
a copy of the above was mailed to each
of the following at their addresses of
record:
E. Mueller *Bamberger*
Dwyer
Cleburn
Secretary/Deputy Clerk *Cripps*

⁵ This court notes that, at the time of entry of original judgment in this case, the question of attorney's fees had not been presented to the court.



in the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

State of Alaska,

Appellant/Cross-Appellee,

v.

Planned Parenthood of Alaska &
Jan Whitefield, M.D,

Appellees/Cross-Appellants.

Supreme Court No. S-11365/S-11386

Order Awarding Costs

Date of Order: 1/14/08

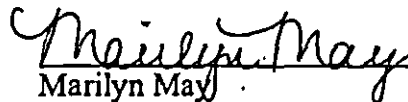
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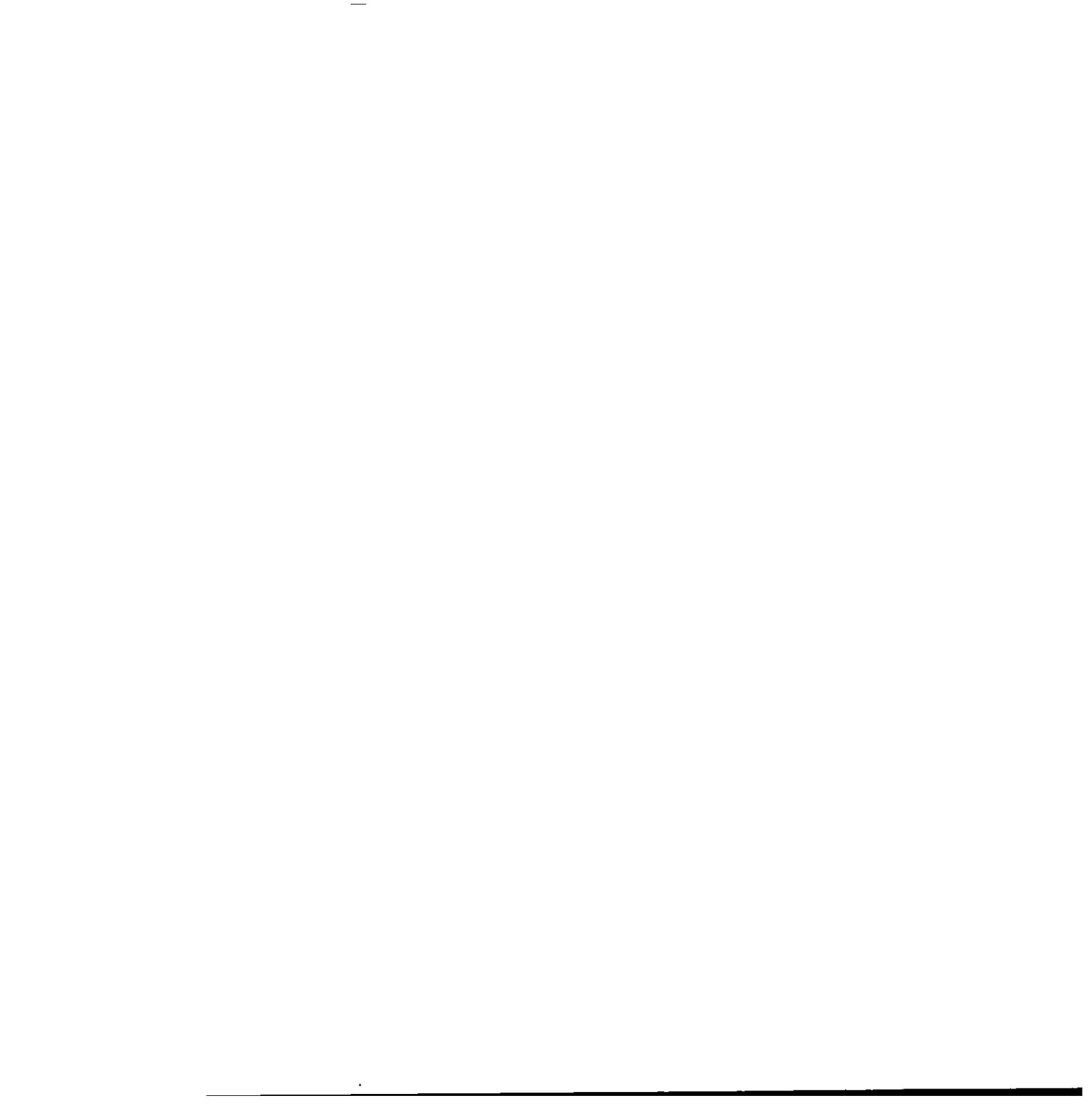
On consideration of the Appellee/Cross-Appellant's 11/13/07 cost bill, and the 12/6/07 non-opposition, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Appellant/Cross-Appellee shall pay Appellee/Cross-Appellant \$ 8,537.22 for the following costs:

Filing Fee	\$	150.00
Transcript preparation	\$	7,657.37
Postage	\$	41.99
Copies and printing of brief	\$	<u>687.86</u>
Total	\$	8,537.22

Clerk of the Appellate Courts


Marilyn May



In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

State of Alaska,

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) Supreme Court No. S-11365/S-11386

Appellant/Cross-Appellant,

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Planned Parenthood of Alaska &
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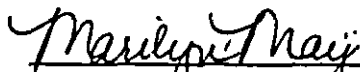
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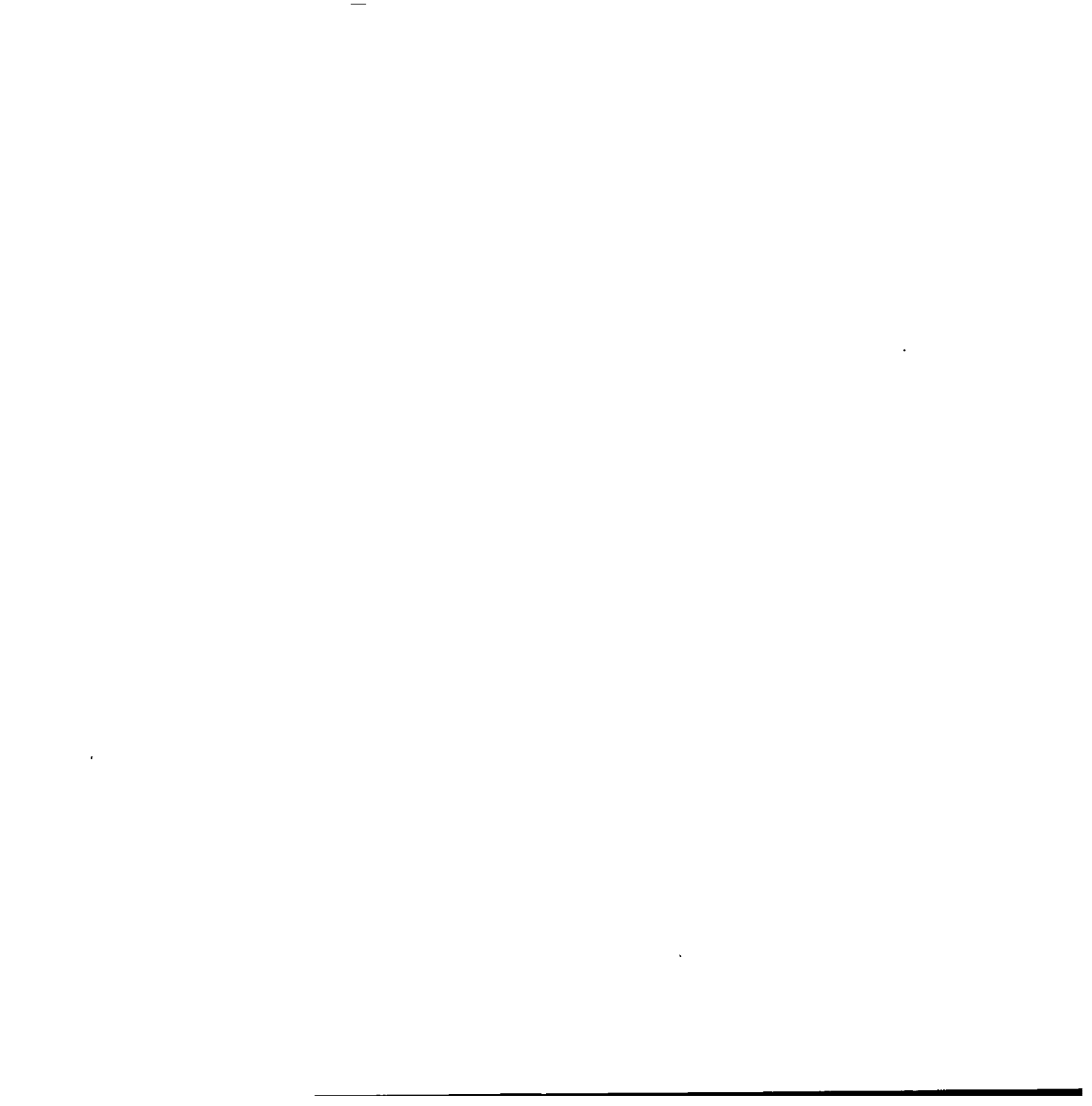
On consideration of Planned Parenthood of Alaska & Jan Whitefield, M.D.'s 11/13/07 affidavit of services rendered on appeal; the State of Alaska's 12/6/07 non-opposition to the affidavit of services rendered on appeal; Planned Parenthood of Alaska & Jan Whitefield, M.D.'s 12/21/07 motion for leave to file supplemental affidavit of services rendered on appeal, covering attorney's fees expended in responding to the petition for rehearing; and no opposition to the supplemental affidavit having been received, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, no opposition to appellees/cross-appellants Planned Parenthood of Alaska and Jan Whitefield, M.D.'s attorney's fees request having been filed by appellant/cross-appellee State of Alaska:

Appellant/cross-appellee State of Alaska shall pay to the appellees/cross-appellants \$120,897.50 in attorney's fees.

Entered by direction of an individual justice.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts


Marilyn May



SB 98 Testimony

I hope to become a teacher. It's what I've always wanted to do. I want to become a teacher because of what my teachers did for me as well as what I can do for others.

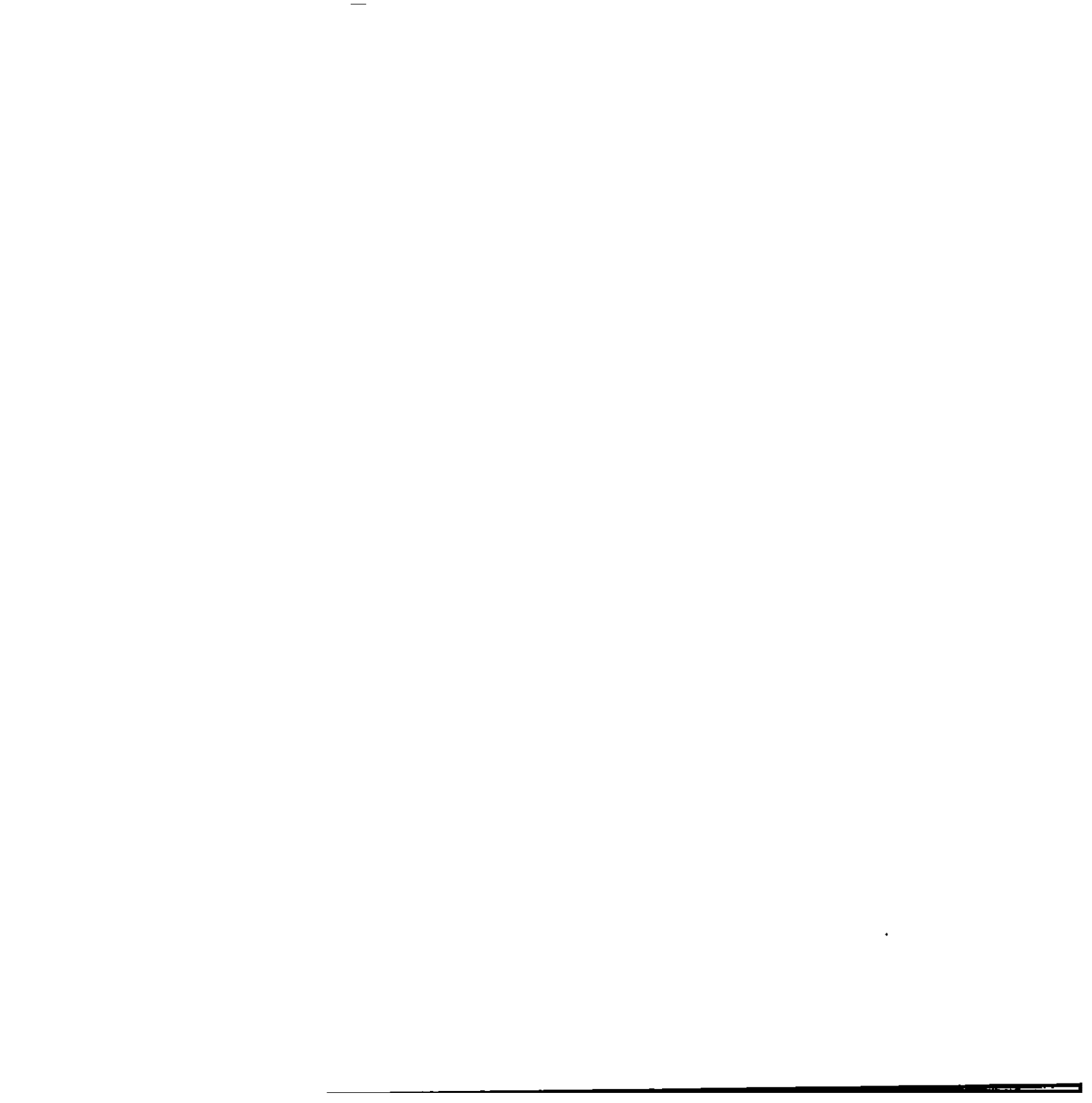
I was born and raised in Dillingham Alaska, a small fishing community of 2,300 residents. We are a hubcap community for all of Bristol bay: we have a hospital, a public health center, and liquor store. Like most of rural Alaska, Dillingham is affected by poverty, alcoholism, heroin abuse, domestic violence, Sexually Transmitted Infections and sexual assault.

I grew up in this community, and bared witness to the complex and systemic dysfunction of its adults and the direct effects it had on the community's youth. For many of the youth in Dillingham, sexual education in the home is not something they had, nor was it something their parents particularly cared about.

I want to become a teacher because I want to help all students reach their full potential as healthy, happy, and responsible citizens. Part of this mission is to provide accurate and relevant information about the human body and how to take care of and protect it.

Anyone who is has experienced coming of age after the invention of the internet knows that information is not difficult to obtain. Good information however, is not quite so easy, especially when you have little information to go off of to begin with. I'm not a parent, but I'm sure if I had a child I would much rather them learn about sexuality and health from an approved and accurate curriculum than by googling sex. Parents are already able to opt out of sex-ed programs as it is, there is no reason to create more hoops for teachers, students, and parents to jump through in order to receive information vital to living as a healthy happy and responsible adult.

Please, vote against SB89.



Representing: Self
Bill # SB89
Hearing Date: March 21, 2016

Dear House Education Committee:

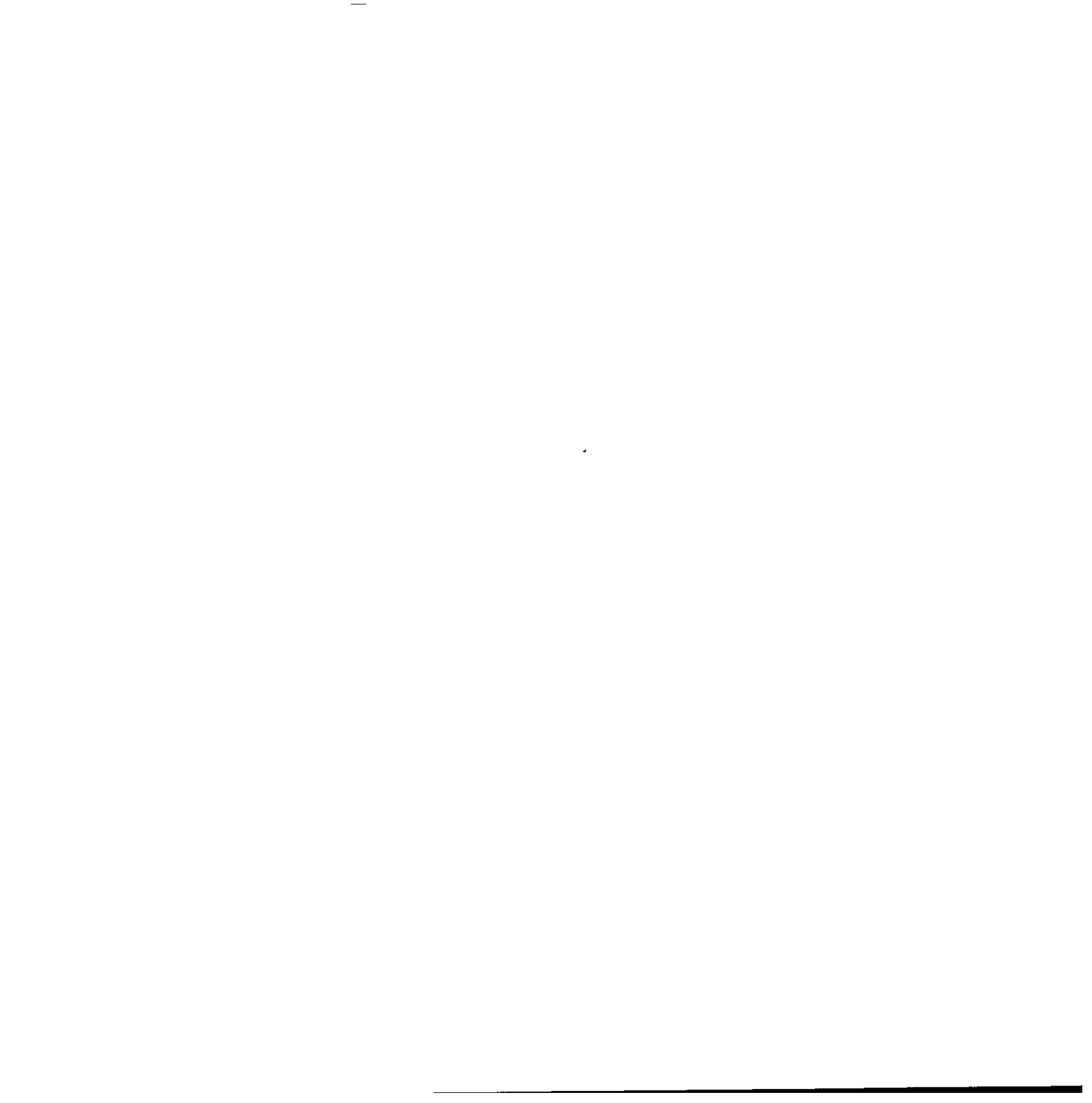
I am writing to ask you not to support SB 89. The "opt-in" for sexual education was practiced in Texas when I went to school from 1961 to 1973. Sexual education was offered only once (in sixth grade) in all my primary grade years. The opt-in permission slip was given by teachers just one day prior to the program being presented (although the intent was to provide more notice, the reality was not). There were about 15 of us who missed the program that next day because of the lack of time and due to the opt-in, instead of the opt-out, option which was new to the parents. Both my parents were dismayed that factual information approved and reviewed by professional educators, had to be "opted-in". This would be on the same scale as requiring opting-in for evolution education. Another science based, proven theory that endures educational conflict from biblical creation belief and political pandering.

As I listened to the concerns expressed by others on the teleconference, I was surprised at the number of people who spoke about fear. Fear that their children might learn from someone amoral and/or that hearing factual information from an "abortion provider" was somehow different than hearing the same material from a certified teacher. Where are the instances of such abuse or misinformation that support these claims? Aren't these the same arguments presented to attempt removal of gay teachers from their jobs? Who's next?

"Abortion Provider" is a term referring to a medical professional that performs just one legal medical procedure for women. This term should not be used in a Senate Bill to overshadow medical doctors, clinics and health providers (such as Planned Parenthood) whom perform mostly other medical services. I find this bill to be incendiary, intolerant and judgmental and not reflecting Alaskan Values.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony,

Ricarda N. Lebman
15740 Wind Song Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99516



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
SB 89

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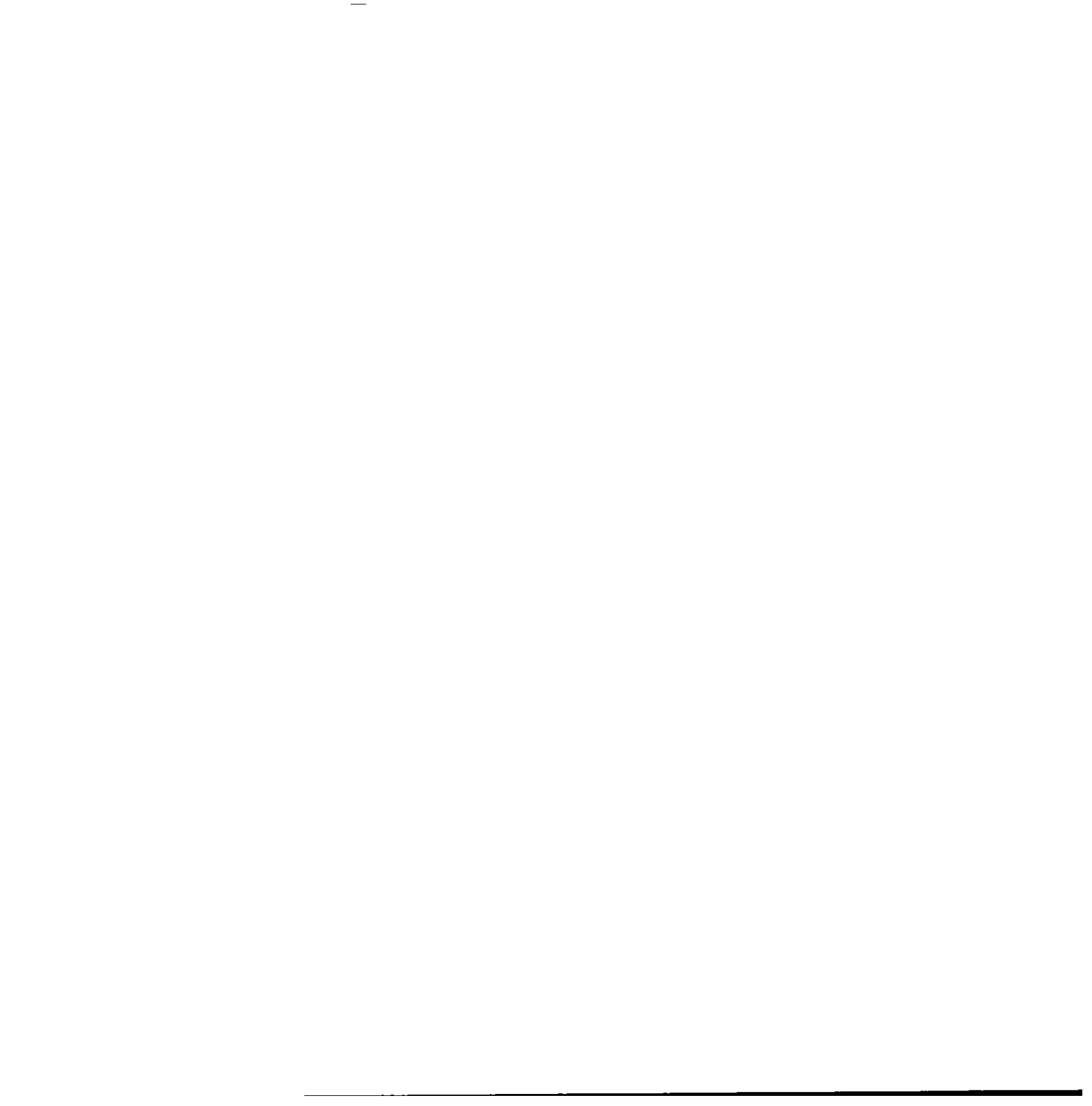
SB 89 is a crucially important bill to protect the right of parents to direct the education of their children. Please do all you can to see that it passes!

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Dustin and Janina Broek

Anchorage, AK 99507



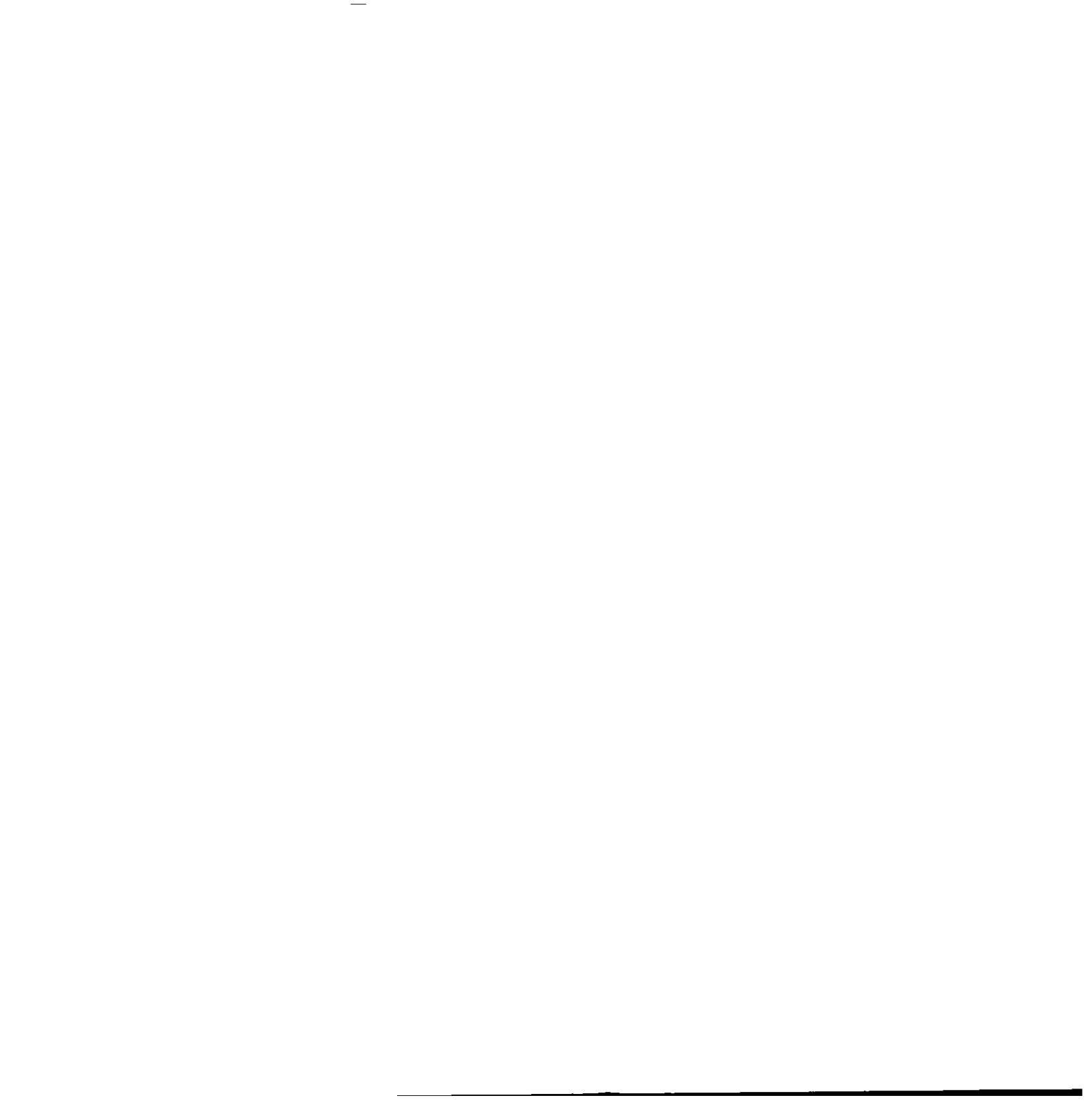
To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: SB 89

Greetings Representatives,

As a parent of four children in our Alaska public school system, I urge you to pass SB 89! I have removed my children from the sex education classes during their elementary school years. Each of my children came home the first day of sex ed. in the classroom telling me that **all** of the kids in their class came in telling them **"you are so lucky you did not have to be in that class!"** I believe that sex education in the elementary schools needs to be removed altogether. I realize parents are not teaching their children, but I do not believe that organizations like Planned Parenthood should come in telling children what they believe. I would hope that if we stop giving parents a way out of neglecting their responsibilities, parents would finally step in and start parenting their children in all areas of life.

I love my job as a parent and I know many others that do as well. Please let me keep my rights to train up my children as I see fit.

Thank you,
Ann Keffalos



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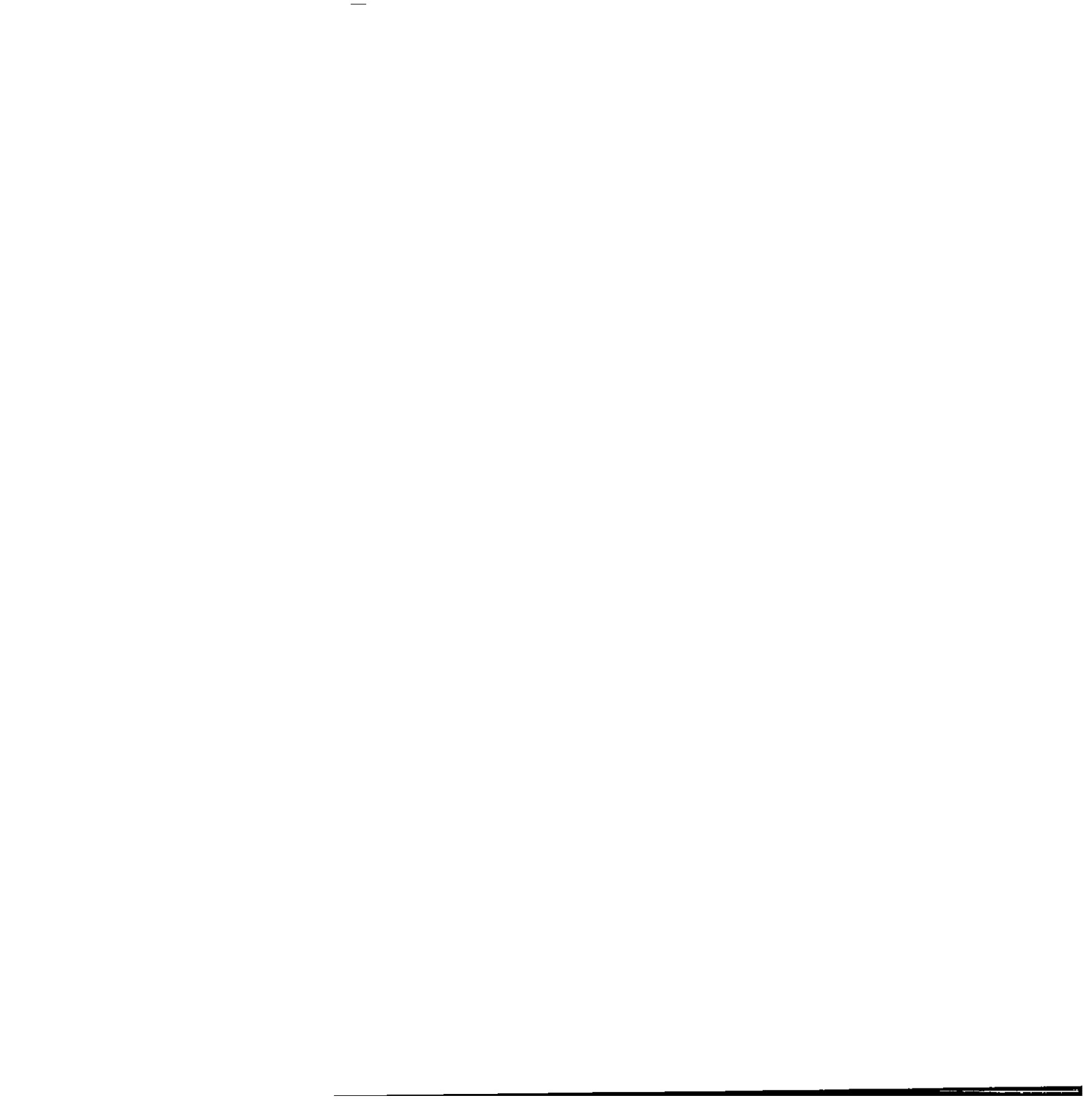
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Dennis and Michele Deering

Anchorage, AK 99507



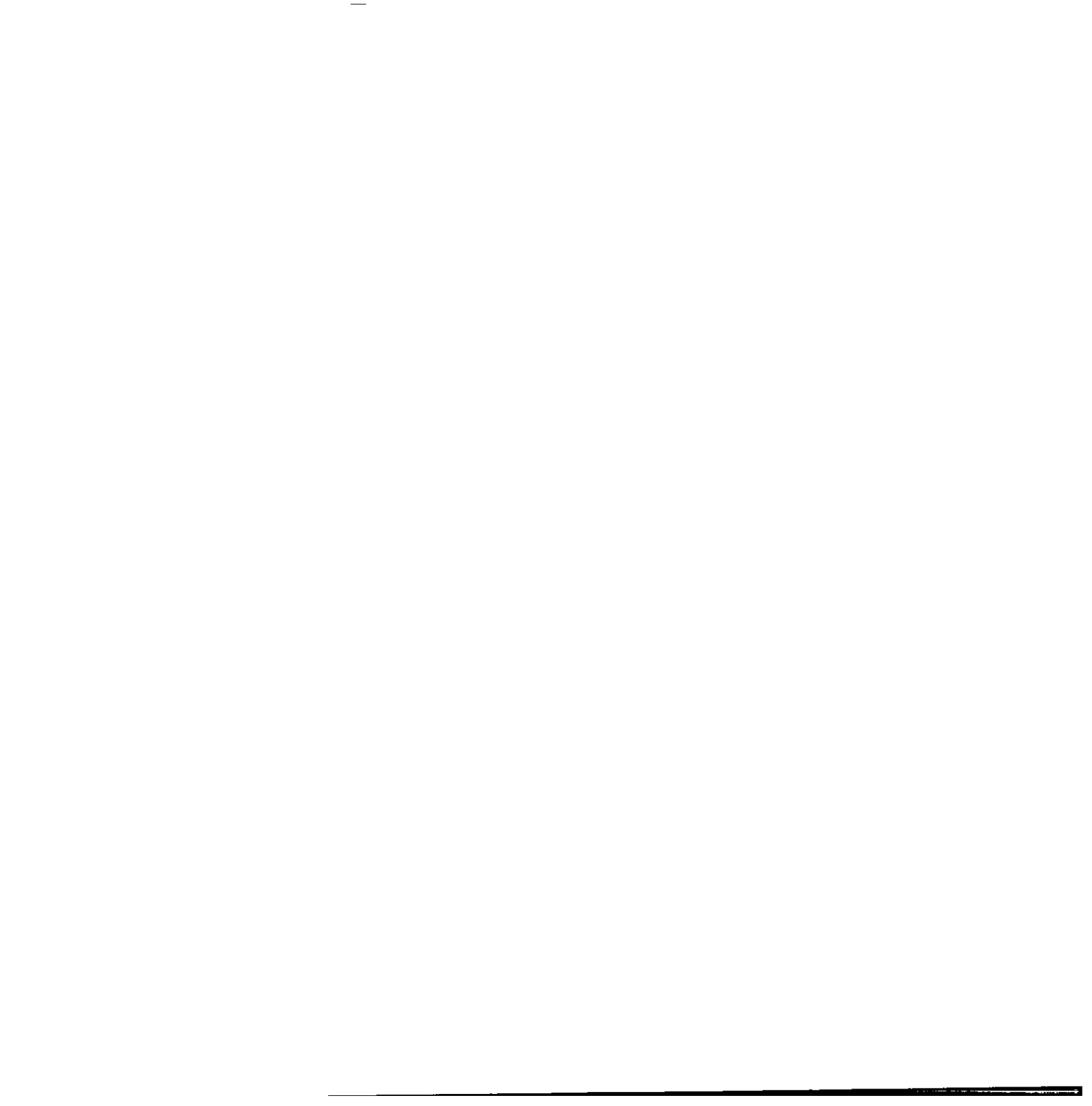


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Rep. Wes Keller
SB 89

Mr. Keller, I am writing to you in regards to Mike Dunleavy's bill - SB 89. This is a crucially important bill to protect the right of parents to direct the education of their children. Planned Parenthood is making it sound like they are the only source that can provide sex education to the public schools. They present as though without them there will be no alternatives. This is grossly inaccurate and purposefully deceptive. There are MANY alternatives schools can access besides abortion providers to teach sex ed. SB 89 ensures that parents have the right to prevent their child from participating in tests, classes, and programs they find objectionable. It requires parental permission before a student can participate in sex education instruction, and it ensures that abortion-promoting organizations such as Planned Parenthood are not allowed to. Please support this bill.

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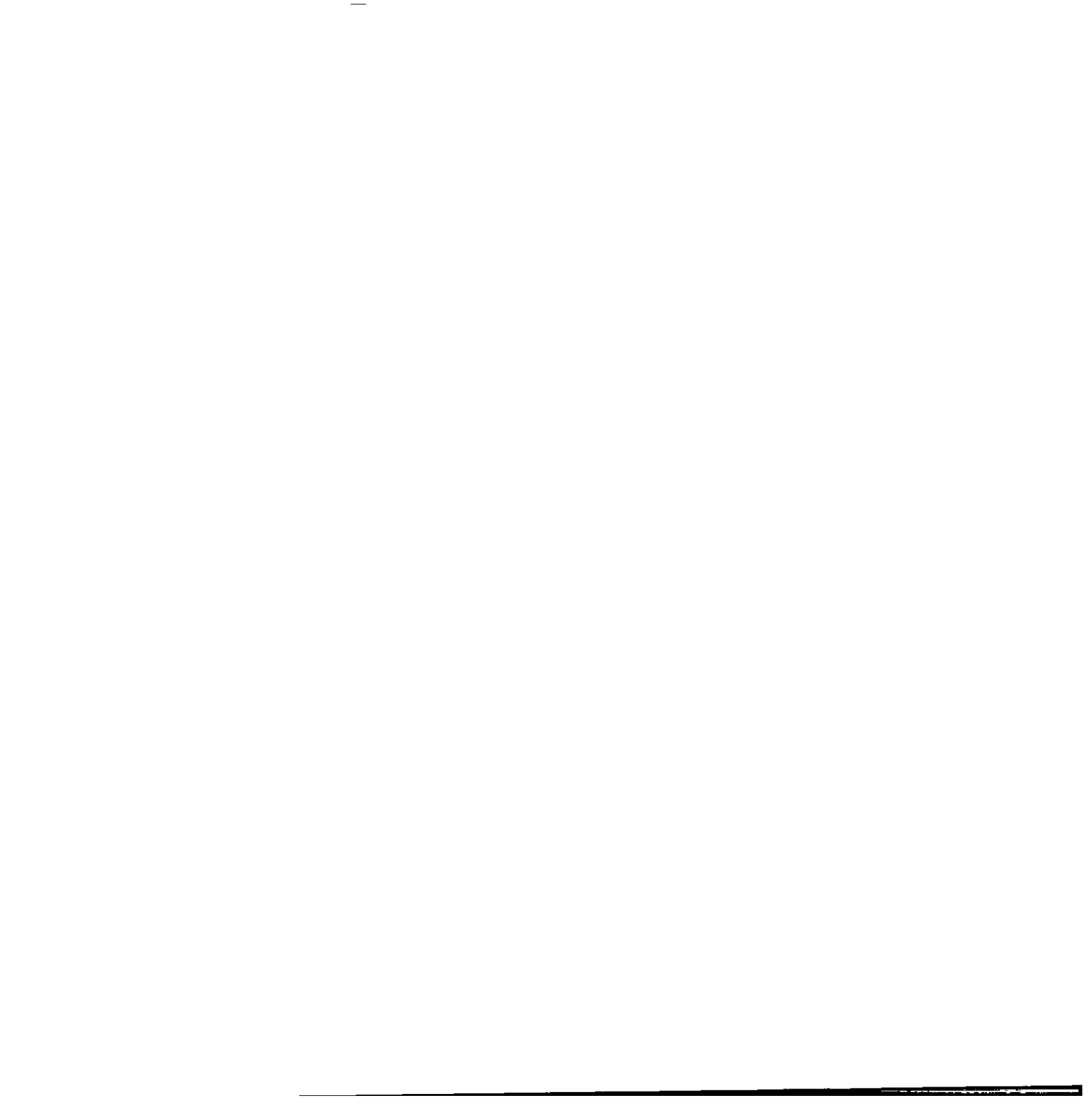
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SB 89 is a crucially important bill to protect the right of parents to direct the education of their children. Please do all you can to see that it passes!

Thank you for your service.
Sincerely,
Theresa Bird
Anchorage, AK 99503



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Support SB 89

I know Planned Parenthood has been making all kinds of ridiculous claims, e.g., that SB 89 is unconstitutional, but really, nobody has a constitutional right to a captive audience.

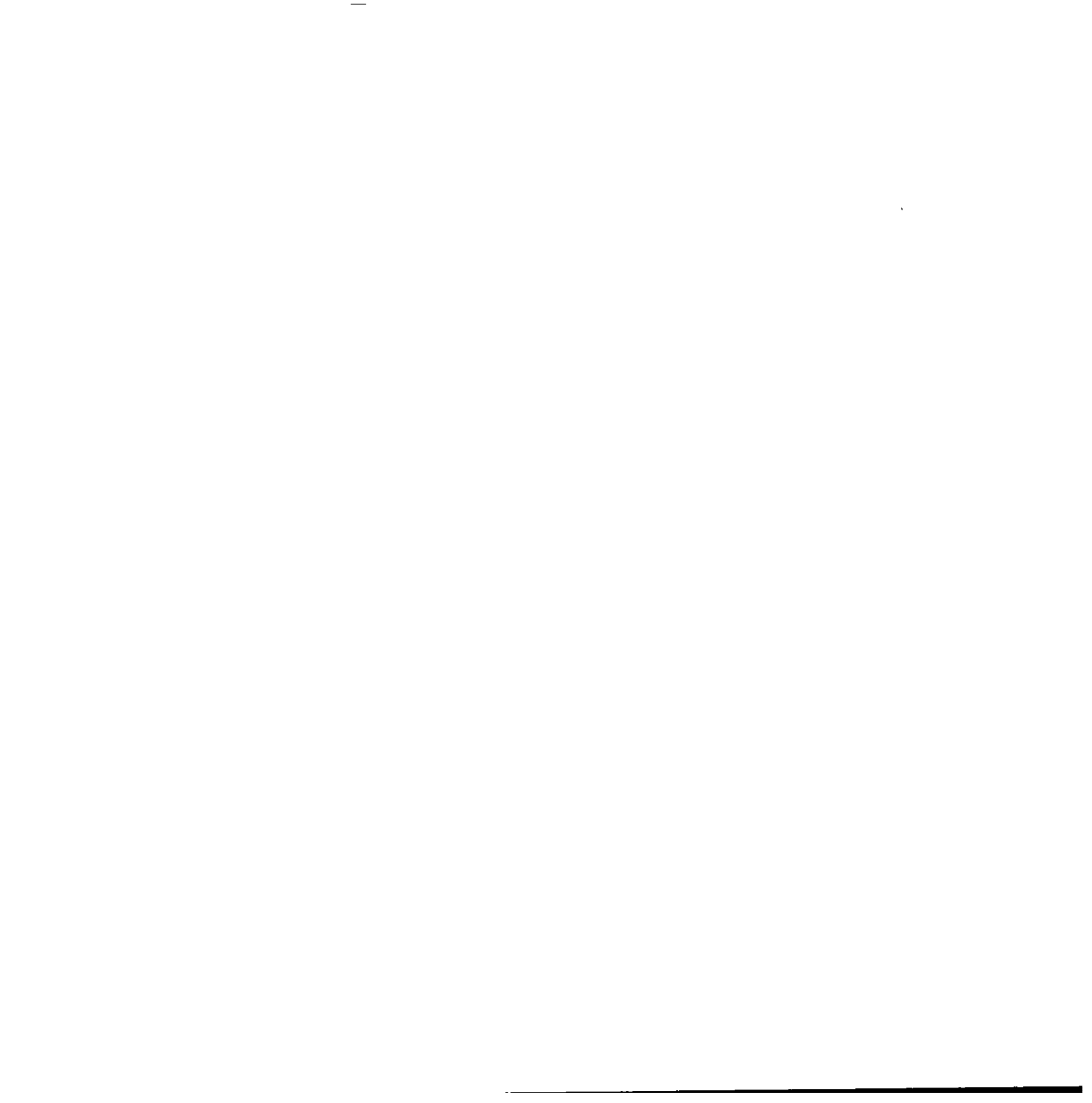
There is nothing good that PP does, including education about reproduction, that cannot be done as well or better by organizations that do not make a business of selling fetal demise (putting what they do as charitably as I can).

When my children were in elementary school, the school invited parents to view the "sex education" materials prior to their presentation to the children. Although less than a quarter of the parents actually attended, that's enough for transparency and accountability. It was not an undue burden for the school, was very much appreciated by the attendees, and the very existence of the opportunity was probably reassuring even for the busy parents who could not find time to attend. Parental involvement or permission doesn't have to take exactly that form, of course, but parents need to have their say in some reasonable form. Children belong to families; they are not the property of the schools or of the state. Families should be making the choices when it comes to something so sensitive, and so often exploited, as sex education.

Please support SB 89.

-- Elyce "Lisa" Santerre

Sent from my iPad



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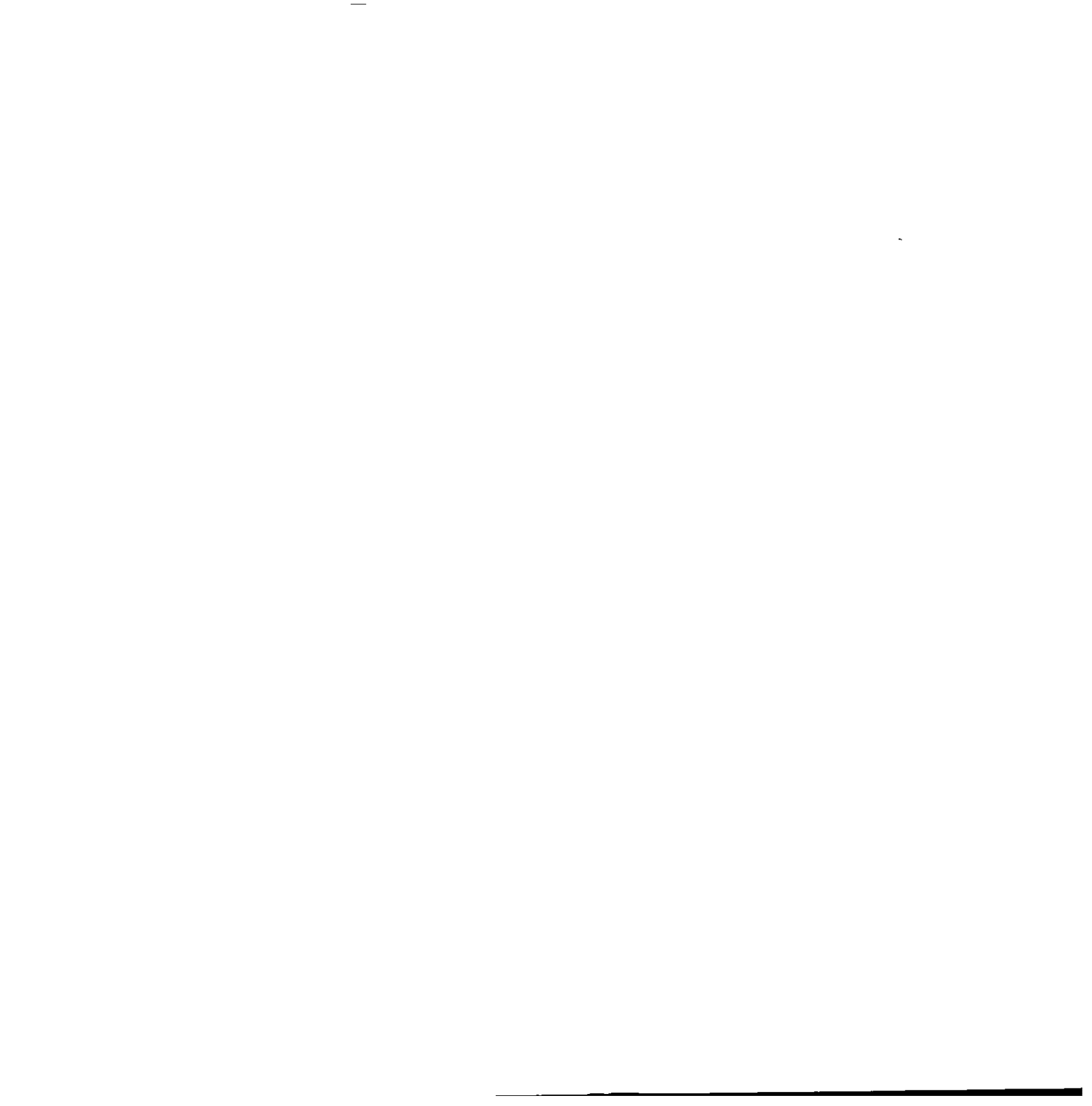
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We support SB 89. In Juneau we were able to opt out of some classes and were able to have alternative classes when our kids were growing up in the 70's thru the 90's. Still that did not protect them from the giant penis with the giant condom for the health fair in the commons of Juneau Douglas High School in the 90's.

We don't think we need to tell you who supplies materials like that. We don't think that display was appropriate. Parents have a right to know and approve of what their children are being taught. We may not have young children in the school system but we have grandchildren.

Thank you for considering our opinion.

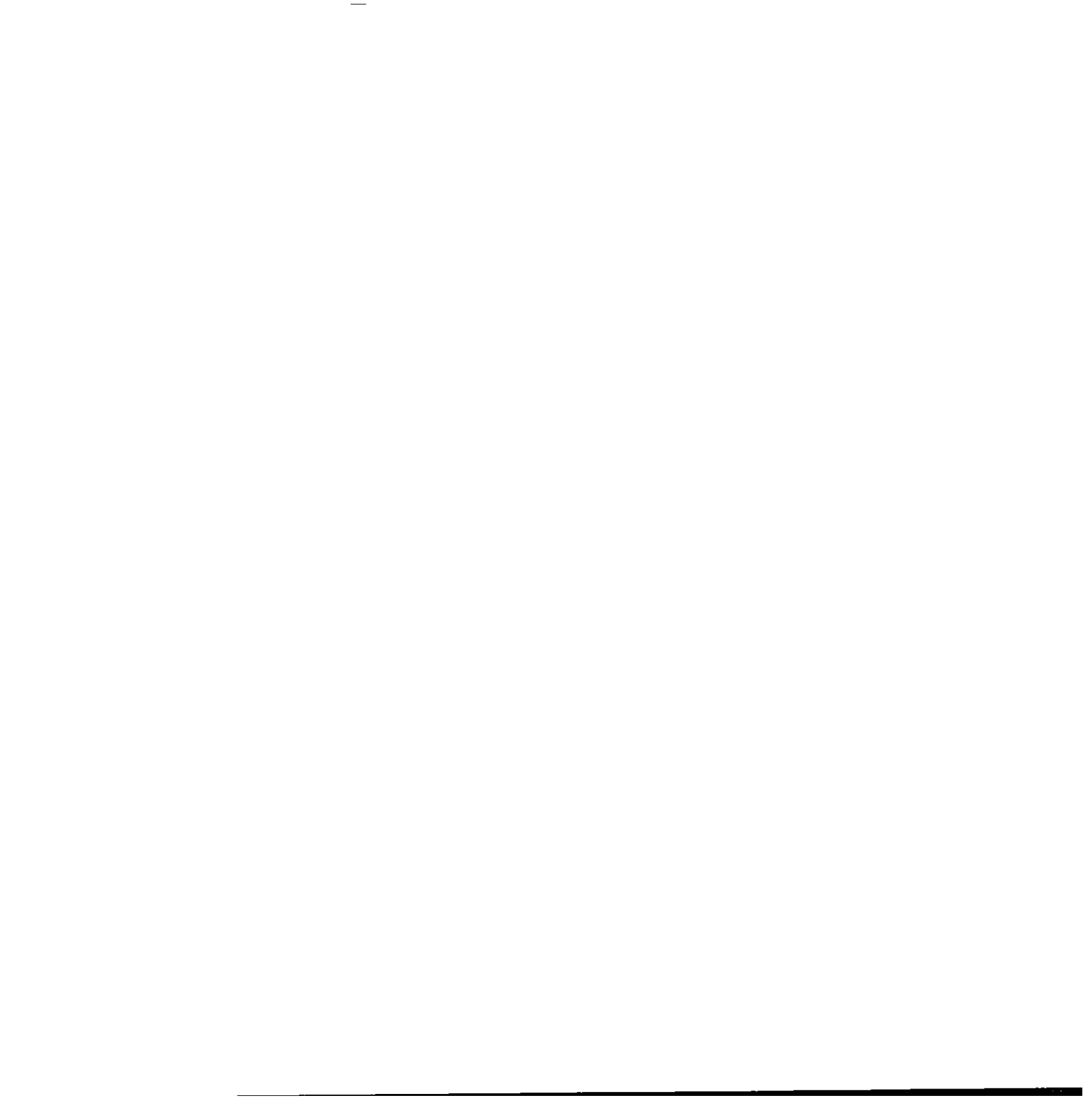
Sincerely, Vicki & David Kerr



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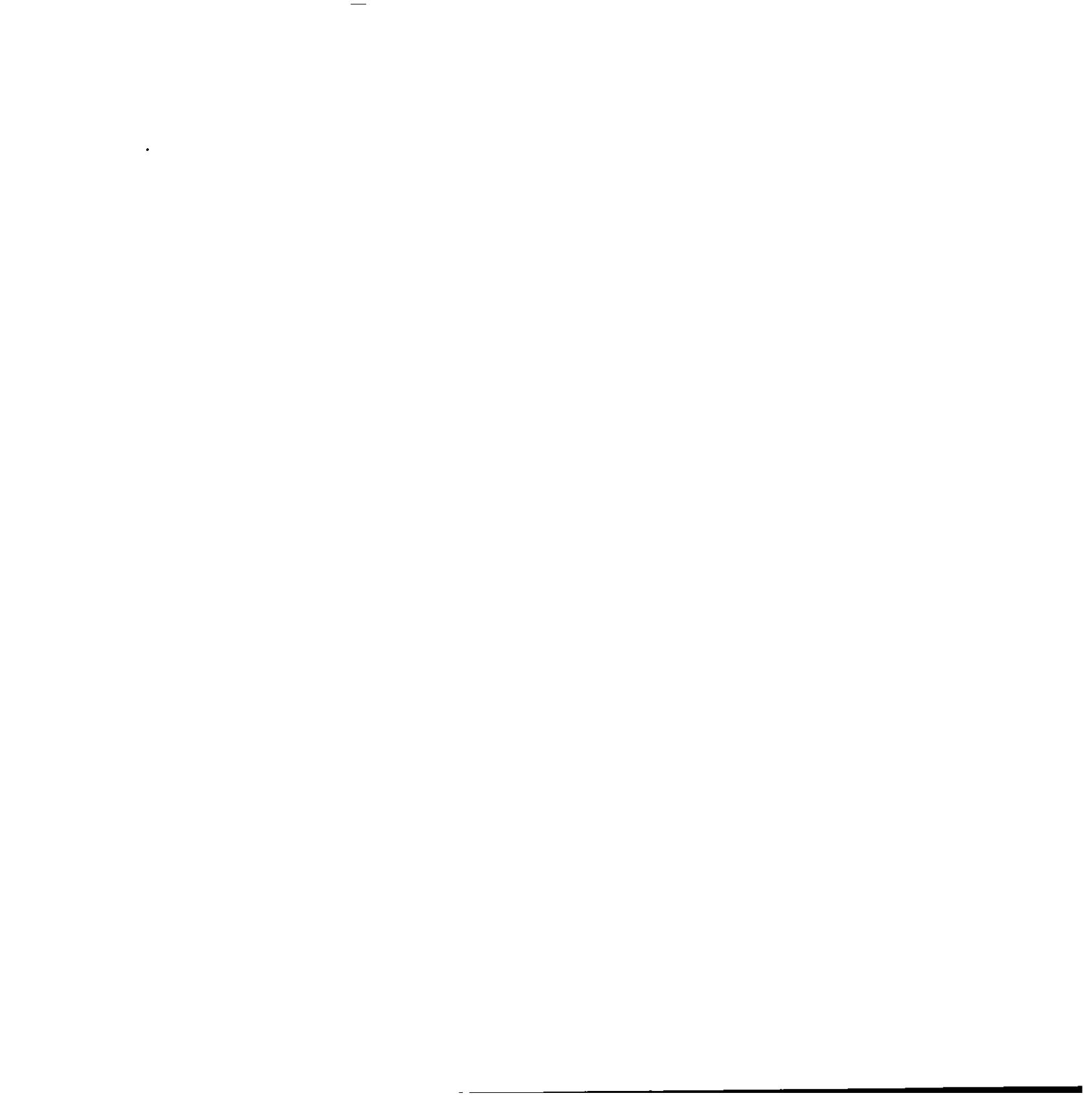
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Please participate in saving our families. Planned Parenthood should not be allowed the monopoly on this subject, nor should they have that much power and influence over our youth. Don't be bought by all those whom are there to lobby in your face.

Leave the decision making to the parents.

Thank you

Sue Patterson



Subject:

SB 89 - concerned citizen

1. I strongly support SB 89 which gives parents the right to prevent our children from:

- participating in tests, classes, and programs we find objectionable.

- participating in sex education classes without parental permission.

2. Sexually transmitted diseases, sexual promiscuity, and sexual assaults are only increasing since Planned Parenthood has been operating in our schools.

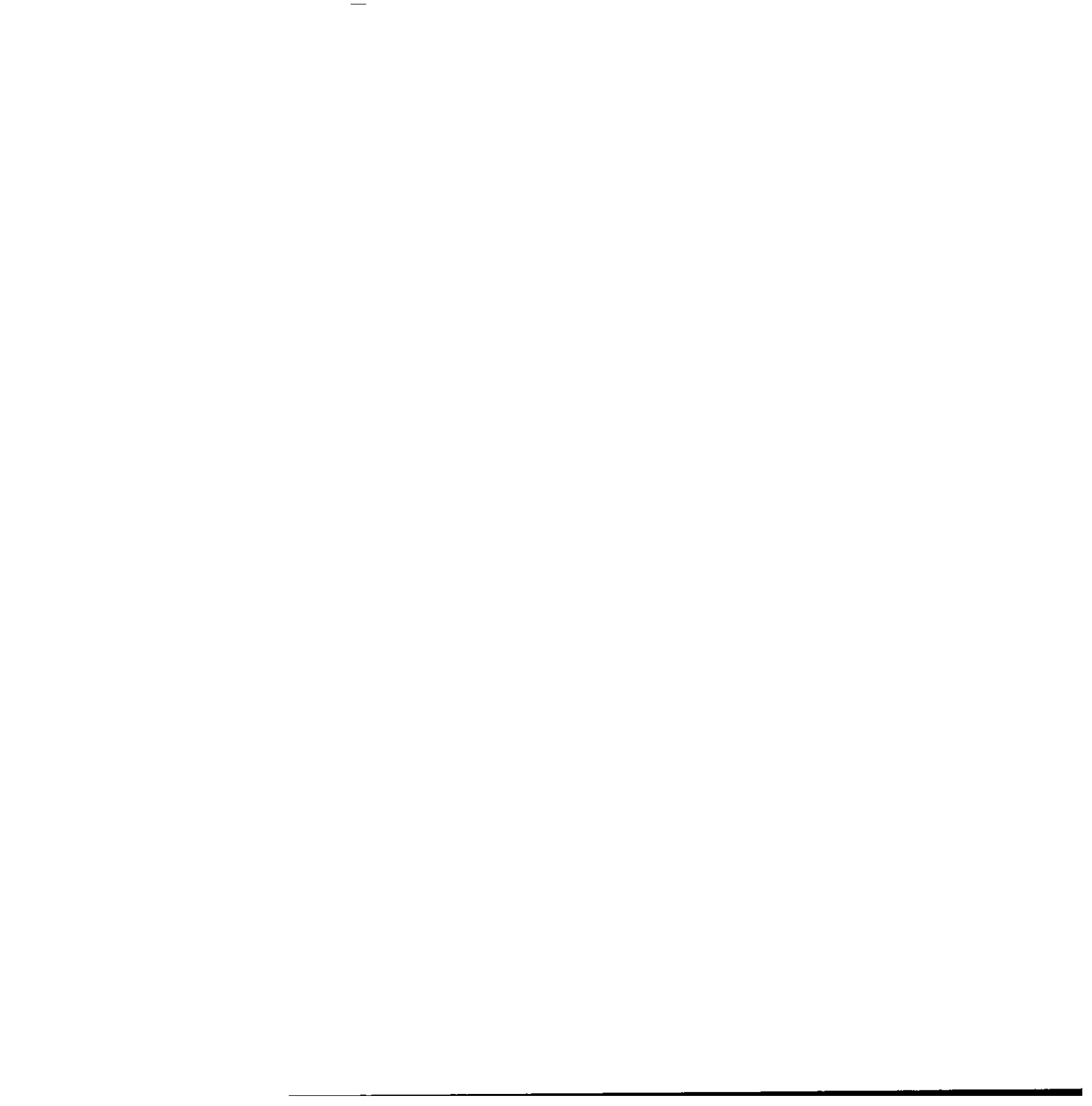
3. Parents have the right to protect their own children. We are paying taxes, housing and feeding them, so we should have the right to know when and what they are being taught about sex education.

4. I ask that you stand with me and support SB 89 and I will gladly vote for bonds to raise my taxes if this bill creates additional expenditures for the schools.

Sincerely,

John Todd

Voter from Eagle River



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz

Subject: A YES vote on SB 89

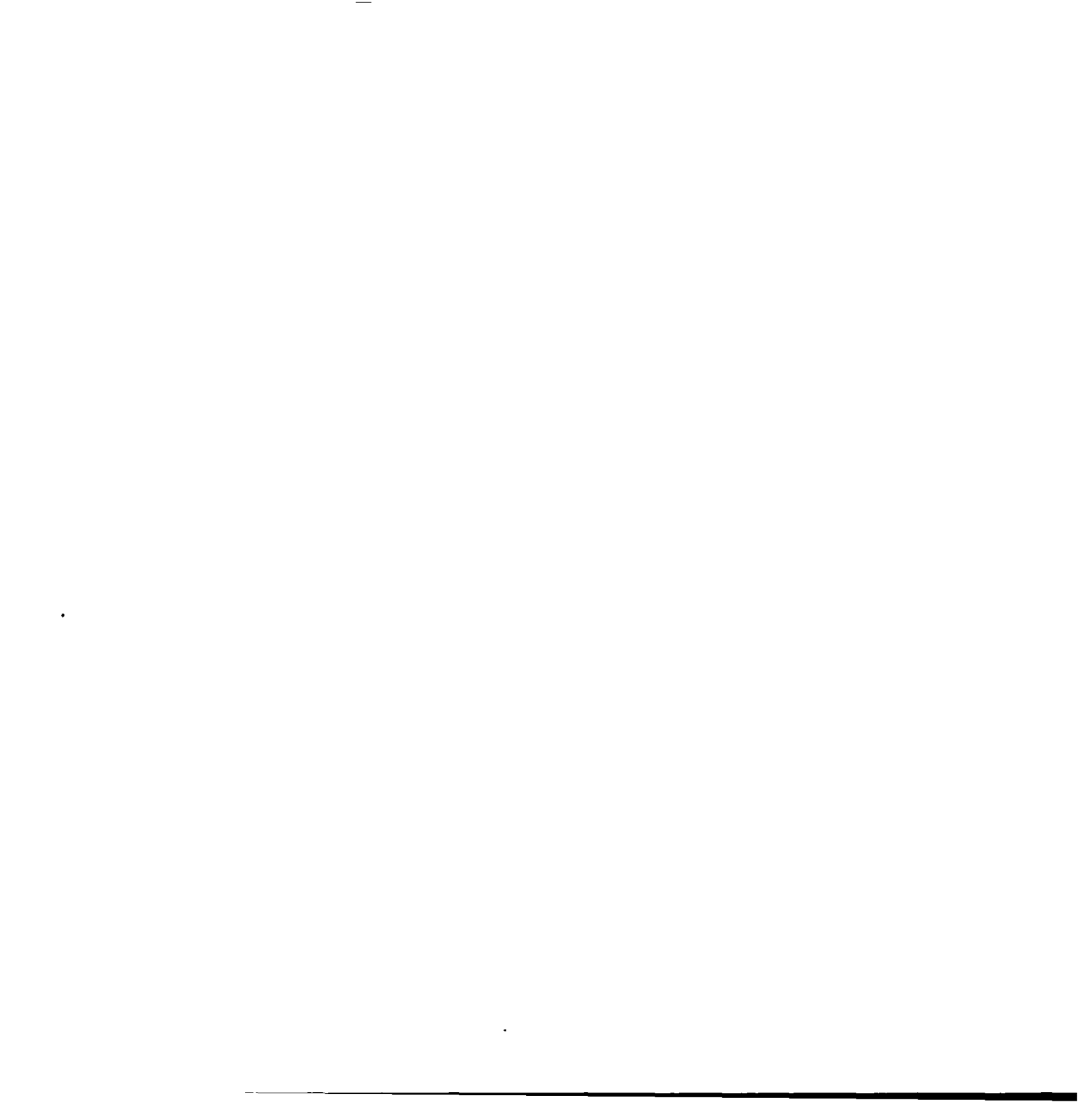
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Dear Representatives & Alaska House Education Committee Members:

Thank you for your service to the people of the State of Alaska. As Christian -Catholic Grandparents of school age Children in Alaska we strongly urge you to vote "YES" on SB 89 in support to preserve the parental rights in the schools of Alaska and to keep sex education up to the parents and school staff especially the School Nurse in a setting with parents present at the very least..

Providers like Planned Parenthood have no business in the schools to promote a form of sex education that leans toward the acceptance of early sexual activity by very graphic roll playing by students and information that can be misrepresented as encouragement of such inappropriate behavior for children as young pre teens. A school is for the teaching of math, reading, history and science and NOT for an out side abortion industry's easy way into promote promiscuity in our youth. Please help protect our State's most precious asset for our Future- Our Children. Sincerely, Josephine & Sean Stack- Fairbanks



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Rep. Wes Keller
Re: Sex education/PP curricula

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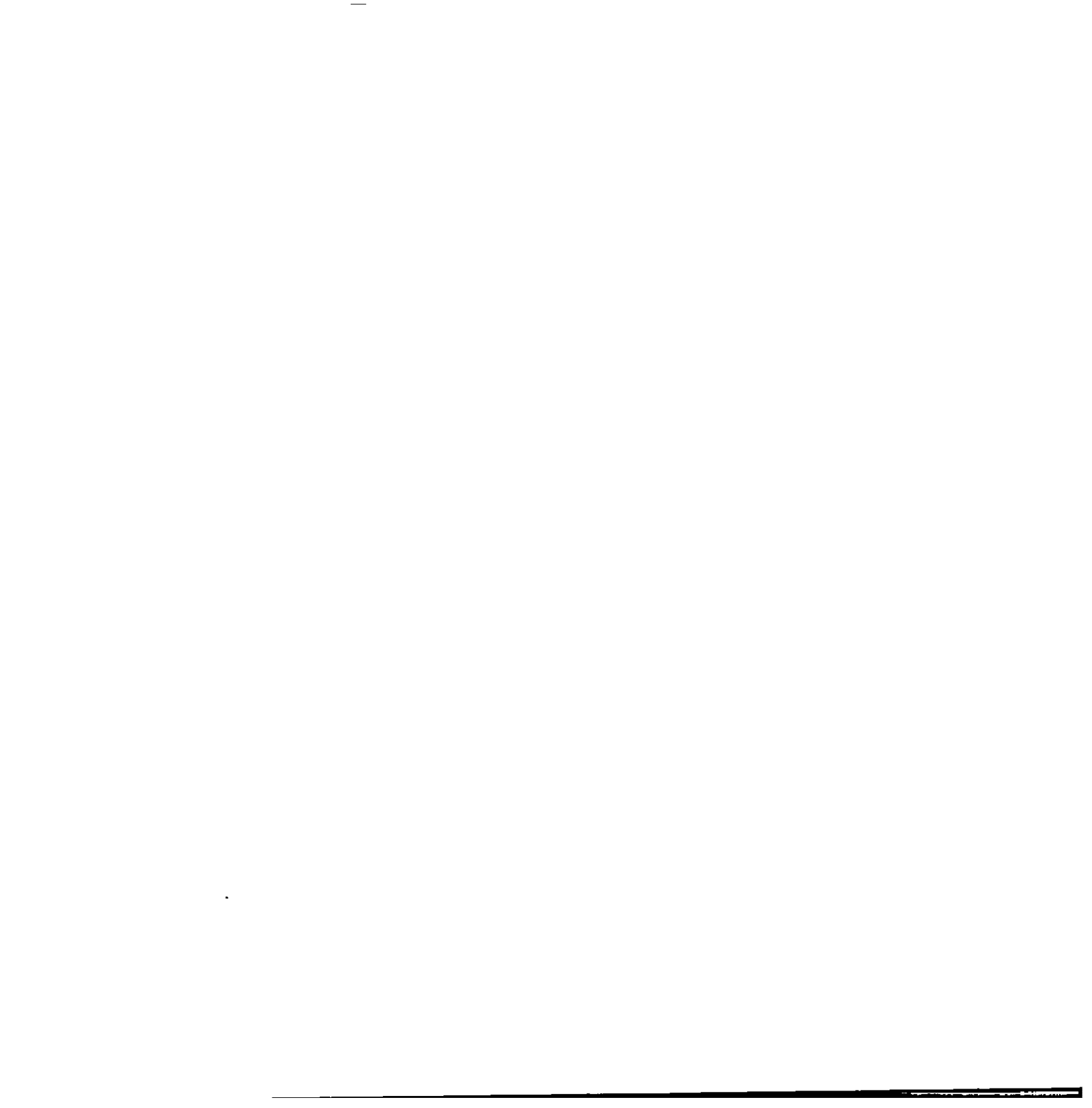
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Mary Anne Mosack
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Washington, DC 20006
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To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: Yes on SB 89

Good evening

I had sent you 3 videos in a row of me asking for a yes vote on 89.

I'd like to explain why I'm asking for 89 to move forward.

First, I'm a mom of 4 girls. I have a close relationship with my kids and they can come to me for anything. As their mom, I know what they should and shouldn't be exposed to.

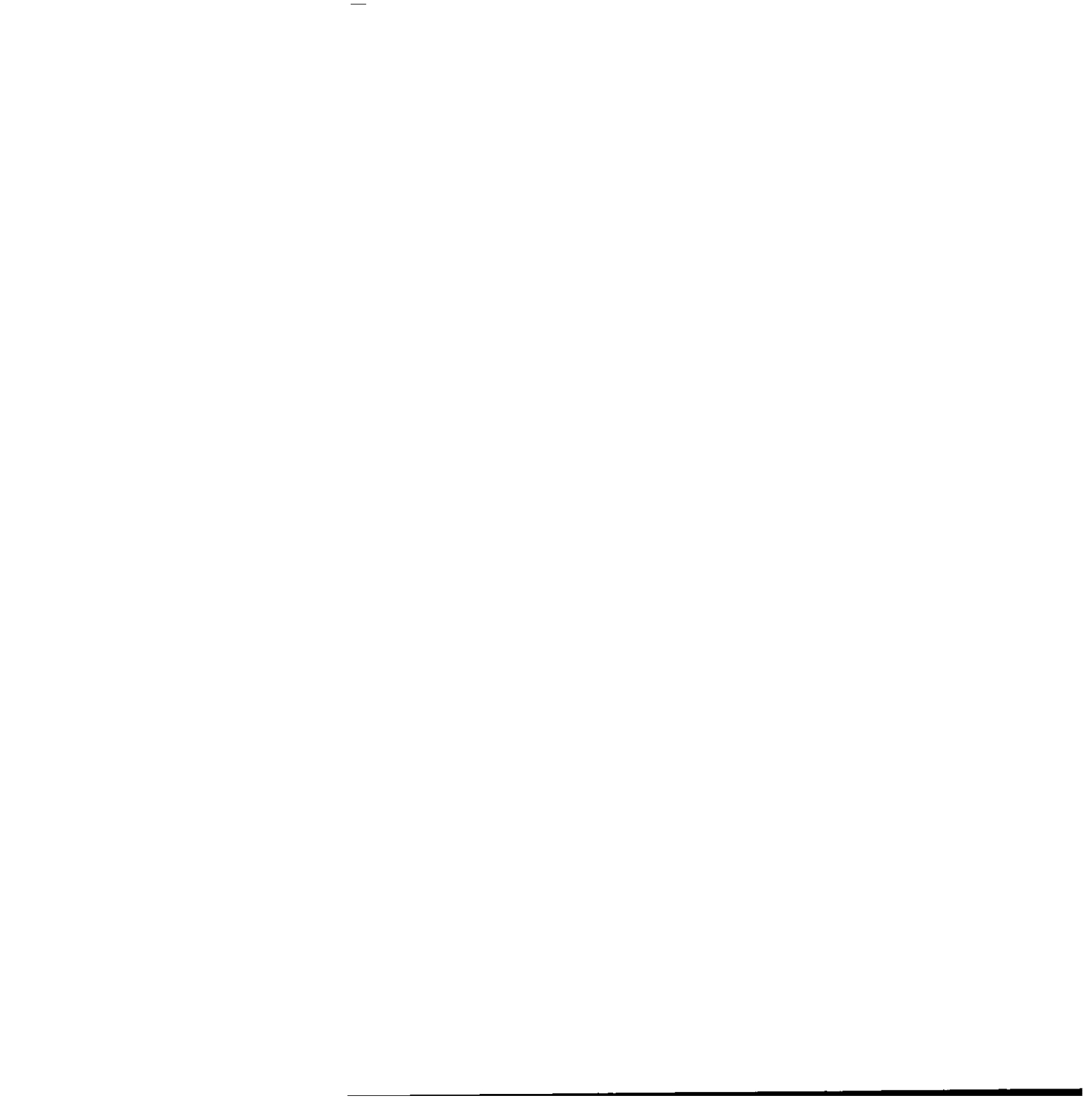
I have seen Planned Parenthood's curriculum and I find it disgusting and pretty much pornographic. I have taught my age appropriate daughters that sex is a spiritual, mental and physical connection between 2 people, man and woman, who are committed to each other for life. This type of learning avoids the spread of STD's, of unintended pregnancies and a heck of a lot of heartache. Planned Parenthood's teaching is all about teaching heterosexual, homosexual and bisexual sex and that is propaganda that doesn't belong in a school environment. They also teach about safe sex and the reality is anytime there's multiple sex partners, safe sex goes down the drain. Birth control pills and IUD's do not stop the spread of diseases and this is why 1 in 4 girls have an STD. Also, sex has deep emotional consequences and in a state with such a high suicide rate, like the young girl that took her precious life in our village near the Christmas break, the last thing schools need to be doing is inviting an abortion corporation to promote sex and lie about it ever being safe. Second, Planned Parenthood has a strong reputation of immorality and no human ethics. There are 12 videos out with real footage of various top Planned Parenthood officials discussing how they pick and choose different ways to kill children so they can market their body parts. <http://www.lifenews.com/2016/01/12/new-video-shows-how-planned-parenthood-changes-its-abortions-to-get-better-body-parts-for-sale/>

It is terrifying to me imagining this organization coming anywhere near school children without any parental protection.

Third, parents, school nurses and staff are totally capable of working together to discuss age appropriate sex Ed. These are the people that have developed relationships with the children and can easily find any information they need to teach what they agree is right for those kids.

8:00am Monday morning is a really difficult time for parents to testify since they are taking care of their kids and maybe going to work. It seems a bit unfair to me. I'll try to call in, but if I can't since my kids have to get ready for school by 9:00am, please know that this does not mean that I don't care about this issue, because I do very much.

I appreciate all your time and hard work. Thank you and have a blessed day. :) Pamela Samash Nenana, AK
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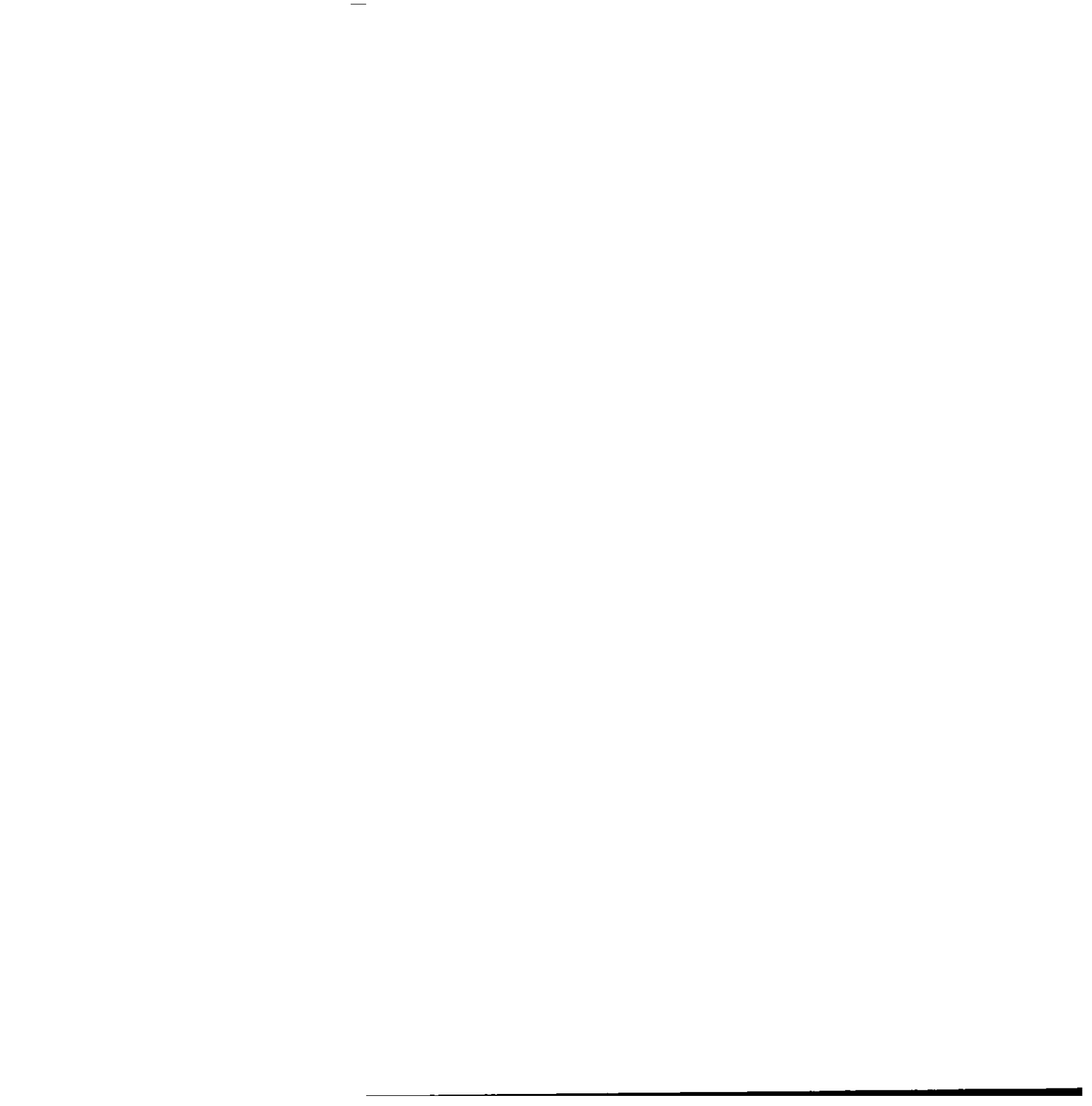
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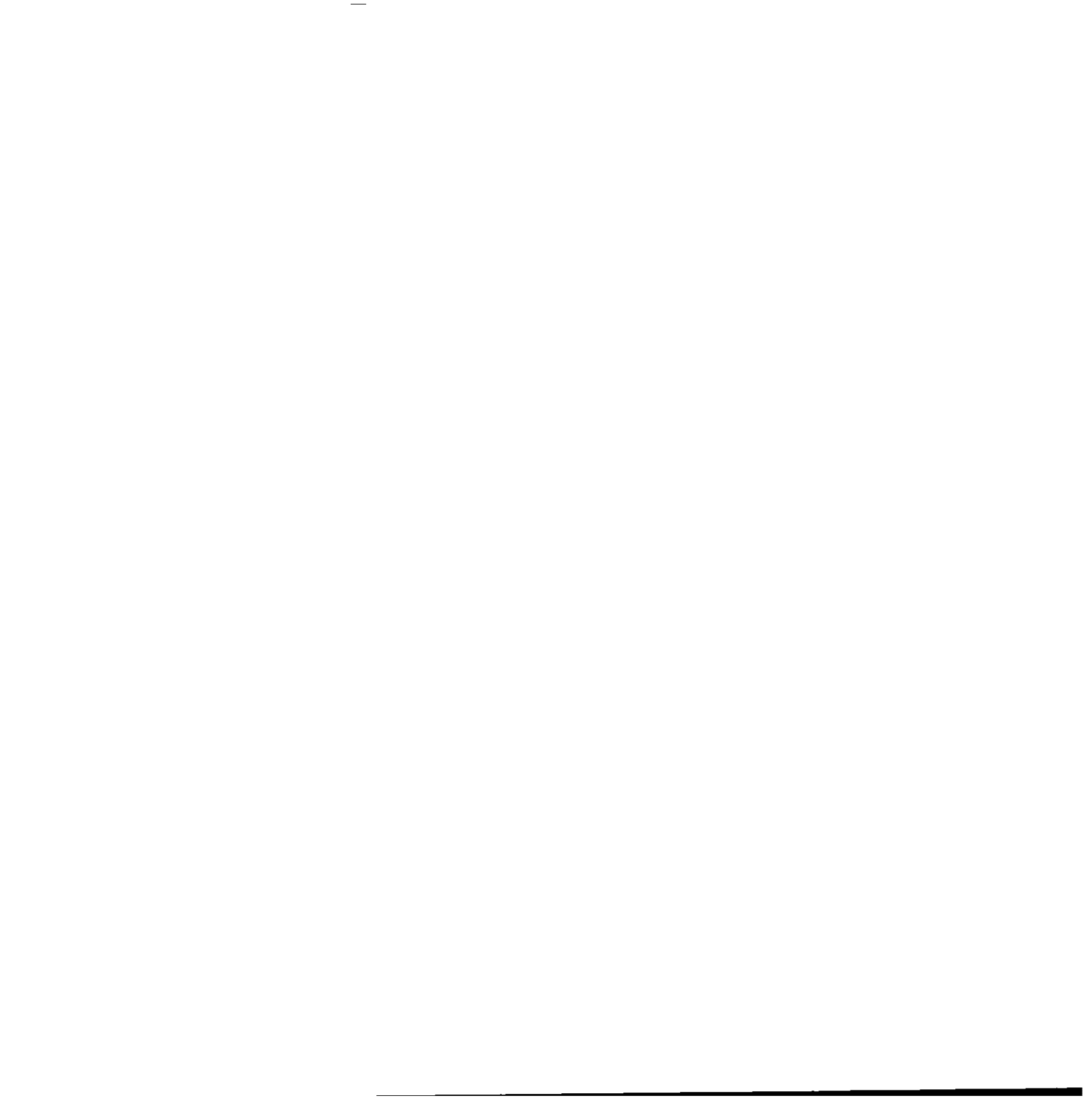
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Thank you,

Frank and Dorothy McGilvary - Fairbanks 99701



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**Thank you,
Patty Imus**

**1110 Molly Rd.
Fairbanks, Ak.99709**



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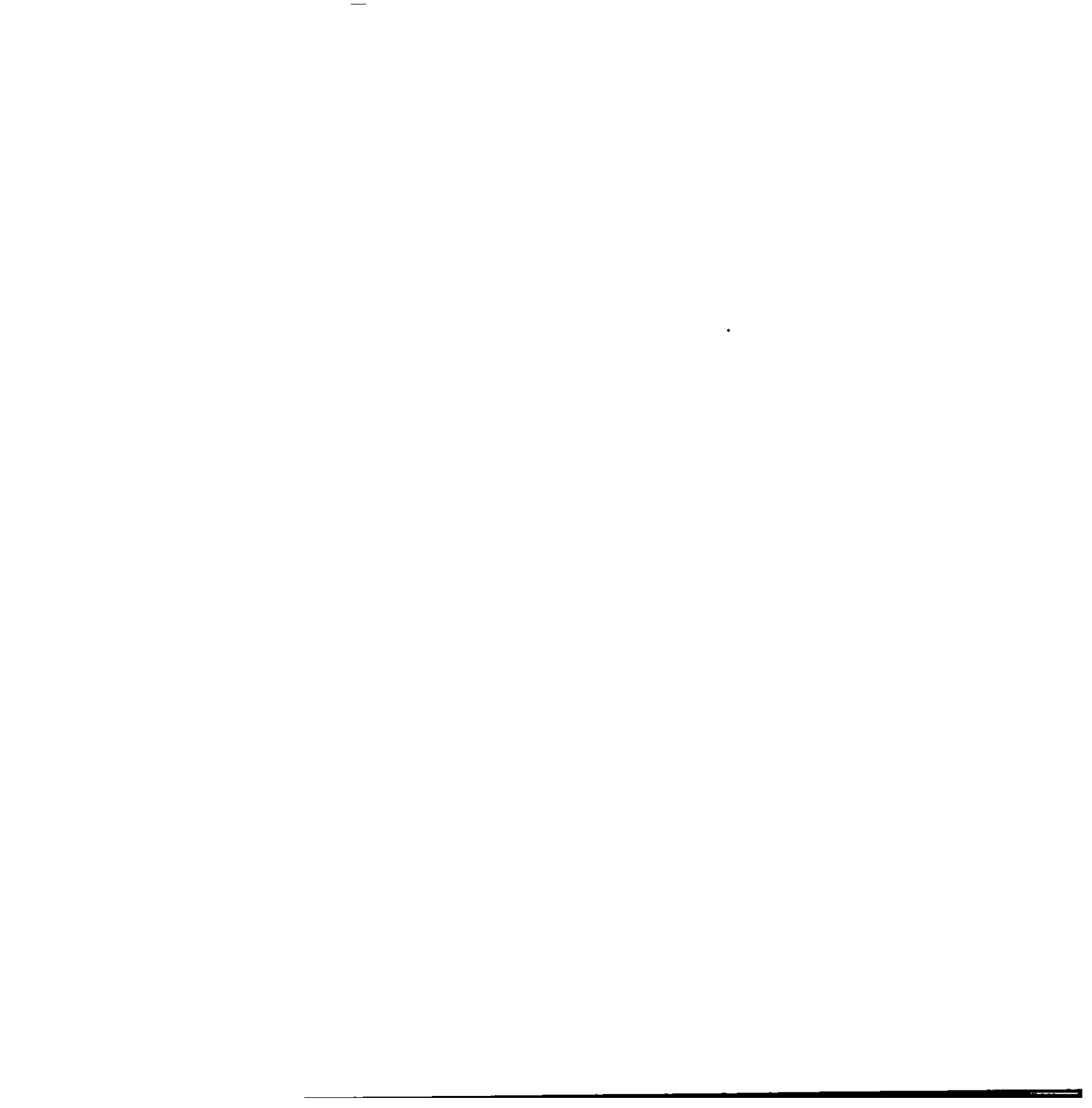
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99708



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Lora Reinbold
Subject: Support for SB89 prohibition on abortion providers in public schools.

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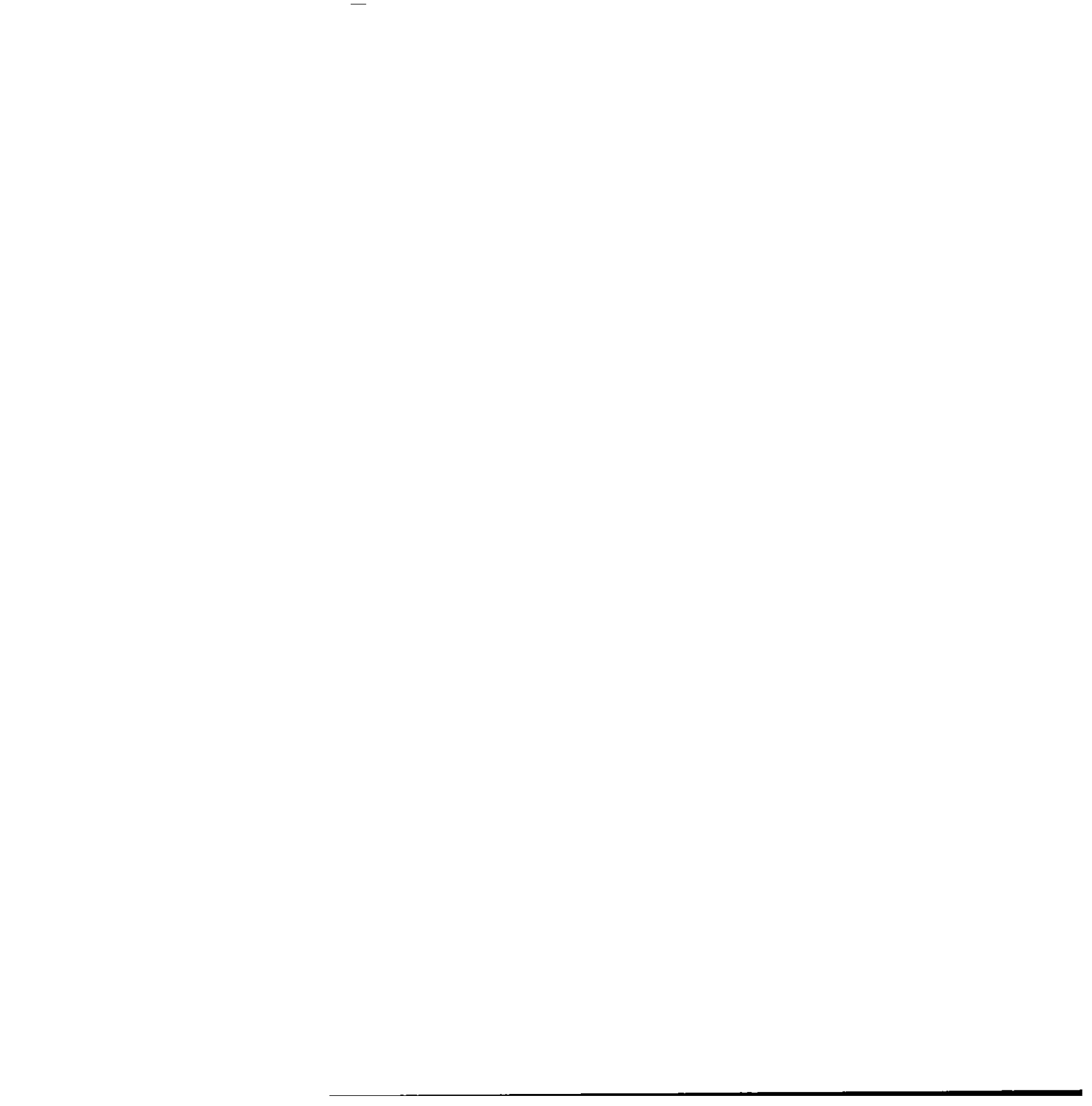
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Thank You Ed Gray



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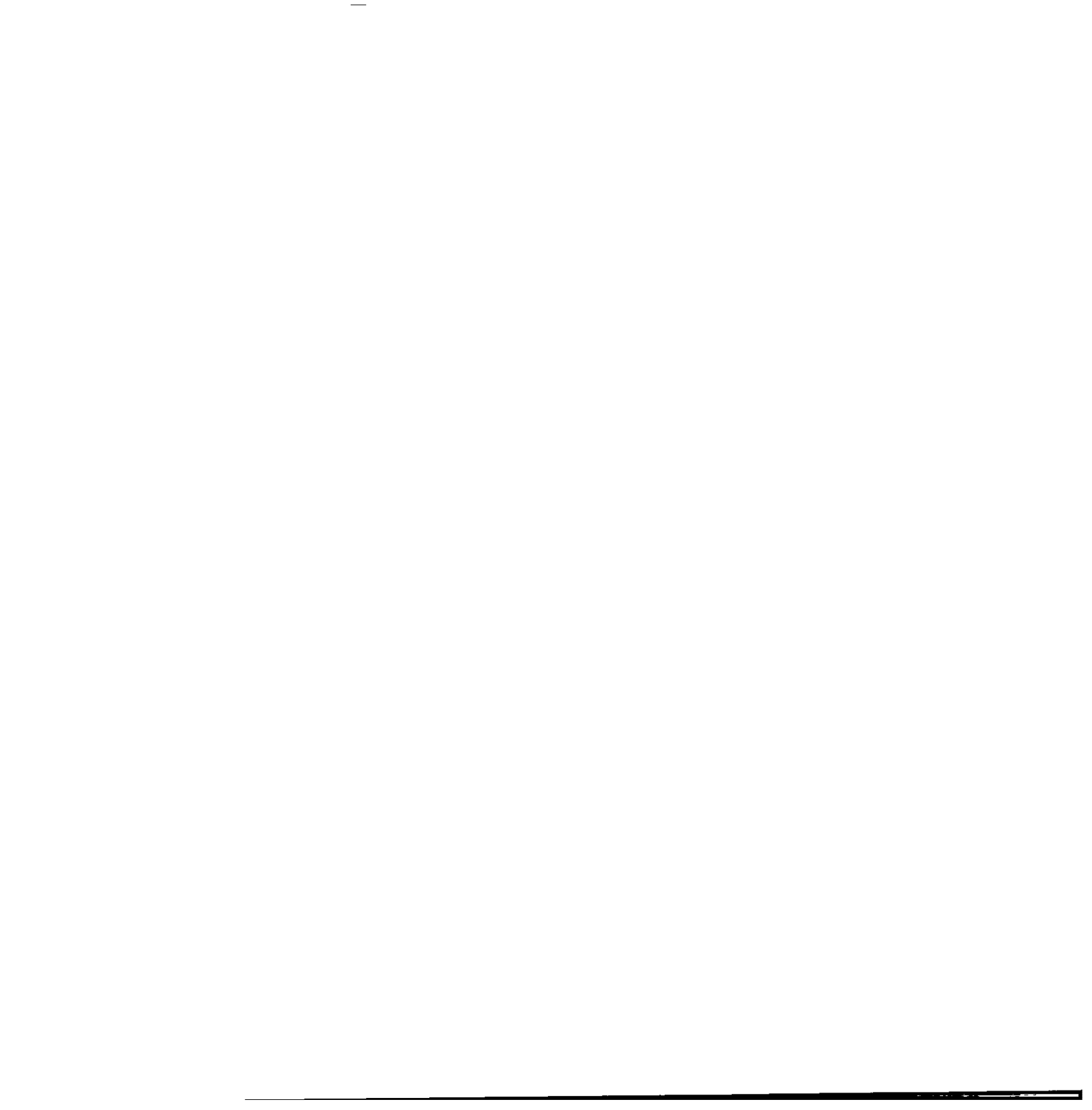
Please give our children back to us. Please vote YES on SB 89.

Thank you from a very concerned Great Grandmother who remembers when schools were so much better and kept education clean.

Respectfully submitted,

Aleta Geer
Nenana, Alaska
907-750-7650

Sent from my iPad



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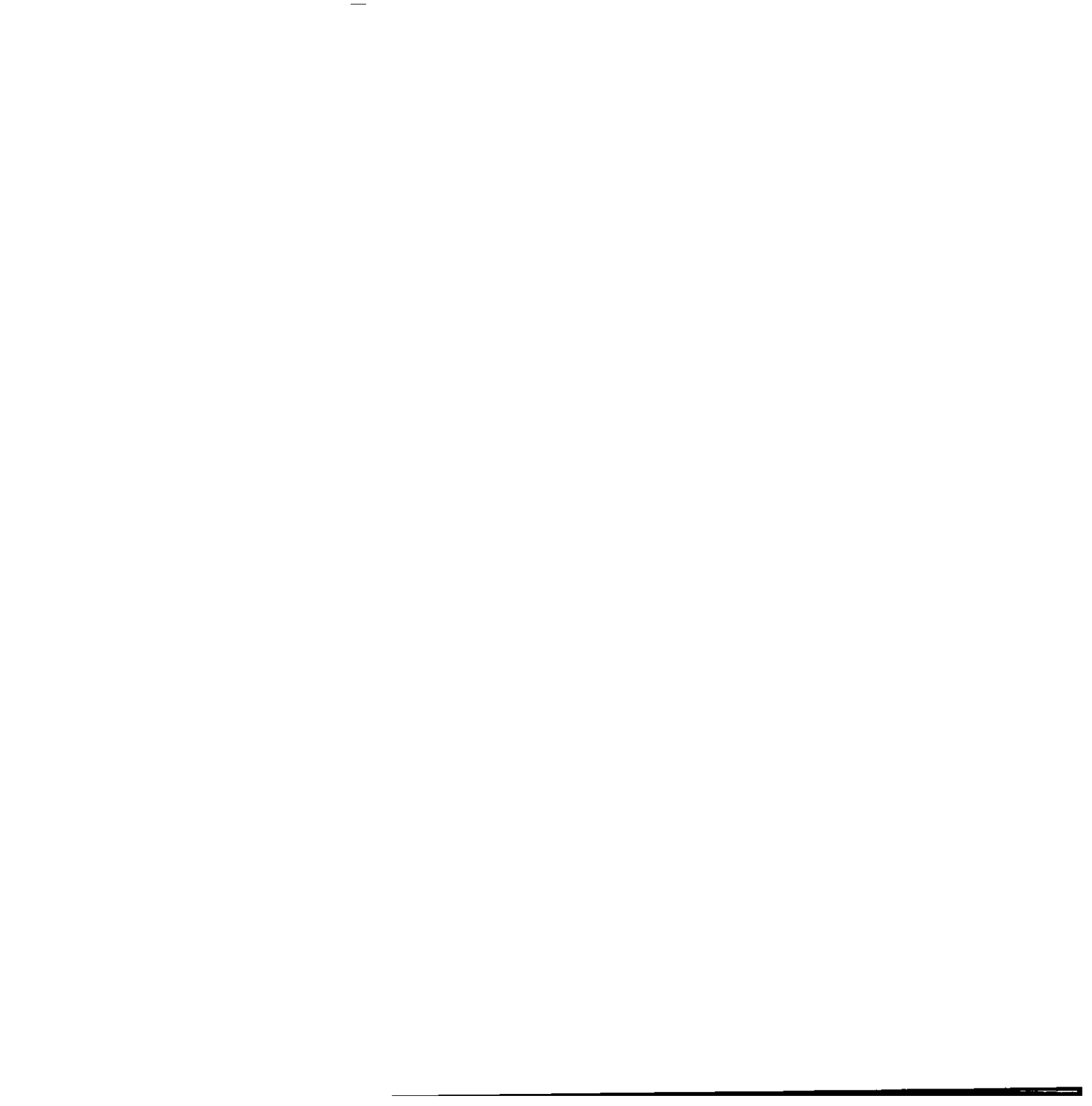
SB89 , SB191 ,HB192 and HB352

Hello, I am writing to ask you to please support SB89 , SB191 ,HB192 and HB352. I urge you to research online at the actual curriculum that planned parenthood refers to as "age appropriate" and "abstinence based". I am not against education our youth. I am against **Planned Parenthood** educating our youth because of the strong stance they take with abortion and promoting sexual activity in our children. Would you want this taught to your own child? Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Clara Gray

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Clara Gray
907.752.7880



To:

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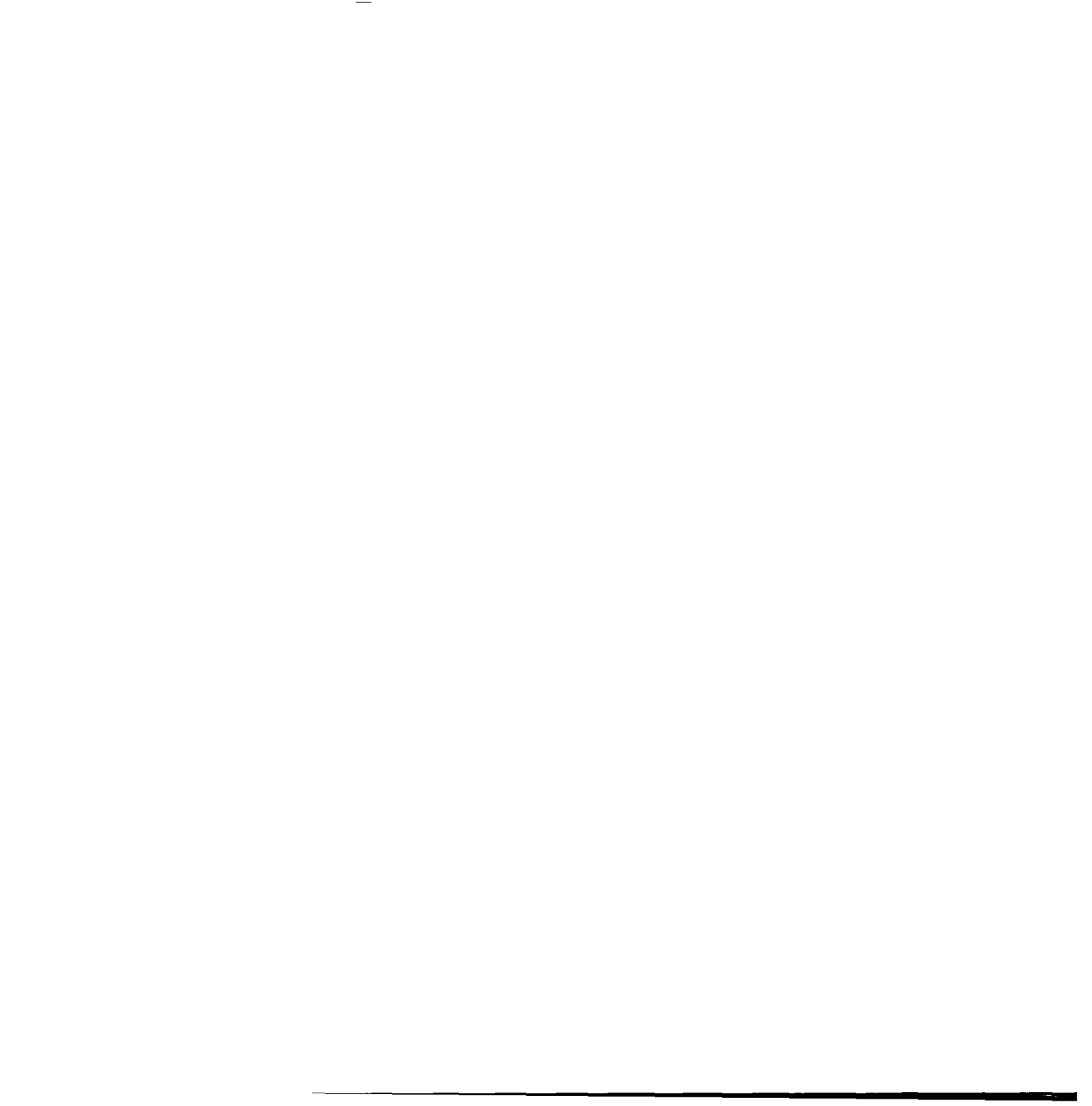
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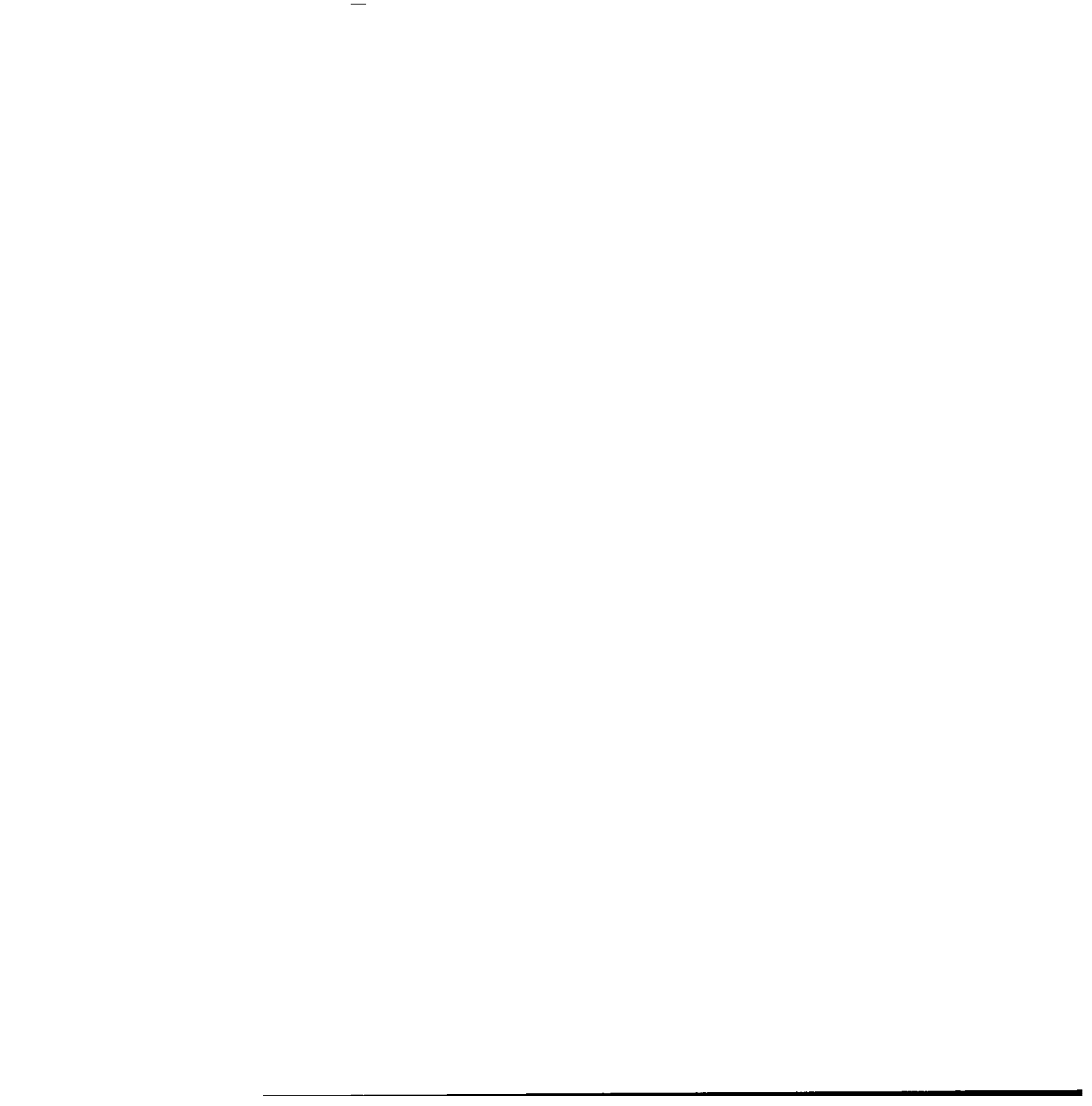
Good morning Mr. Chair and members of the committee. For the record my name is Elijah Verhagen and I'm representing myself.

I'm very grateful to the sponsor of this bill who took this critical and heated issue on. I'd like to start off by pointing out to the committee members that almost every single person that I've heard testify before me today has either a special interest/connection they mentioned, was a Planned Parenthood employee or retired nurse that's worked with them and thus are Planned Parenthood sympathizers. These were not your average private sector individuals and parents taking off work and calling in because they are concerned for their kids. Most of your average constituents never hear about these bills being up in committee until it's too late and even if they did, most would not be able to take off work from 8-10am to testify. I only heard about it because I used to work in Juneau and still have friends there that let me know when important bill hearings are. So for those of us that do take off work and call in, our testimony should have a lot more weight than these PP advocates, ACLU lawyers and whoever else these third party abortion agencies can afford to get here to testify. You know and I know (having worked in Juneau for five years) that most of them receive mass email notifications of when to testify and many are paid to call in or are flown into Juneau to defeat good bills like this that benefit our kids and society.

I'm frankly appalled that Planned Parenthood has been allowed to come into our public schools as a third party and teach sex education. Where was this in the newspapers? Sex education needs to be taught to our children in an unbiased, mature and trustful way primarily by parents. The government should be encouraging parents to do so, not stripping their parental rights away and leaving it up to Planned Parenthood or any other third party, unfamiliar source. Of course not all parents care sadly to teach their kids sex education or would rather the school does, that's fine and their choice and there are many kids without parents who are in public schools that will learn sex ed from their teachers. But this is where the kids can learn from a teacher they know, not a third party official who they've never met, who then hands out material that links them to abortion agencies. Like this bill allows, having an opt in signature required from parents at the beginning of the school year or later before sex ed is taught to their children is leaving the authority with the parents.

Finally to get my point across and the severity of the bill I will share an analogy of what it's like allowing Planned Parenthood to teach our kids sex ed. Planned Parenthood is known for providing abortions and even if abortions only make up 3% of their services like they claim, they still are providing abortions which is murder, there is no sugar coating it. So allowing them to teach sex ed and then give out their info in our schools is like allowing a murderer into our house to babysit your kids because 97% of the time, the murder isn't killing anyone and is doing good things. Well 3% of the time they are committing murder. You would never let them babysit and we also must never let Planned Parenthood teach in our schools.

I urge the committee members to seriously consider what I'm saying, reach out to your real constituents and pass this bill out of committee for our society and children's sake. Thank you for your time.



U.S. House Education Committee, Alaska Legislature

FROM: Sidney Heidersdorf, Alaskans for Life, Inc.

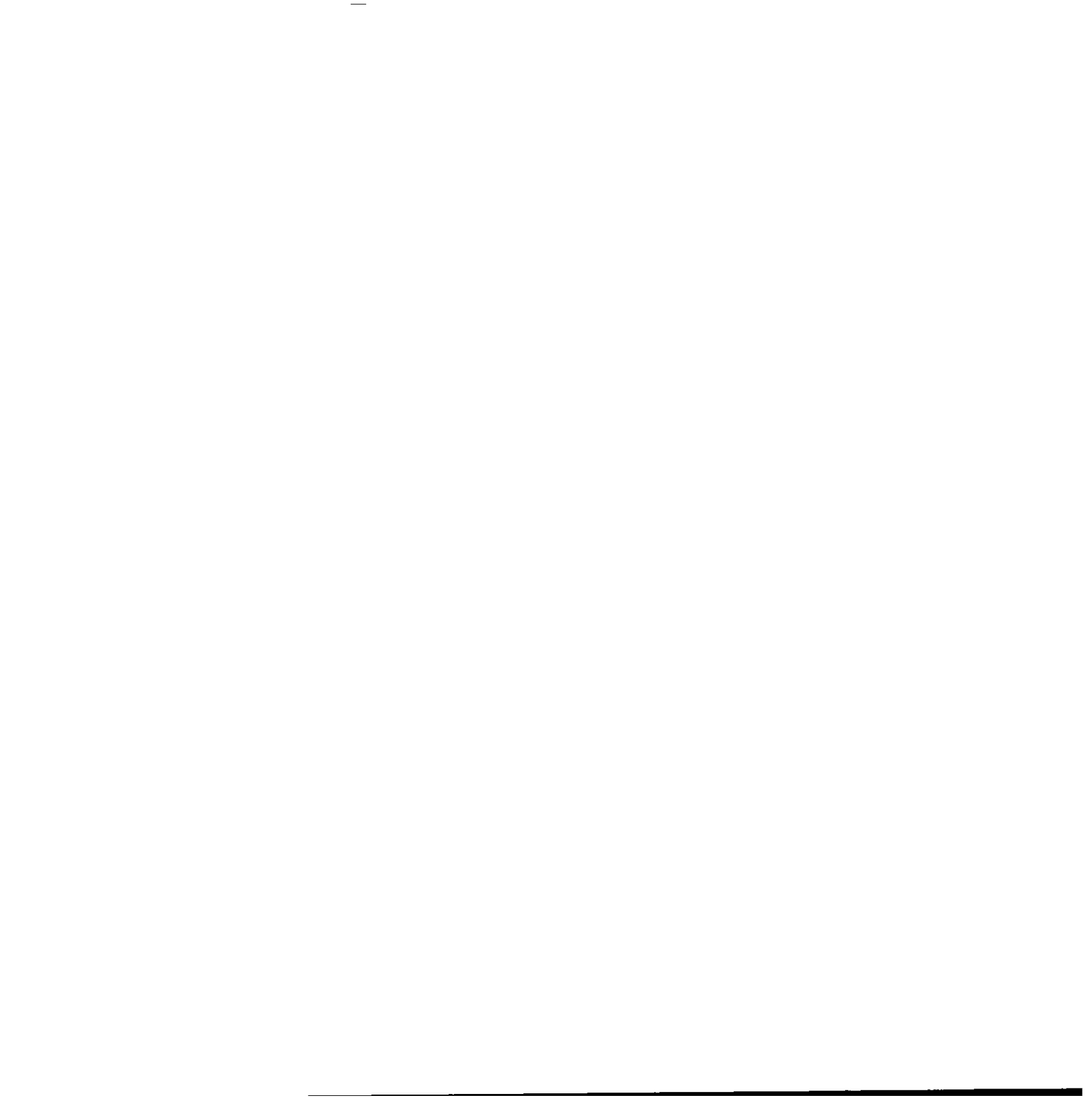
SUBJECT: Abortion Providers in our schools, HB 352, SB 89, SB 191

We support legislation which will keep abortion providers out of our schools

Restricting activities of abortion providers in our schools is good public policy and will serve to protect our children from harmful influences regarding promiscuous sex and abortion.

Obviously, the organization most affected by this legislation is Planned Parenthood (PP). The issue is not whether or not sex education is a good thing. The controversy over PP in our schools arises from a knowledge on the part of many parents of the PP philosophy regarding sex and abortion. It promotes sexual promiscuity and is the largest provider of abortion in the country. PP targets our teens, opposes parental rights and undermines the parent/child relationship. Recent revelations about PP's involvement in harvesting and selling aborted baby body parts is only part of the story. PP has a history of protecting statutory rapists when minor children seek an abortion. This is not an organization that we should welcome in our schools.

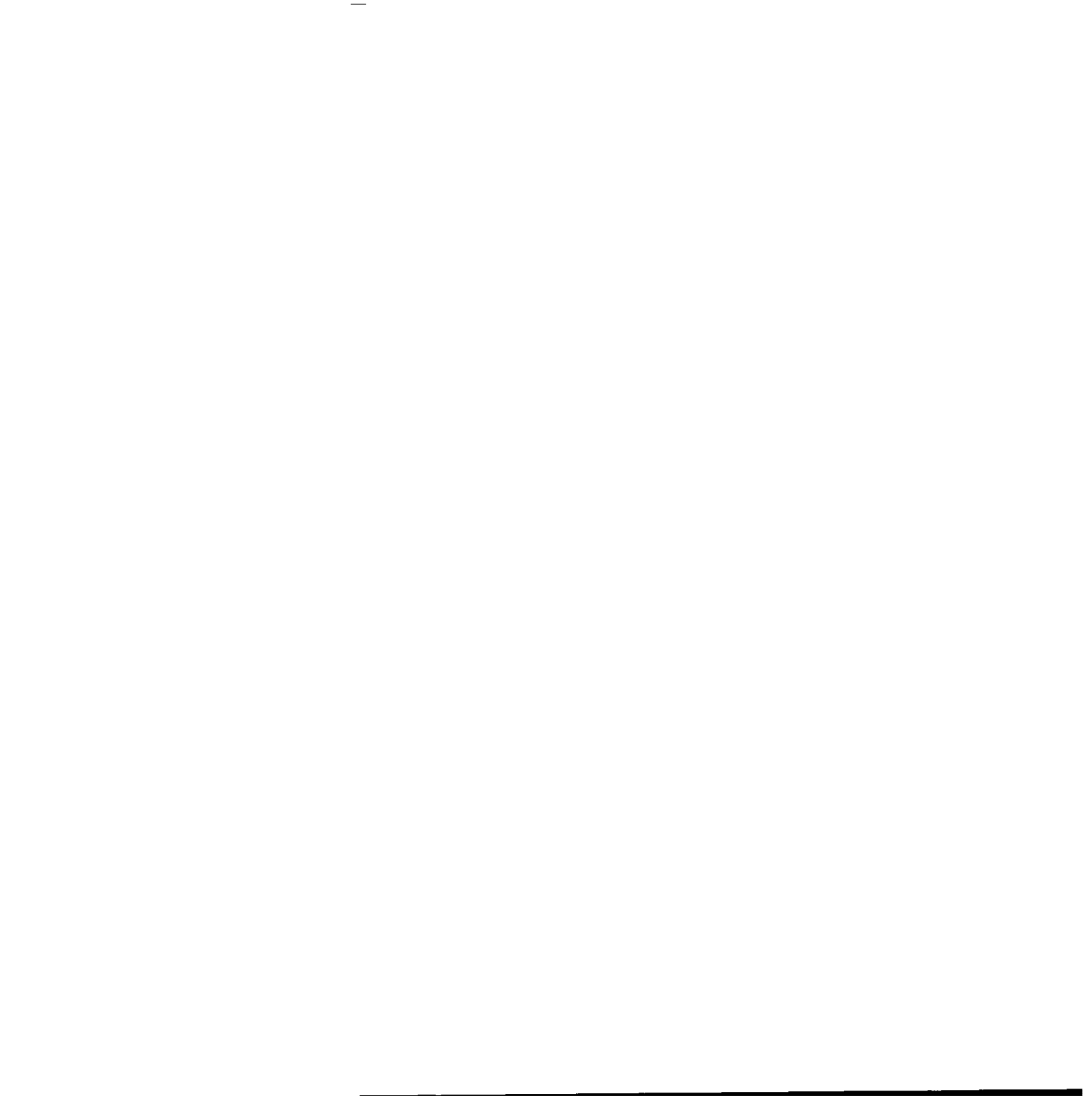
The Planned Parenthood philosophy is that our children are going to have sex anyway so we need to provide them with condoms and have abortion as a backup. Our children are not animals without ability to control their actions. They have an intellect and free will. We should make it clear what is expected of them –not throw up our hands in defeat and accept whatever sexual activity they desire. We tell our children not to drink alcohol, take drugs and smoke, not



physical, psychological, spiritual and moral havoc brought about by unrestricted sex in our society—from sexually transmitted disease to abortion.

Inviting PP into our schools gives legitimacy and respect to an organization that doesn't deserve it even if abortion is not discussed. It allows PP to develop a relationship with our impressionable youth who might look to them for future services, including abortion. Their philosophy of free sex will seep into their teaching. Planned Parenthood commits over 350,000 abortions a year and it still honors founder Margaret Sanger, a racist and eugenicist with a philosophy of sexual permissiveness. Our children need to be protected from such an organization.

Please give favorable consideration to this proposed legislation.



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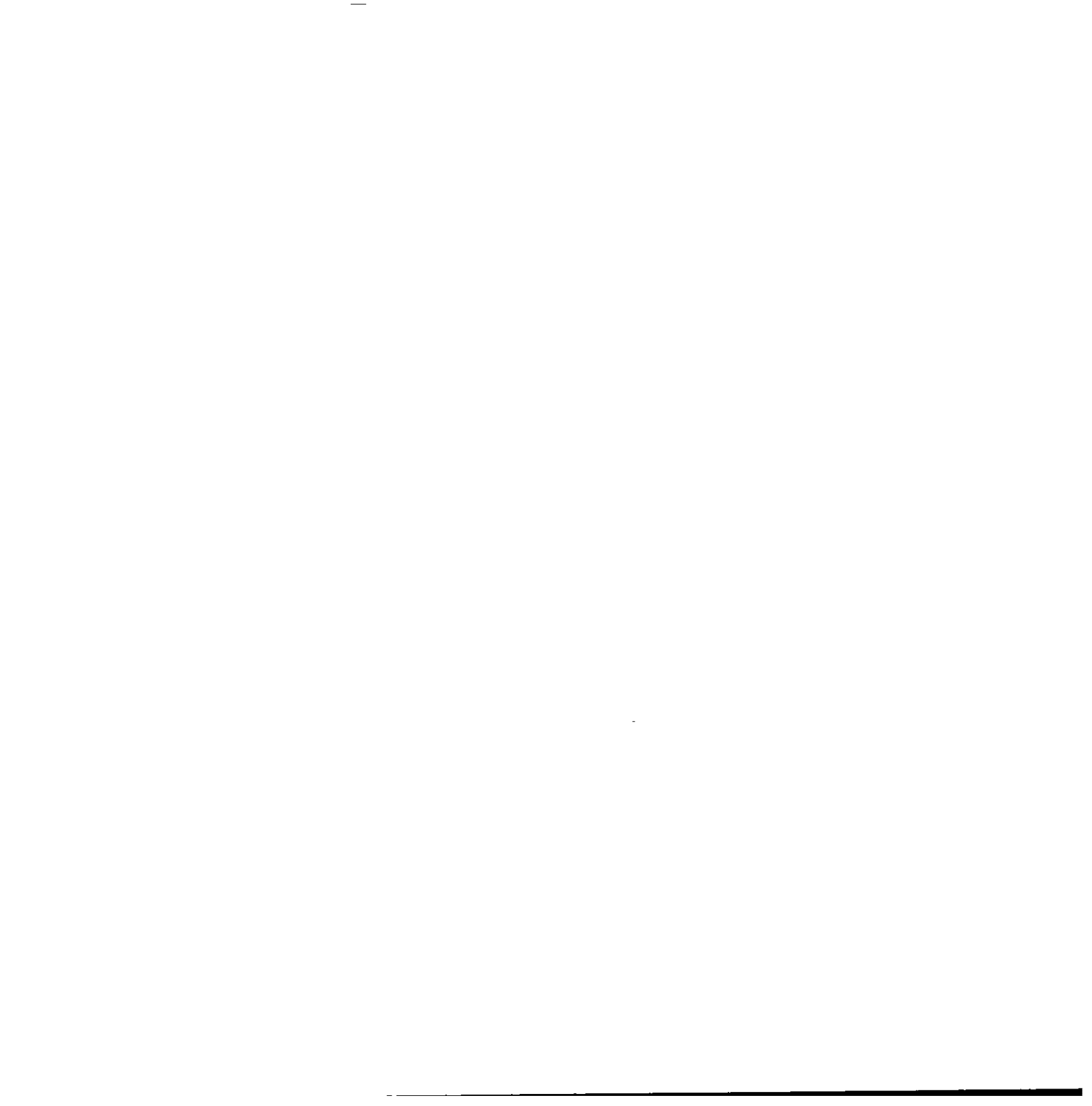
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Representative.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov

House Education Committee Members,

Attached is my written testimony for SB 89 that i gave in House Edc yesterday. Please consider my testimony. I have a large family and all my adult married siblings, parents and I approve my testimony and feel the same way.

Thank you

Elijah Verhagen



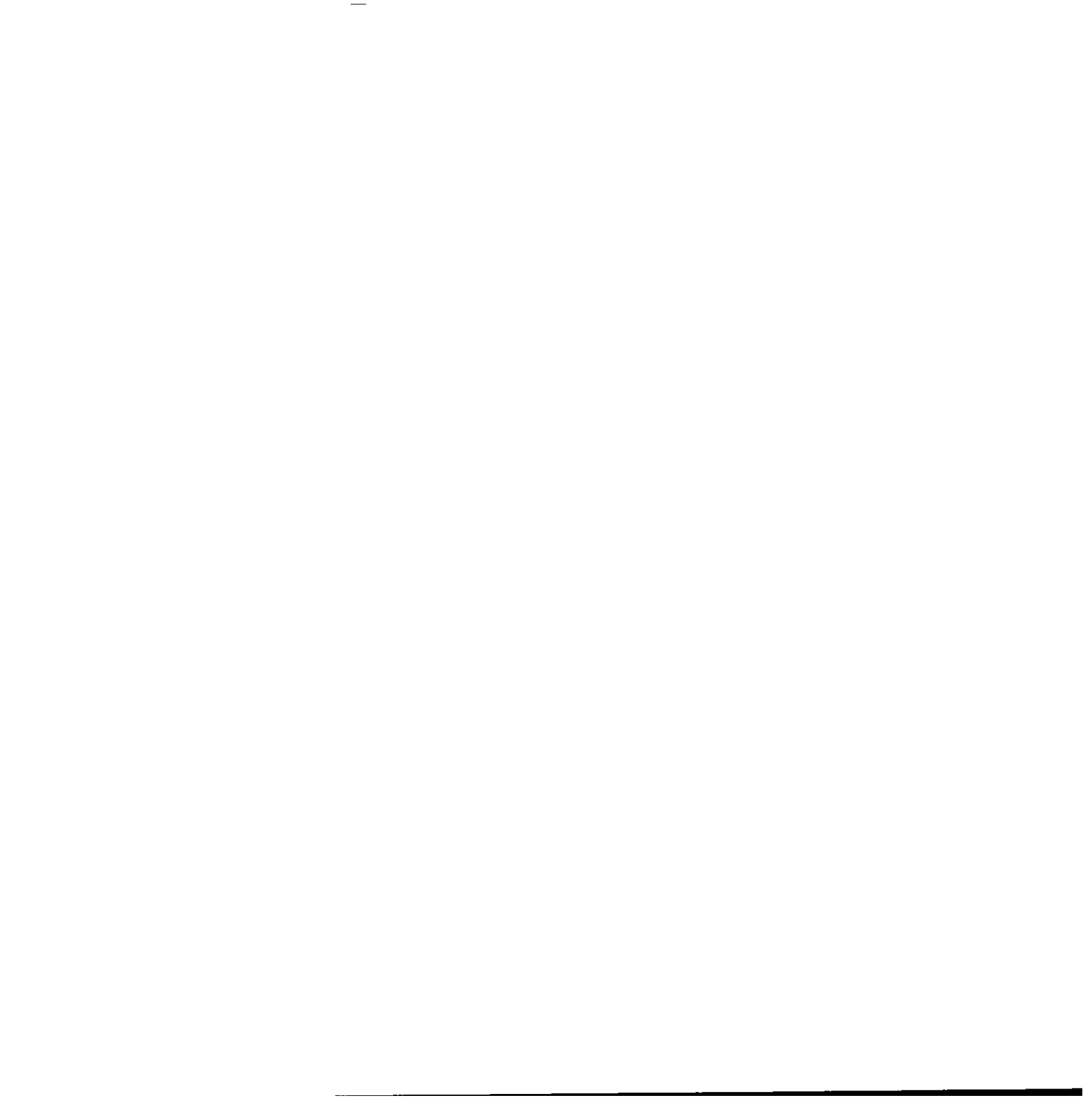
Good morning Mr. Chair and members of the committee. For the record my name is Elijah Verhagen and I'm representing myself.

I'm very grateful to the sponsor of this bill who took this critical and heated issue on. I'd like to start off by pointing out to the committee members that almost every single person that I've heard testify before me today has either a special interest/connection they mentioned, was a Planned Parenthood employee or retired nurse that's worked with them and thus are Planned Parenthood sympathizers. These were not your average private sector individuals and parents taking off work and calling in because they are concerned for their kids. Most of your average constituents never hear about these bills being up in committee until it's too late and even if they did, most would not be able to take off work from 8-10am to testify. I only heard about it because I used to work in Juneau and still have friends there that let me know when important bill hearings are. So for those of us that do take off work and call in, our testimony should have a lot more weight than these PP advocates, ACLU lawyers and whoever else these third party abortion agencies can afford to get here to testify. You know and I know (having worked in Juneau for five years) that most of them receive mass email notifications of when to testify and many are paid to call in or are flown into Juneau to defeat good bills like this that benefit our kids and society.

I'm frankly appalled that Planned Parenthood has been allowed to come into our public schools as a third party and teach sex education. Where was this in the newspapers? Sex education needs to be taught to our children in an unbiased, mature and trustful way primarily by parents. The government should be encouraging parents to do so, not stripping their parental rights away and leaving it up to Planned Parenthood or any other third party, unfamiliar source. Of course not all parents care sadly to teach their kids sex education or would rather the school does, that's fine and their choice and there are many kids without parents who are in public schools that will learn sex ed from their teachers. But this is where the kids can learn from a teacher they know, not a third party official who they've never met, who then hands out material that links them to abortion agencies. Like this bill allows, having an opt in signature required from parents at the beginning of the school year or later before sex ed is taught to their children is leaving the authority with the parents.

Finally to get my point across and the severity of the bill I will share an analogy of what it's like allowing Planned Parenthood to teach our kids sex ed. Planned Parenthood is known for providing abortions and even if abortions only make up 3% of their services like they claim, they still are providing abortions which is murder, there is no sugar coating it. So allowing them to teach sex ed and then give out their info in our schools is like allowing a murderer into our house to babysit your kids because 97% of the time, the murder isn't killing anyone and is doing good things. Well 3% of the time they are committing murder. You would never let them babysit and we also must never let Planned Parenthood teach in our schools.

I urge the committee members to seriously consider what I'm saying, reach out to your real constituents and pass this bill out of committee for our society and children's sake. Thank you for your time.



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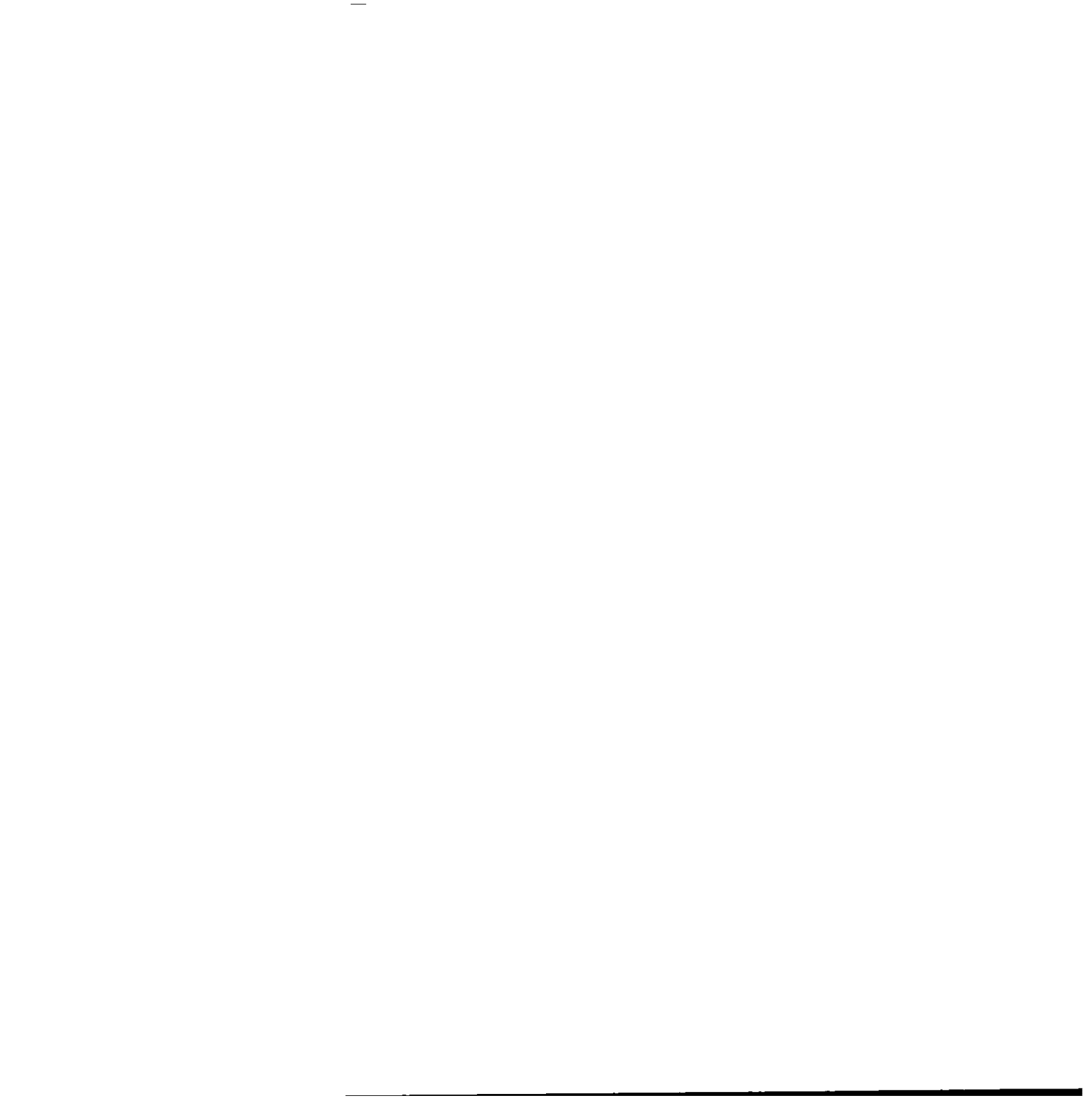
Rep. Wes Keller
PLEASE vote YES on SB 89

Dear Representative Wes,

Thank you for your service to the state of Alaska. I am asking for your yes vote on SB 89. I feel it's important to preserve parental rights in the schools as well as keep sex education up to the parents and the school staff. Providers like Planned Parenthood have a reputation of teaching sex education in ways that not only promote sex, but are very graphic and even involve "role playing" by the students. This is not what I feel is appropriate for children, especially in a school setting with no parents around to shield them from details they might find disturbing. A school environment should be for learning math, reading, science and history, not an outside abortion industry's sex Ed. If the parents want this taught, a school nurse is fully equipped to answer questions along with teachers.

Thank you,

Frank and Dorothy McGilvary - Fairbanks 99701



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Rep. Wes Keller
SB 89

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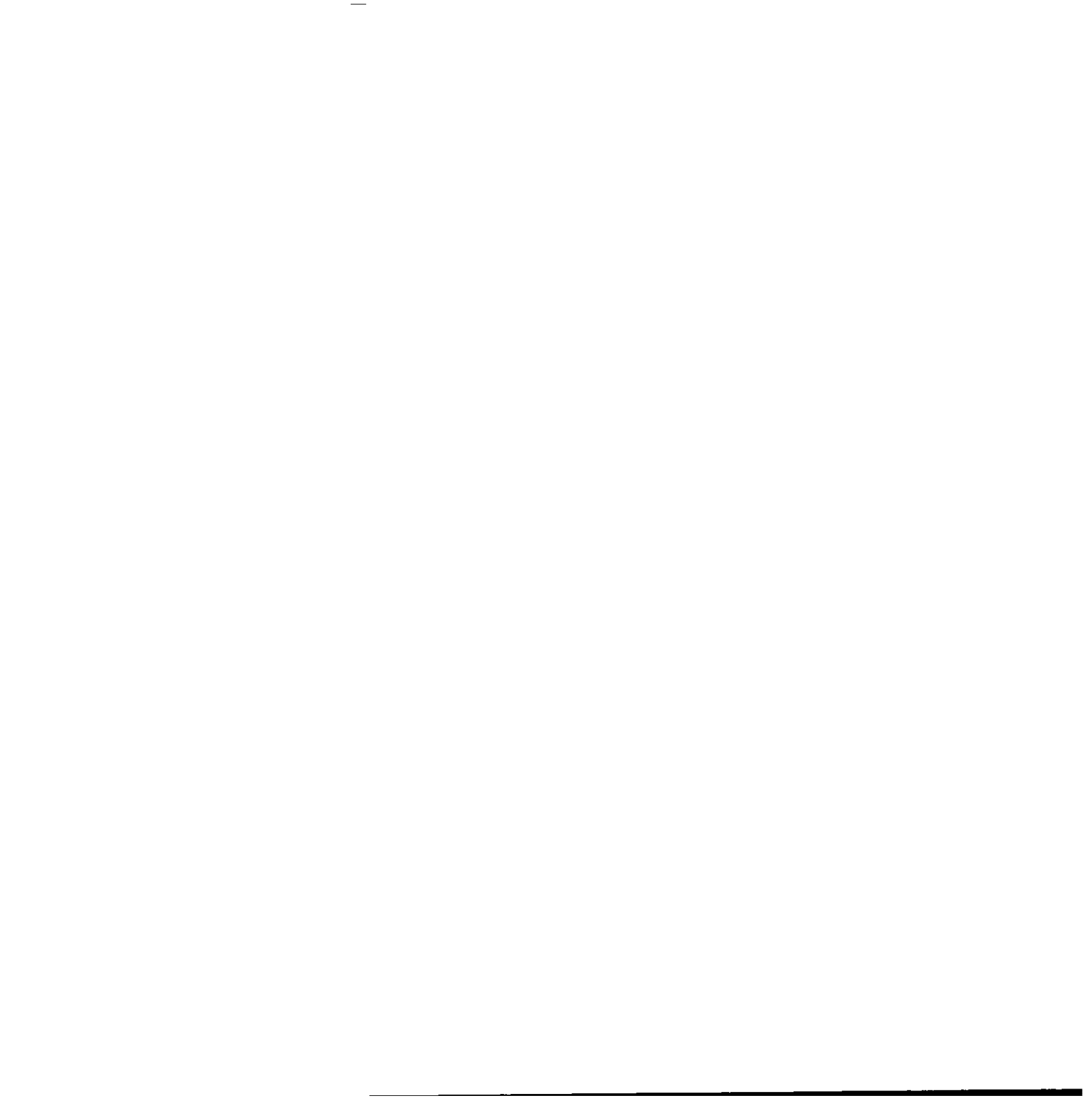
Please give our children back to us. Please vote YES on SB B9.

Thank you from a very concerned Great Grandmother who remembers when schools were so much better and kept education clean.

Respectfully submitted,

Aleta Geer
Nenana, Alaska
907-750-7650

Sent from my iPad



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: SB 89

Dear Sir / Madame,

Please lend your support for this bill as I believe it will give parents the control they need to monitor and influence the material being presented to their children in our schools. I ask that you do whatever you can to help this bill get passed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dave Standerfer

PO Box 3088
Soldotna, AK 99669
907-252-4027



MY NAME IS EDWARD GRAY - A
A parent with children in the SITKA
School District.

I Support SB 89 + HB 156
AND Urge the Committee
TO PASS this Bill Forward.

I Oppose The Abortion INDUSTRY
IN The Schools.

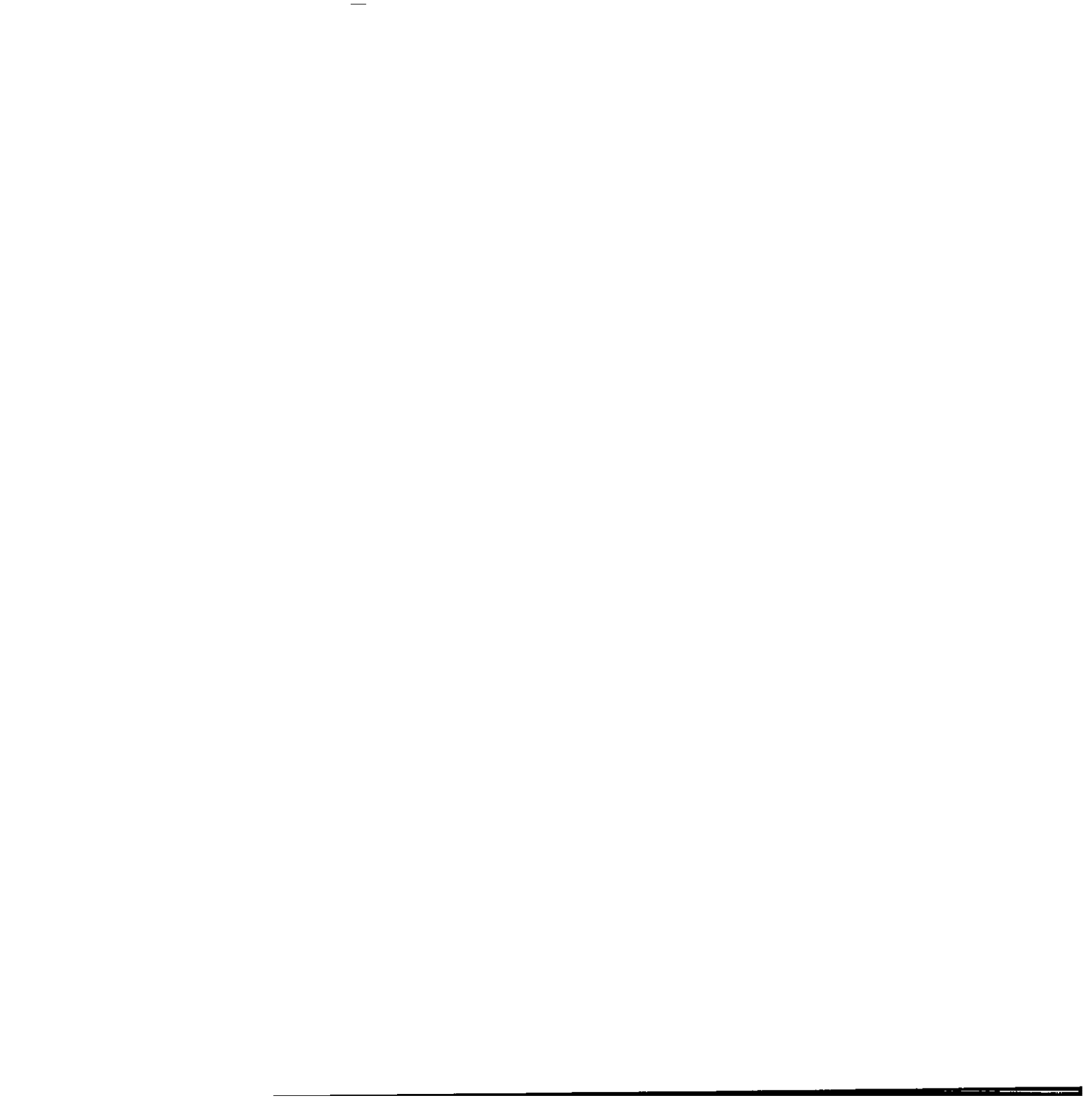
The Public School IS Common
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SECULAR VIEW THAT promotes
Abortion AS birth Control
Should not be represented.

Planned Parenthood does Almost
340,000 Abortions A YEAR.

They have NO business in
the public Schools.

THANK YOU

Ed Gray
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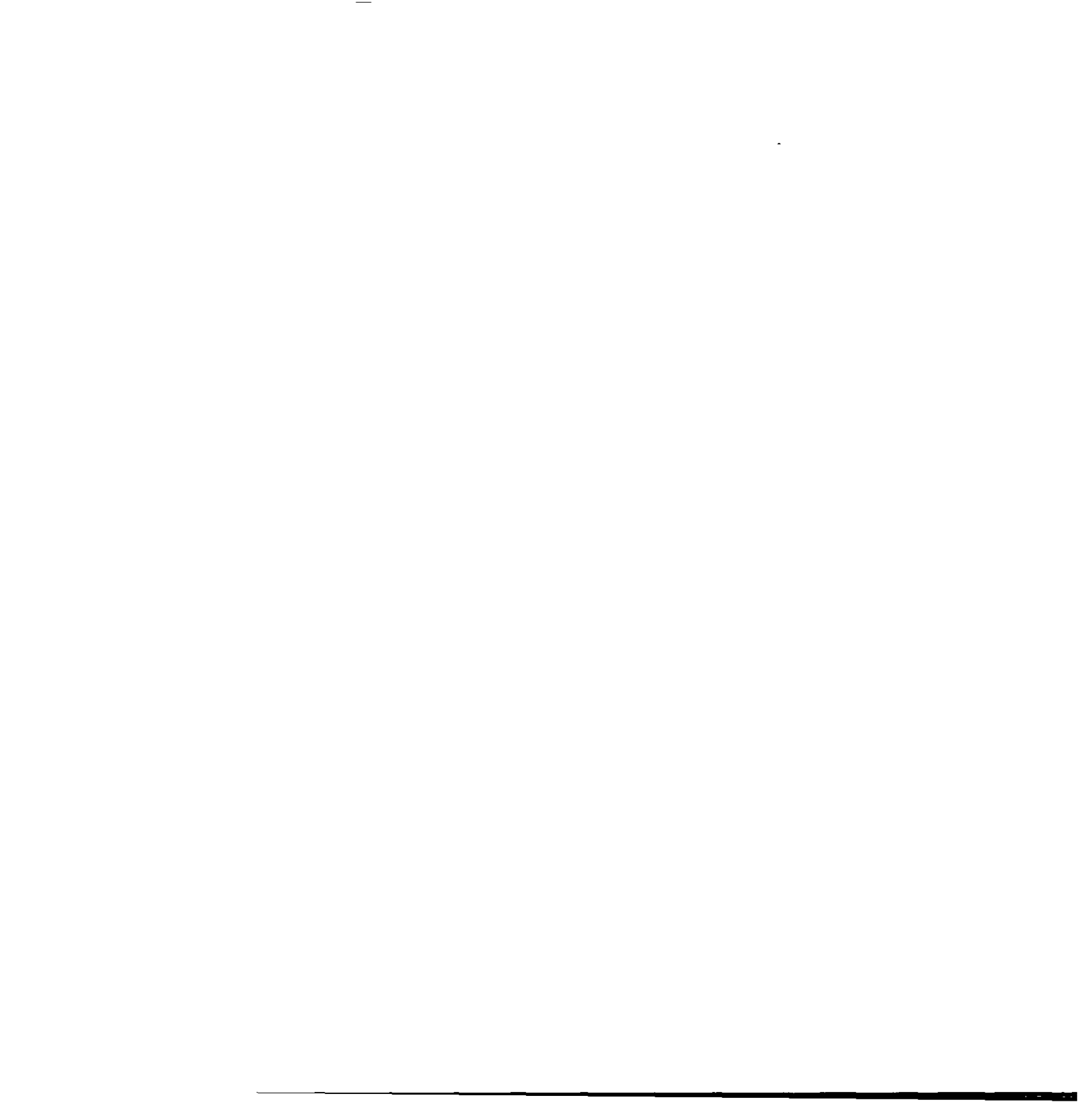
To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: SB 89

Greetings Representatives,

As a parent of four children in our Alaska public school system, I urge you to pass SB 89! I have removed my children from the sex education classes during their elementary school years. Each of my children came home the first day of sex ed. in the classroom telling me that **all of the kids in their class came in telling them "you are so lucky you did not have to be in that class!"** I believe that sex education in the elementary schools needs to be removed altogether. I realize parents are not teaching their children, but I do not believe that organizations like Planned Parenthood should come in telling children what they believe. I would hope that if we stop giving parents a way out of neglecting their responsibilities, parents would finally step in and start parenting their children in all areas of life.

I love my job as a parent and I know many others that do as well. Please let me keep my rights to train up my children as I see fit.

Thank you,
Ann Keffalos



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
Re: Sex education/PP curricula

Rep. Keller,

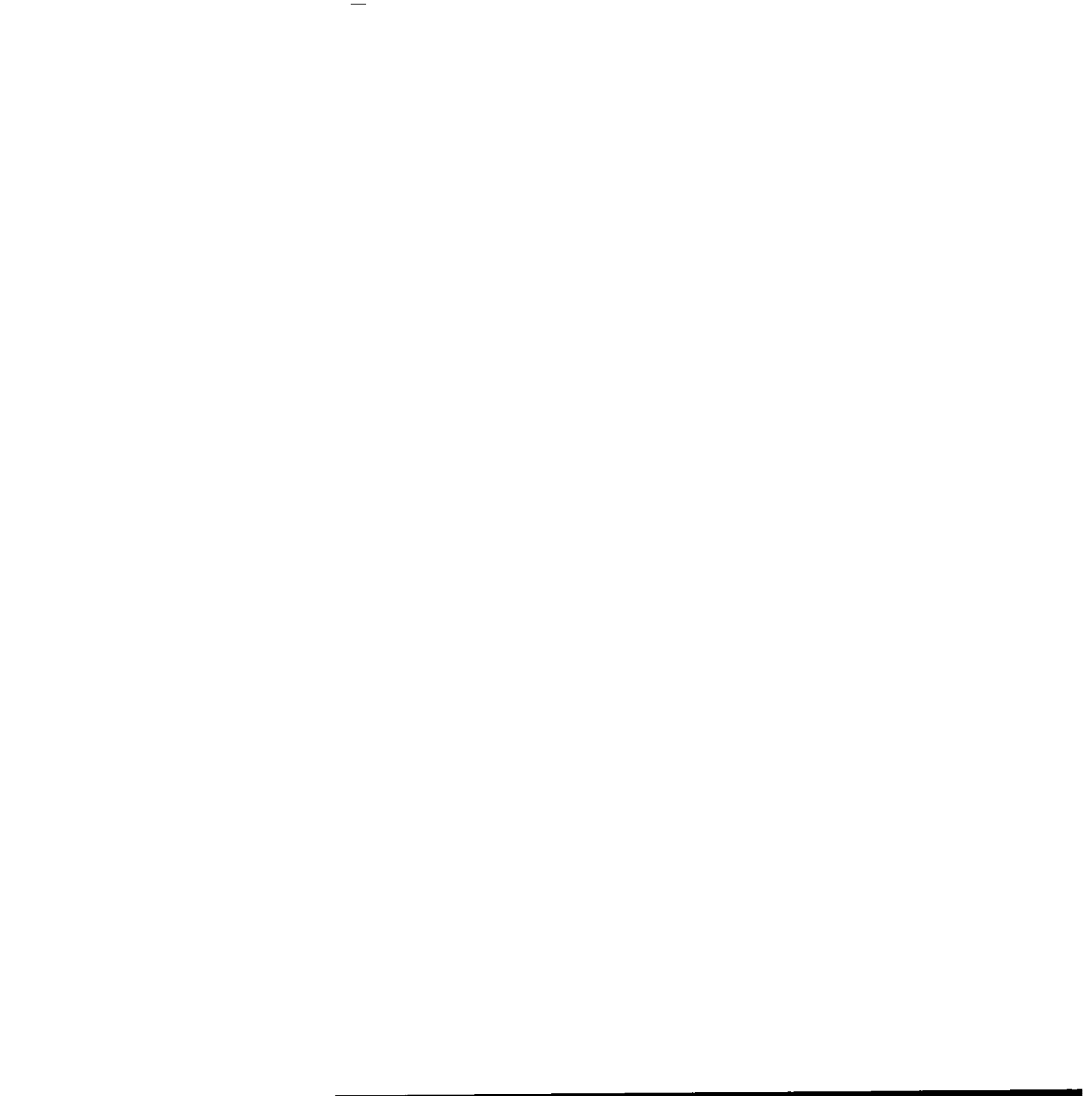
As a national organization with the singular focus of promoting Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) Abstinence Education, I am writing to encourage your support of the S.B. 89 as you take up this important issue in your committee. We at Ascend continually hear from parents throughout the country of their concern over of the type of sex education materials their children receive from groups like Planned Parenthood. Unfortunately, the abortion issue aside, Planned Parenthood and their like-minded associates have a clear track record of supporting the most explicit type of sex education. These groups routinely share age inappropriate material and normalizes teen sex as an expected behavior. This explicitness, of course, is promoted under the guise of "evidenced-based."

It is typical of these groups, for instance, to lobby for an opt-out provision regarding sex education classes, meaning if the school does not hear from parents that they don't want their child to attend these classes they are automatically included. The opt-in provision is more pro-active in involving parents and guardians to be made aware of the sex education instruction that is being given . There are many important reasons to be vigilant regarding the sex education curricula offered by Planned Parenthood. If you feel the need for more information on this issue, please consider using Ascend as a resource. We are happy to help in any way we can.

Mary Anne Mosack
Nat. Director of State Initiatives
1701 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20006
www.WeAscend.org



Youth. Sex. Relationships.
Leading the National Conversation



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz
Subject: Testimony regarding SB 89- Planned Parenthood Sex Ed

To the members of the committee reviewing SB 89:

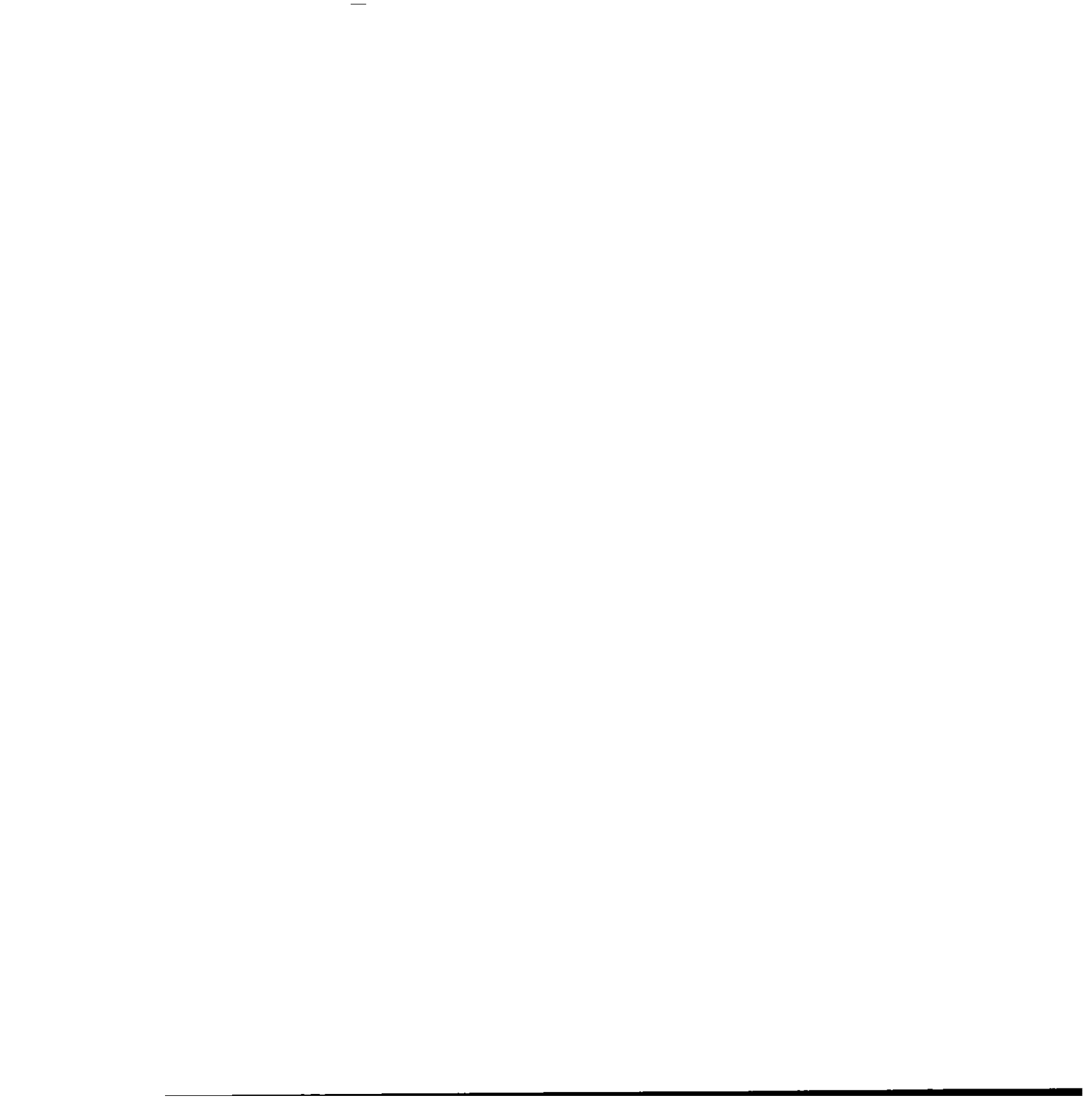
My name is Tabitha Ellis. I am a concerned community member. I have worked in a variety of day care centers and elementary schools. I also have teenage siblings, whom this bill would affect.

I am personally against Planned Parenthood presentations in public schools. Aside from moral opinions, I also have some developmental concerns that I would like to address:

I personally feel that youth and children should ideally learn about sexual issues and puberty from their parents or a trusted adult, such as a teacher or nurse at their school. Parents and teachers know the youth better than some random representative from Planned Parenthood or a similar organization, and they would be able to adapt their discussions based on the young person's personality and development. I remember attending a brief version of "sex ed" in high school. It only lasted a couple of days out of a whole semester of health class. All that was really talked about was birth control and how to use a condom. I don't remember much discussion about abstinence or how to refuse sexual advances; mainly just how to have "safe sex." I felt like I couldn't ask questions or make comments without being teased because the class had both boys and girls. I would have felt much more comfortable with the subject matter if I were just in a class with my female peers. It was very awkward and ineffective. I feel that sexual behavior and reproductive development isn't something that can be covered over a couple of class periods; it should be a series of age appropriate discussion over a period of time, as the child grows. That's another reason why I feel that parents and teachers are a better option for teaching children and youth about sex and puberty than a Planned Parenthood representative.

I feel that a more ideal solution would be to offer parenting classes to help parents feel more confident in their ability to discuss puberty and sex with their children. School nurses or health teachers could also receive training on how to better teach and discuss these issues with students.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.



To: 'Ted & Elizabeth Baker'
Subject: Yes on SB 89

Importance: High

Dear Representative,

Thank you for your service to the state of Alaska.

I am asking you to please vote yes on SB 89. I feel it's important to preserve parental rights in the schools, as well as leaving the sex education of young children to the parents and the qualified school staff.

Providers like Planned Parenthood have a reputation of teaching sex education in ways that not only promote sex, but are very graphic and even involve "roll playing" by the students. This is not what I feel is appropriate for children, especially in a school setting with no parents around to shield them from details they might find disturbing.

A school environment should be for learning math, reading, science and history, not an outside abortion industry's sex Education program.

If the parents want some sex education taught to their children in school, a school nurse is fully equipped to answer questions along with teachers.

Thank you.
Ted E. Baker

Ted Baker

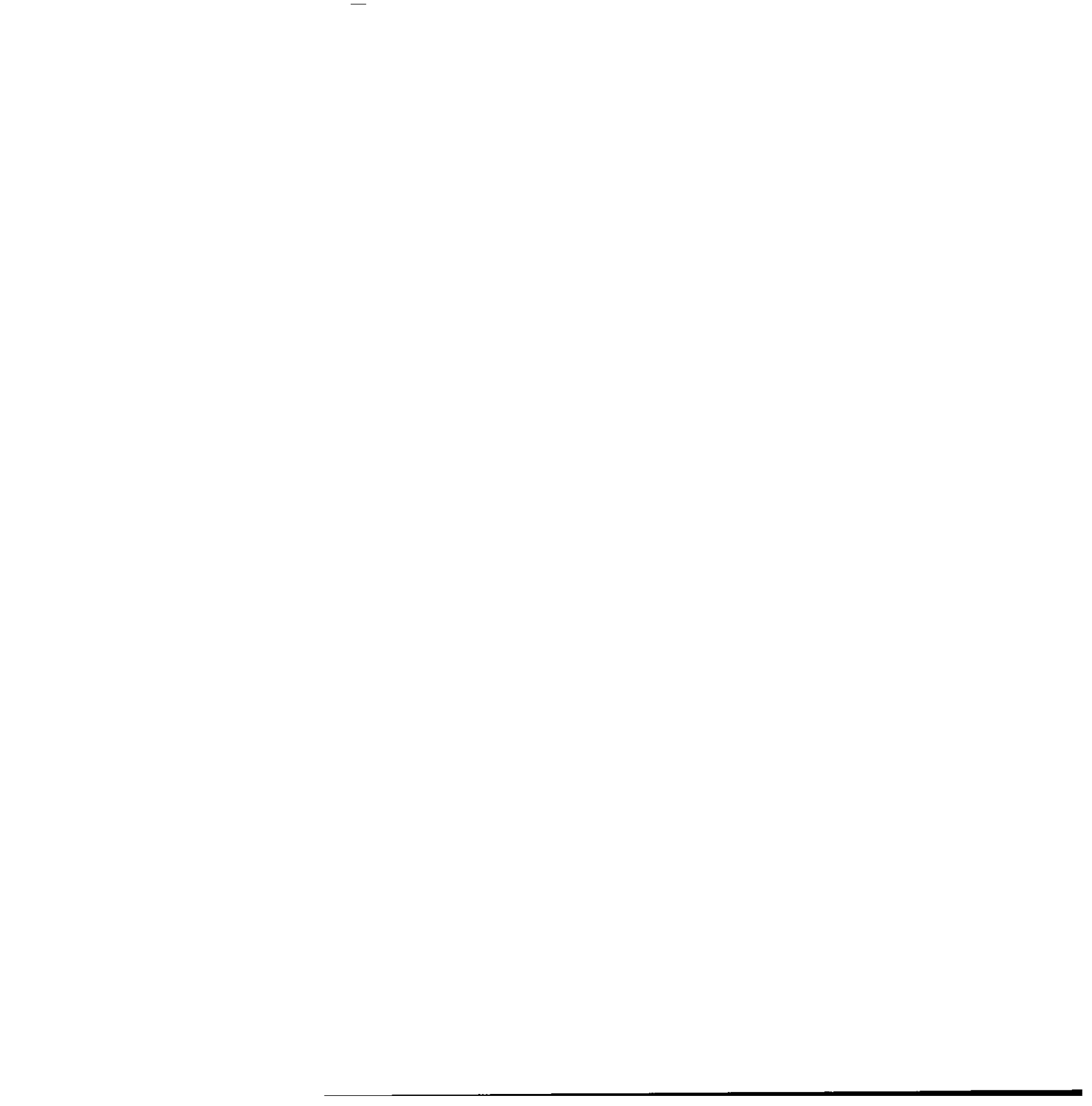
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To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Lora Reinbold

Subject: Support for SB89 prohibition on abortion providers in public schools.

My name is Ed Gray I am a parent of Sitka School District children. I support SB89, SB191, HB192 and HB352 Parental rights and prohibition on abortion providers in public schools. In September 2013 I was one of 150 families to petition and have Planned Parenthood (PPH) removed from the Sitka Middle School. I do not share PPH values and oppose the secular humanist agenda that considers abortion as birth control As you know abortion ends a life. (PPH) is the largest abortionist in America aborting 335,000 unborn children a year. Public school is common ground for all children. The following is how they present abortion to children and attempt to come between children and their parents.

Abortion

Abortion is a legal and safe procedure that ends a pregnancy. People have many different feelings after an abortion: relief, grief, sadness, happiness, or all of these at once. But there is no "right" way to feel. Abortion does not cause long-term depression or mental health problems.

Many teens want to talk with their parents before having an abortion. Some states make you tell a parent if you're having an abortion (if you're under 18), and others don't (<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-topics/abortion/parental-consent-notification-laws-25268.htm>). In states where you must tell a parent, you can ask a judge to excuse you from having to do this (called "judicial bypass").

- See more at: <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/teens/going-to-the-doctor/im-pregnant-now-what#sthash.qM6P9BTB.dpuf>

PPH have no business in public schools and need to be banned.

Thank You Ed Gray

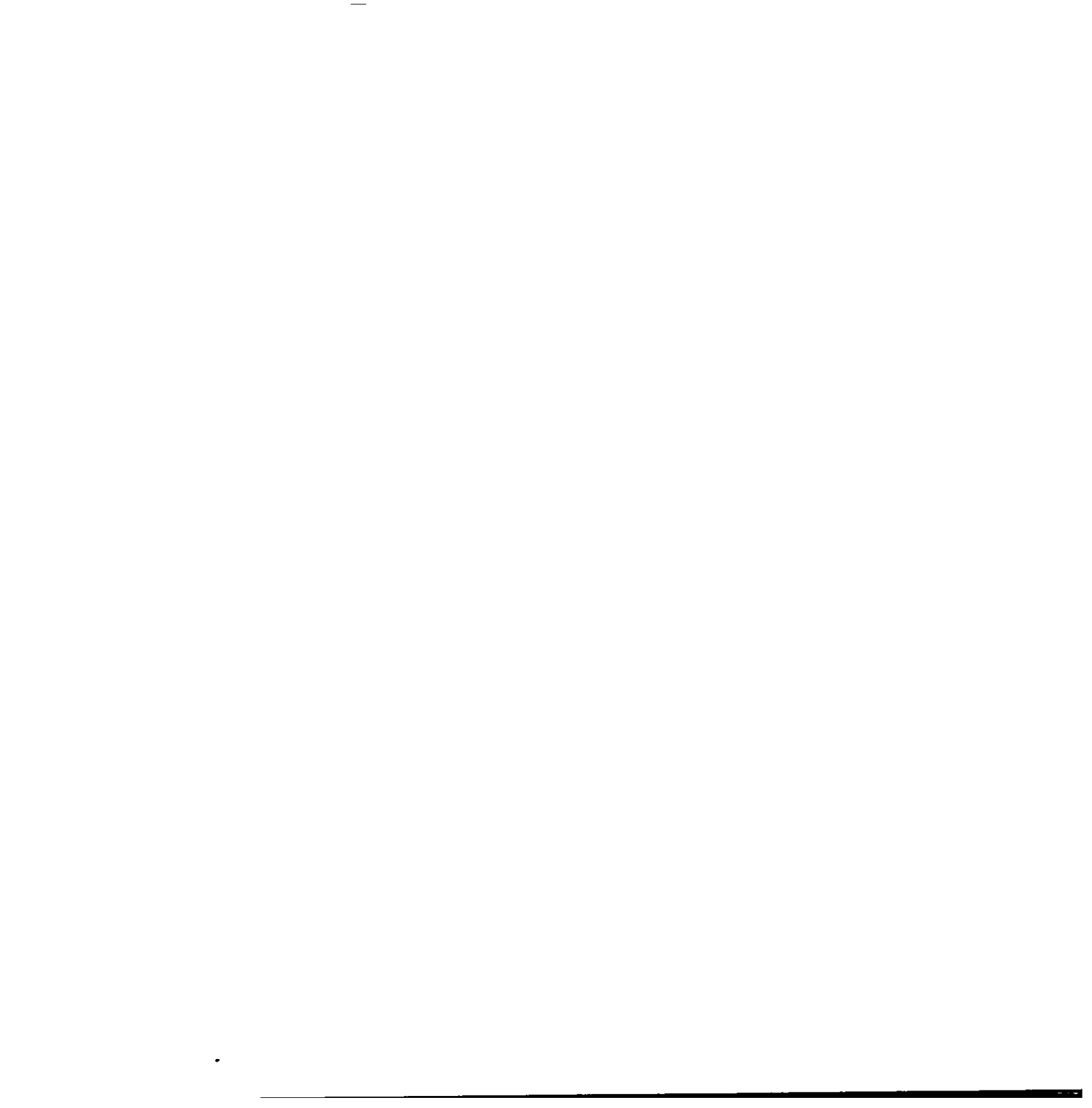
To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz

Subject: Yes on SB B9

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To:

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Subject:

Please support SB89

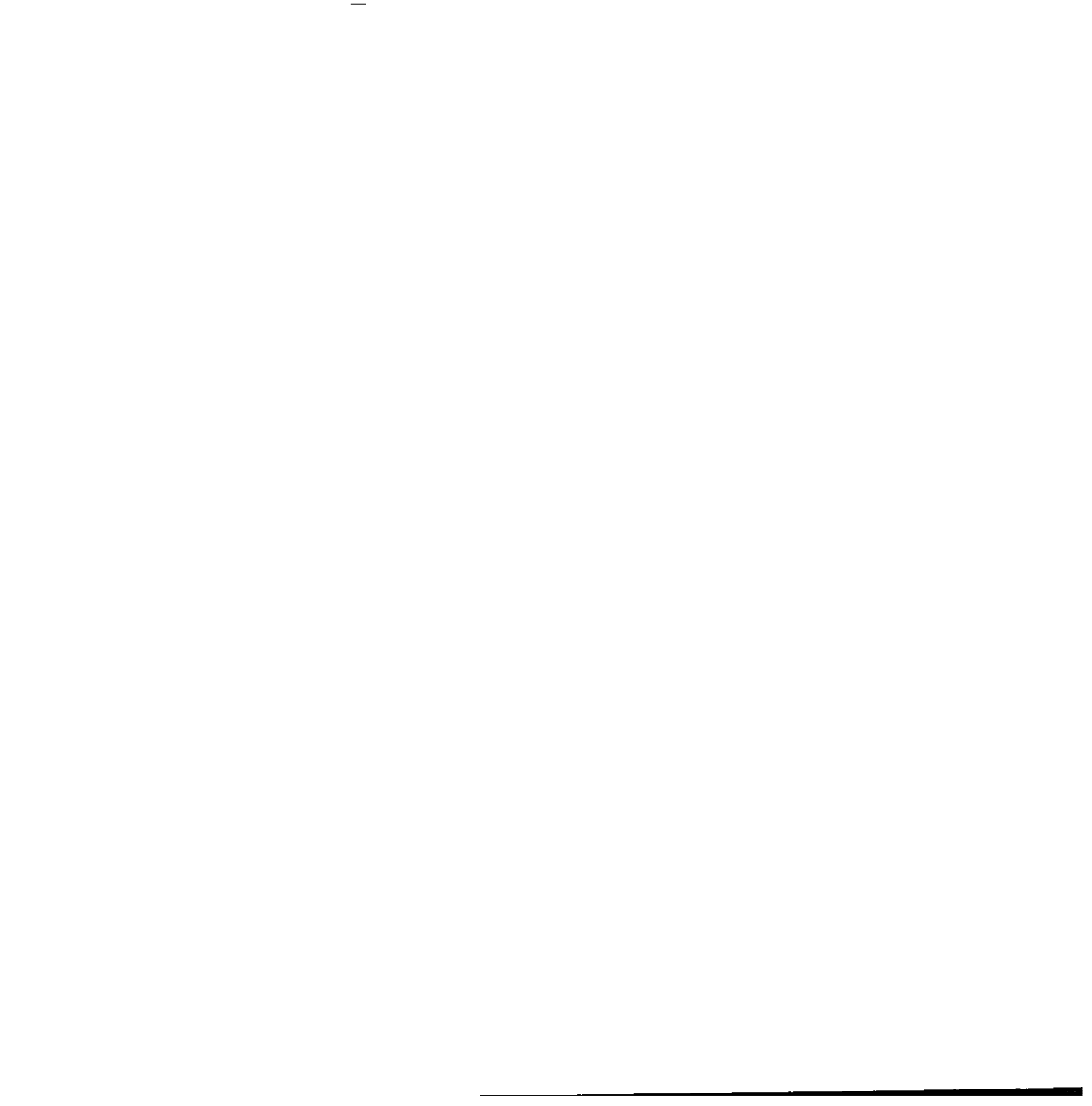
Greetings!

Thank you for your service hearing discussion of SB89 today.

Please consider that public education is funded by money from the community, and that funding does not include blanket consent. Parents reserve the option to refuse specific curriculum, medical services, academic tests and intrusive surveys.

Thank you,

Jerilyn Burtch
251 N Witherspoon
Palmer 99645



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico
Cc: Rep. Charisse Millett
Subject: Support SB 89 and 191

Dear Representatives:

I support SB 89 and 191 to ensure parental rights and the reduction of government-funded pro-abortion groups.

I have watched with disgust the national scandal of Planned Parenthood and therefore believe this organization is not trustworthy in any matters of parenting. While PP claims these bills will increase STDs, I totally disagree and believe that abstinence is the only solution. Government teaching of lack of abstinence actually destroys the foundations of families for future generations. Judeo-Christian values espousing abstinence and sexual self-control serve to build families, which in turn builds a stronger society, without government's intervention.

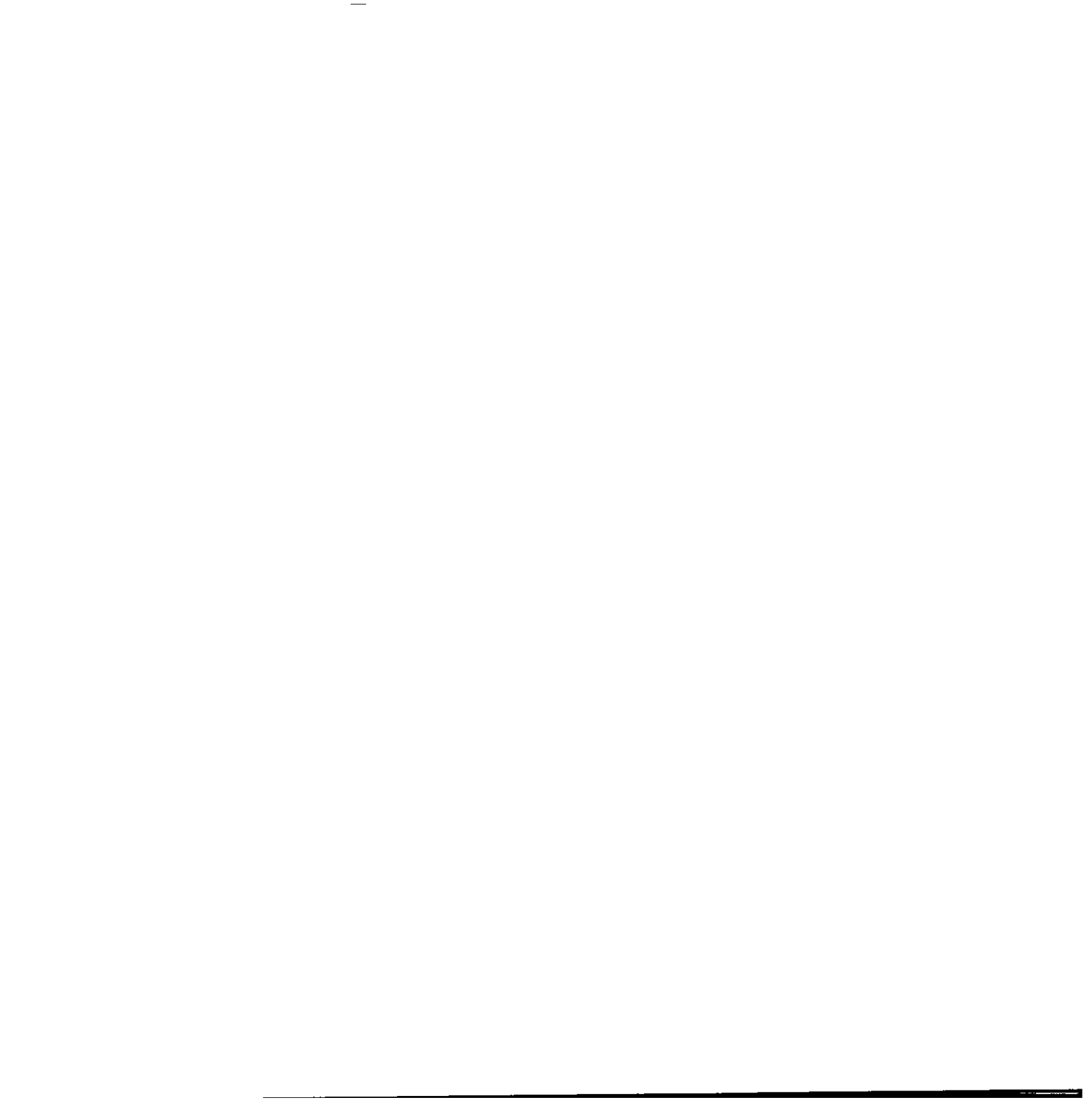
The government's dictation of teaching sexual matters in the public schools represents a breach of authority in a society embracing freedom and individual rights. It appears PP wants to rob parental rights to teach their own children. As an aside, Alaska cannot afford to support PP and similar groups.

Thank you,

Vinnie Szymkowiak

6641 Askeland Dr.

Anchorage, AK 99507



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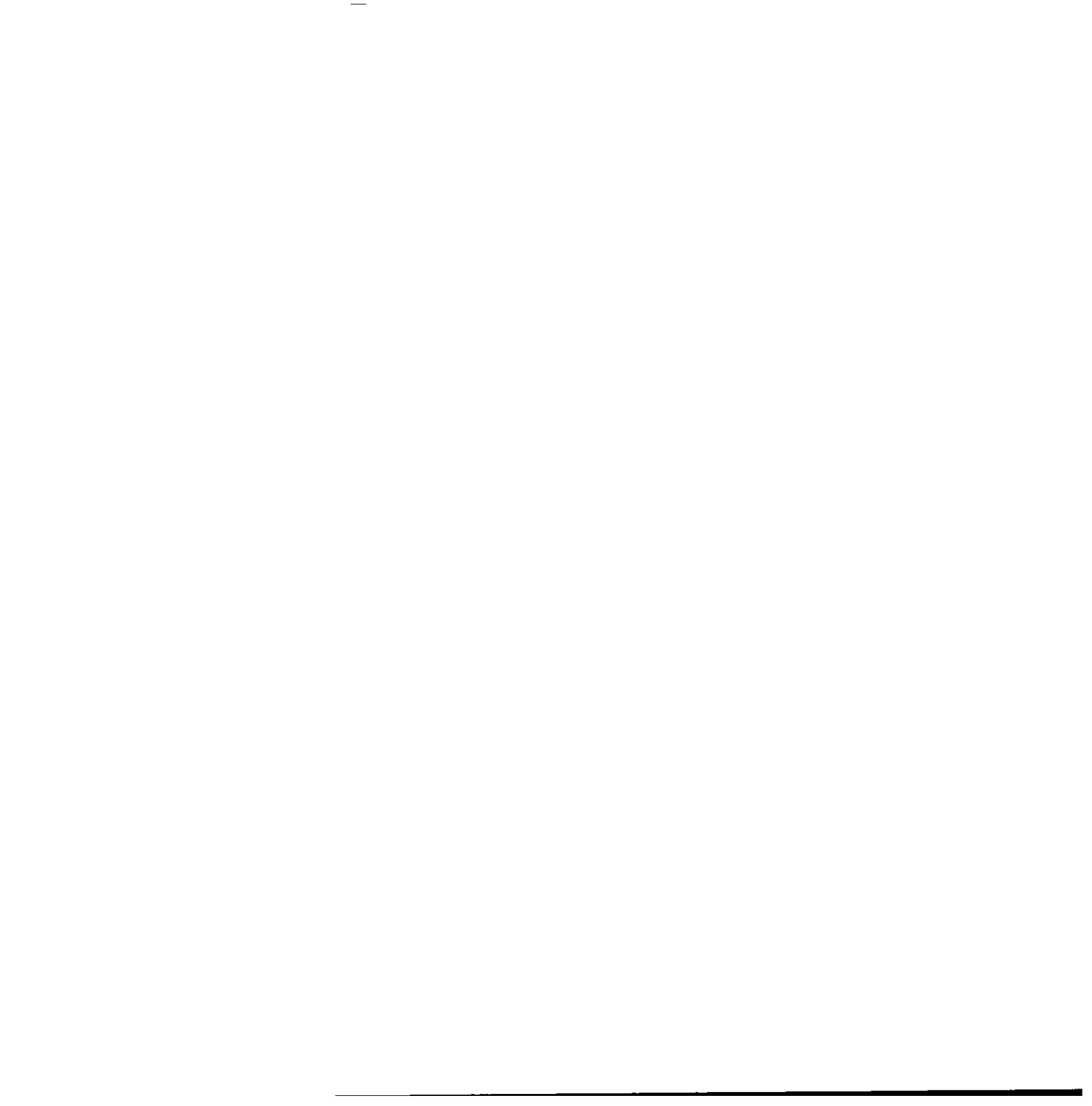
Rep. Wes Keller
SB-89

Sir,

I attempted to send the below message to all House Education members, but I received "undeliverable" from a number of their email addresses. Plz forward as you see fit.

Please support SB-89. We need to re-focus our public schools on the sciences, mathematics, and languages and leave the challenging social issues to the parents.

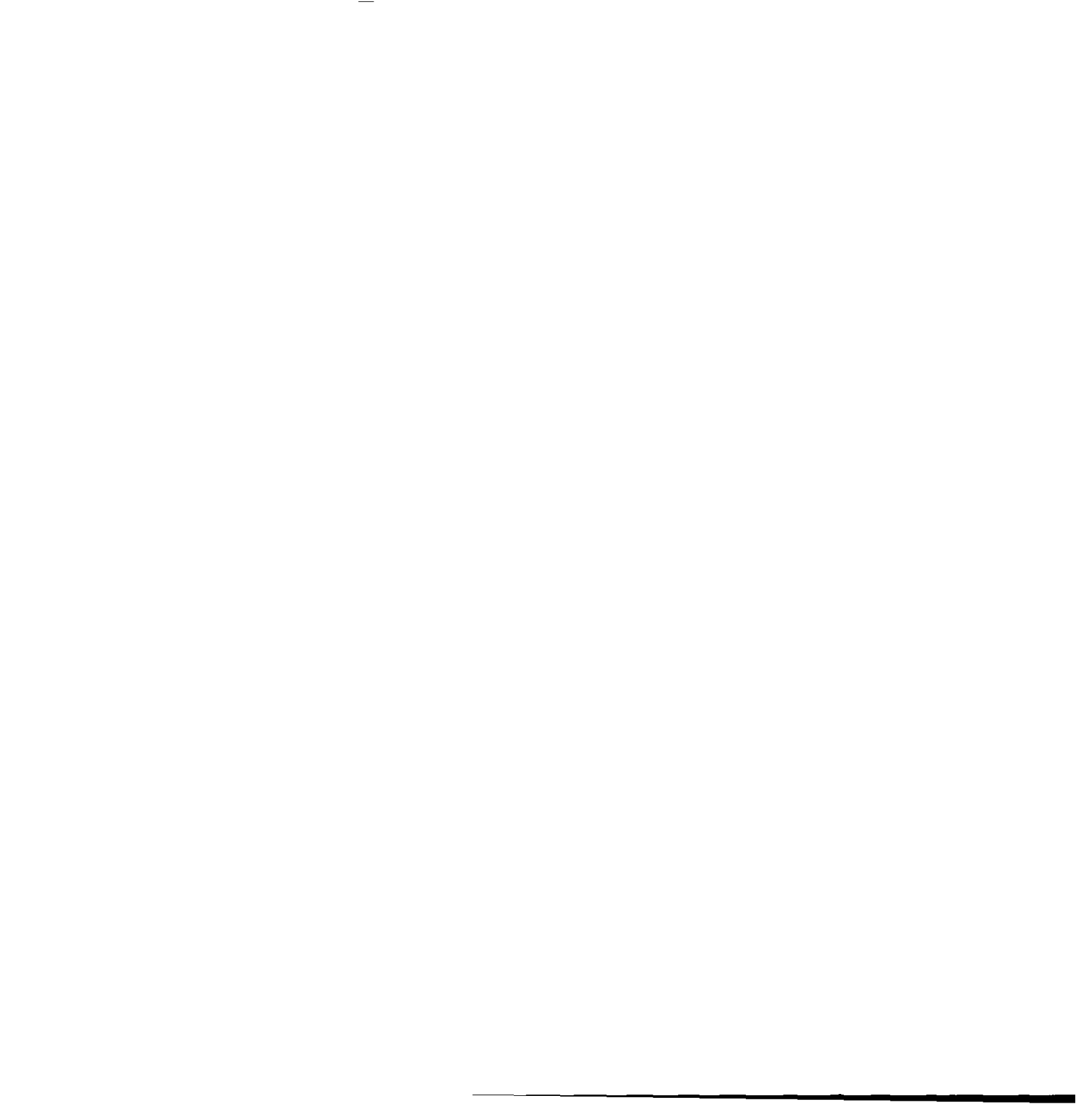
Very respectfully,
Dave and Kris Keddington
Anchorage
907-306-3631



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
SB89

Dear Rep Keller,
Please vote in favor of SB 89. Parents' right to opt out of testing needs to be protected.
Respectfully,
Jeff & Linda Sisson

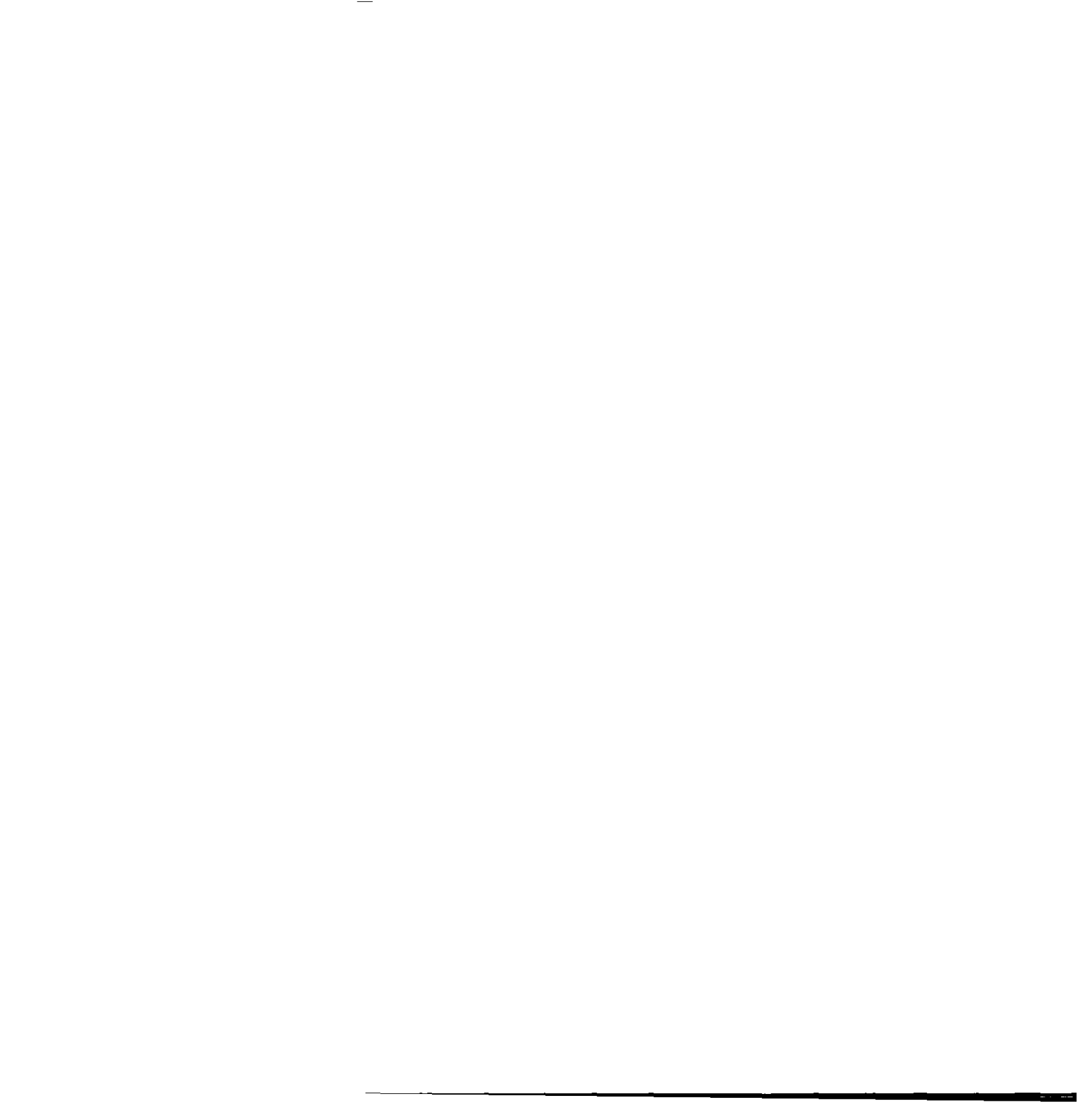


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Rep. Wes Keller
SB89

Please support the passage of this bill to protect parental rights. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB 89 - An Act relating to a parent's right to direct the education of a child
Importance: High

All...

I write today to express my full support of SB 89, and to urge you to support it and vote in favor of it through to passage.

The parents are the first stewards of their children's future. Education is supported by their communities and the state. Education is NOT the federal government's business, and their force-feeding their agenda to our children amounts to full-scale indoctrination, wrapped in a warm fuzzy.

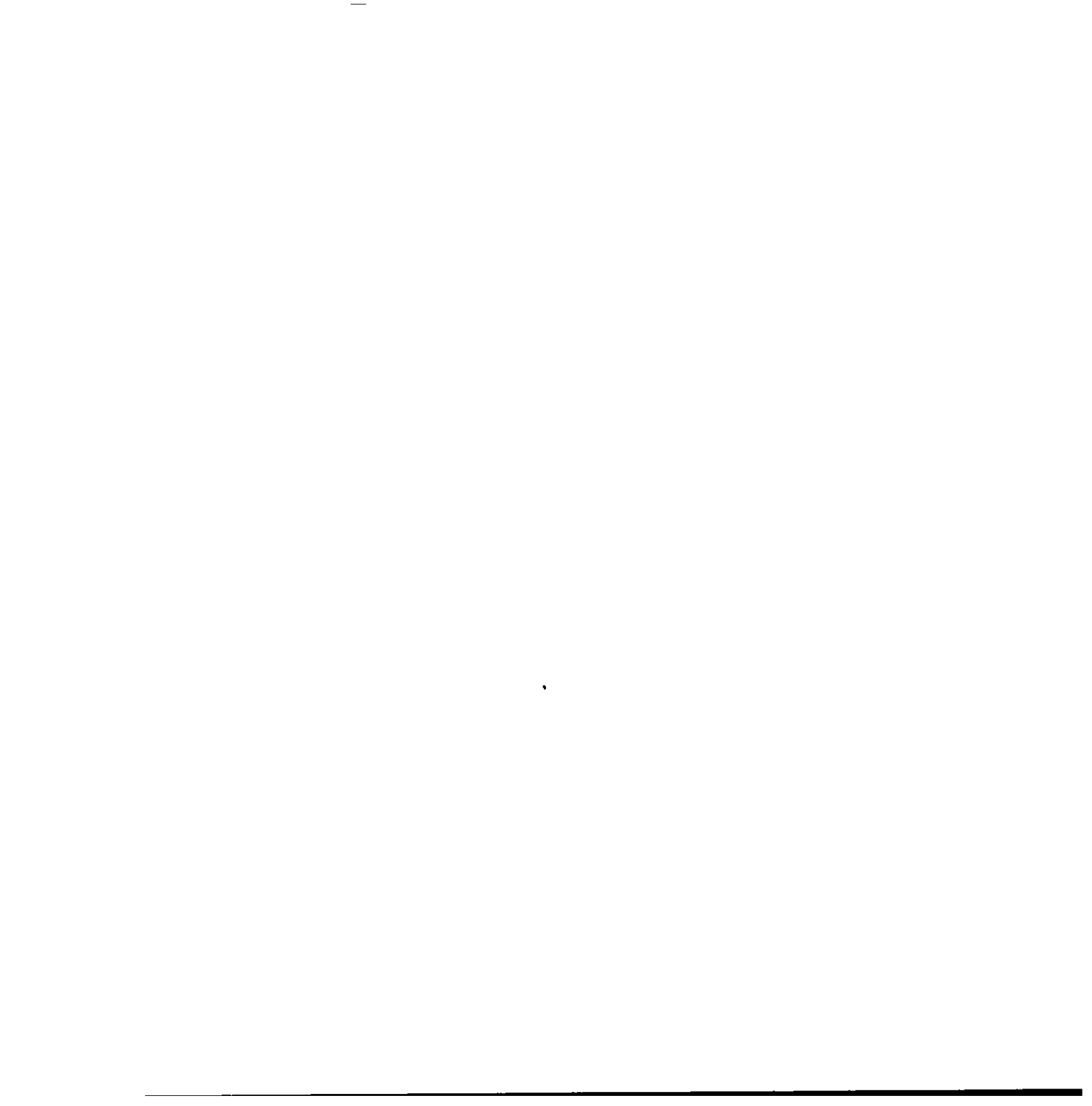
Alaska's parents and non-parents alike see federal overreach everywhere in our daily lives. The federal message to Alaska was 'Common Core' - our reply must be 'No!' ... it must stop here and now.

Our children are Alaskans, but are unable to vote for their own future. We are entrusted to protect their rights.

Best regards to all who serve Alaska...

--Bill

William J. Goodwin Jr.
401 S. Jerome Dr.
Wasilla, AK 99654
(907) 373-1274
billgoodwin@hotmail.com



To:
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Rep. Wes Keller
please support SB89

Dear Representative Keller,

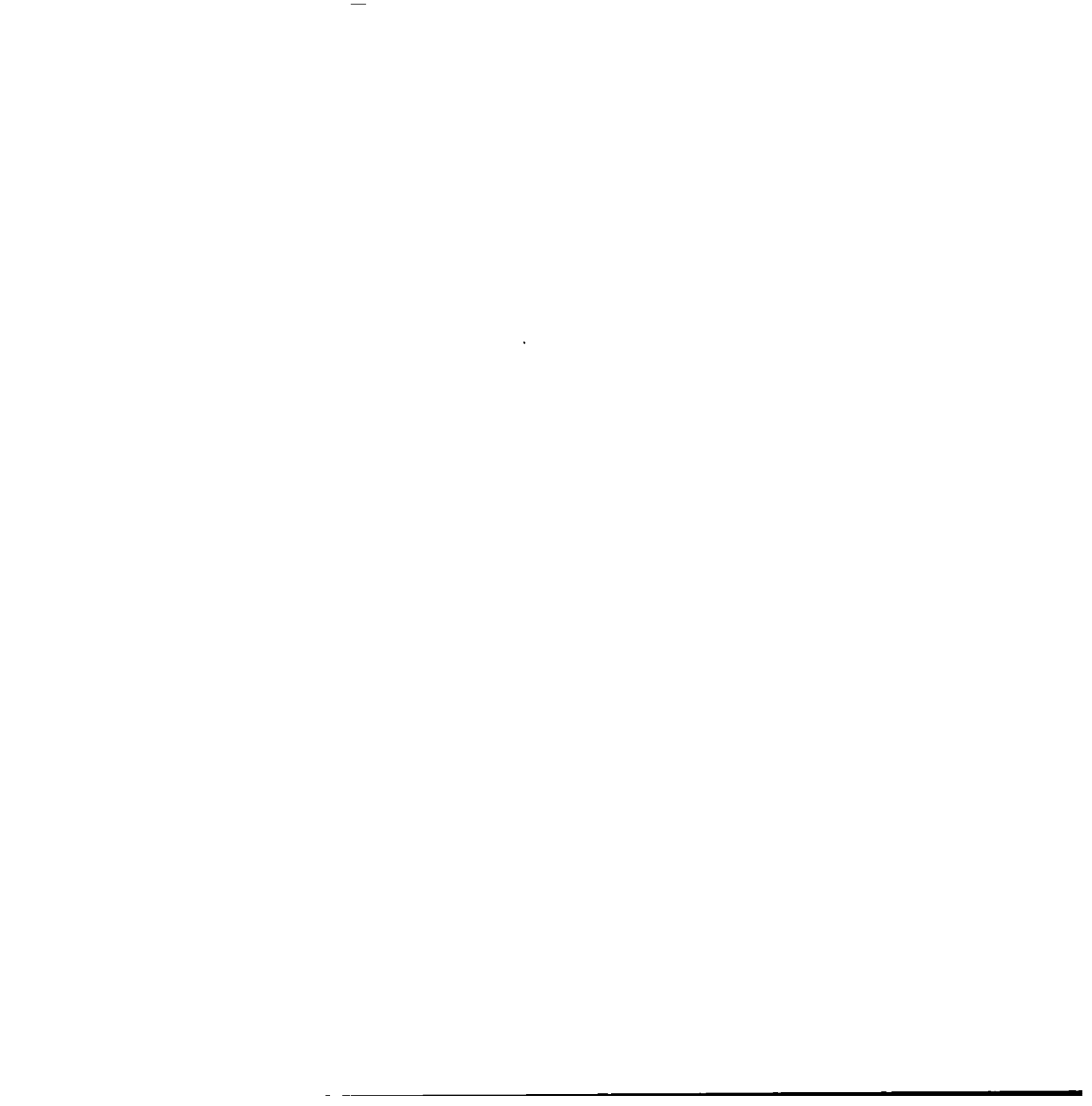
We are writing in support of Senator Mike Dunleavy's commonsense legislation, SB 89, which would put into law the inherent rights of parents to guide the upbringing of their children. We know that it has passed the Senate and has been referred to the House Education Committee.

Parents must be guaranteed the right to make the decisions they feel are best for their children's education!

SB 89 requires local school boards to adopt policies that recognize a parent's inherent authority to withdraw their children from tests or assessments that they find objectionable; and to allow parents to withdraw their child from any activity, class or program that instructs on human reproduction or sexual matters, or which inquires into personal or private family affairs of the student that are not a matter of public record. In the current environment of heightened concerns about privacy, this legislation goes a long way toward securing the privacy of our children and families.

SB 89 also requires that if a school plans to offer instruction dealing with human reproduction or sexual matters (i.e., sex education courses), the parent must be provided at least two weeks' notice, and the signed consent of the parent is required before the student may participate in such instruction. This is the most responsible thing to do in this delicate situation; it is neither unreasonable nor burdensome. Schools obtain parental consent for all sorts of things, including field trips and activities on and off campus. For example, the Anchorage School District parental consent form is readily available online (<https://www.asdk12.org/forms/uploads/fieldtrip.pdf>) and is collected for every student participating in approximately 6,000 field and activity trips annually.

Finally, SB 89 states that an "abortion services provider" may not offer course materials or teach sex education programs in the public schools. This is just common sense: entities that make money by performing abortions ought not to be given a free, taxpayer-funded venue for promoting their services in front of young people. There are dozens of options that schools have for teaching about human sexuality that don't involve giving free advertising to abortion businesses. There is nothing in SB 89 that disallows schools from offering sex education programs, provided they have the permission of parents to do so.

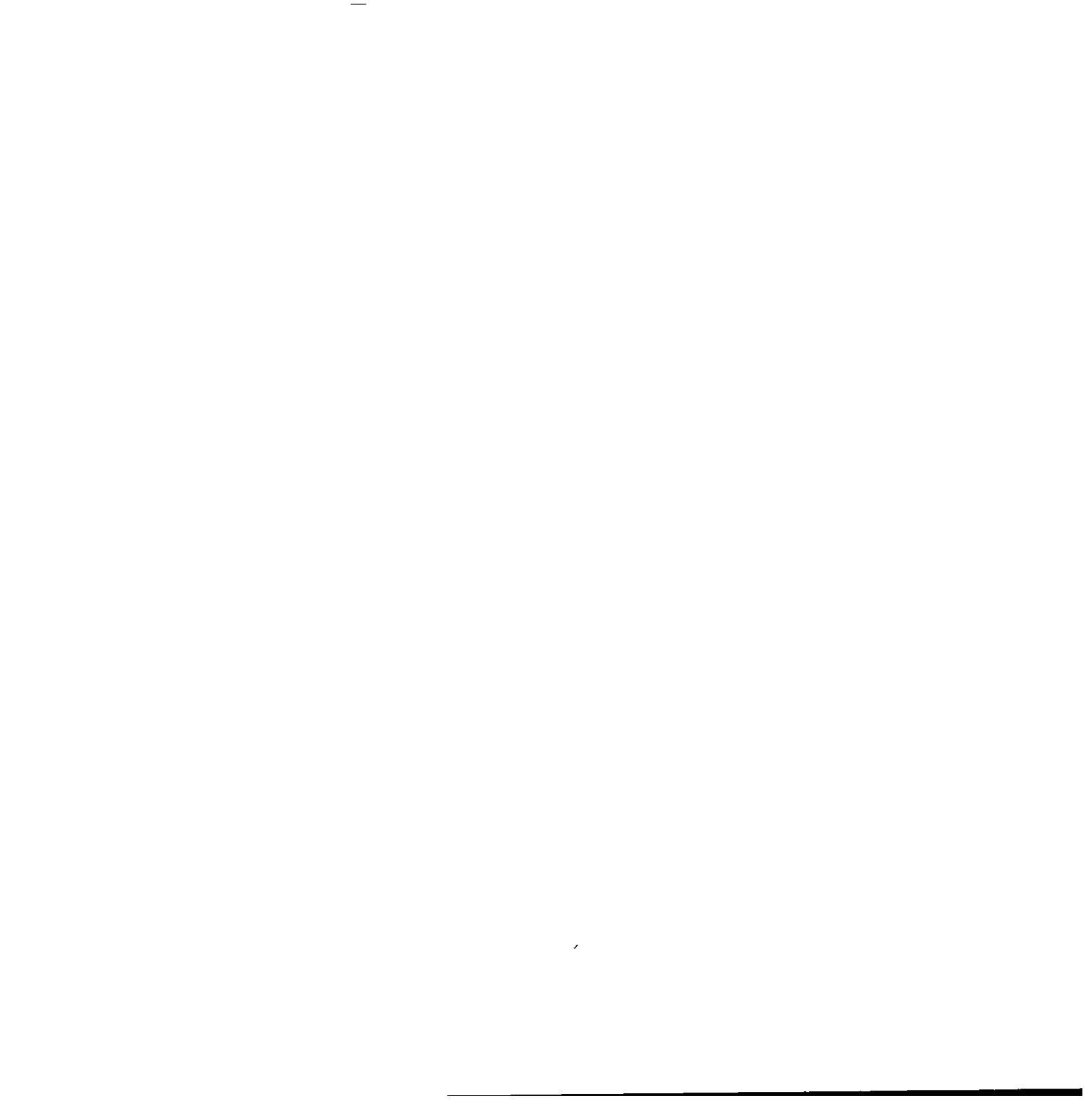


Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

John and Karin Owens

Anchorage, AK 99502



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Rep. Wes Keller
Please Support SB89

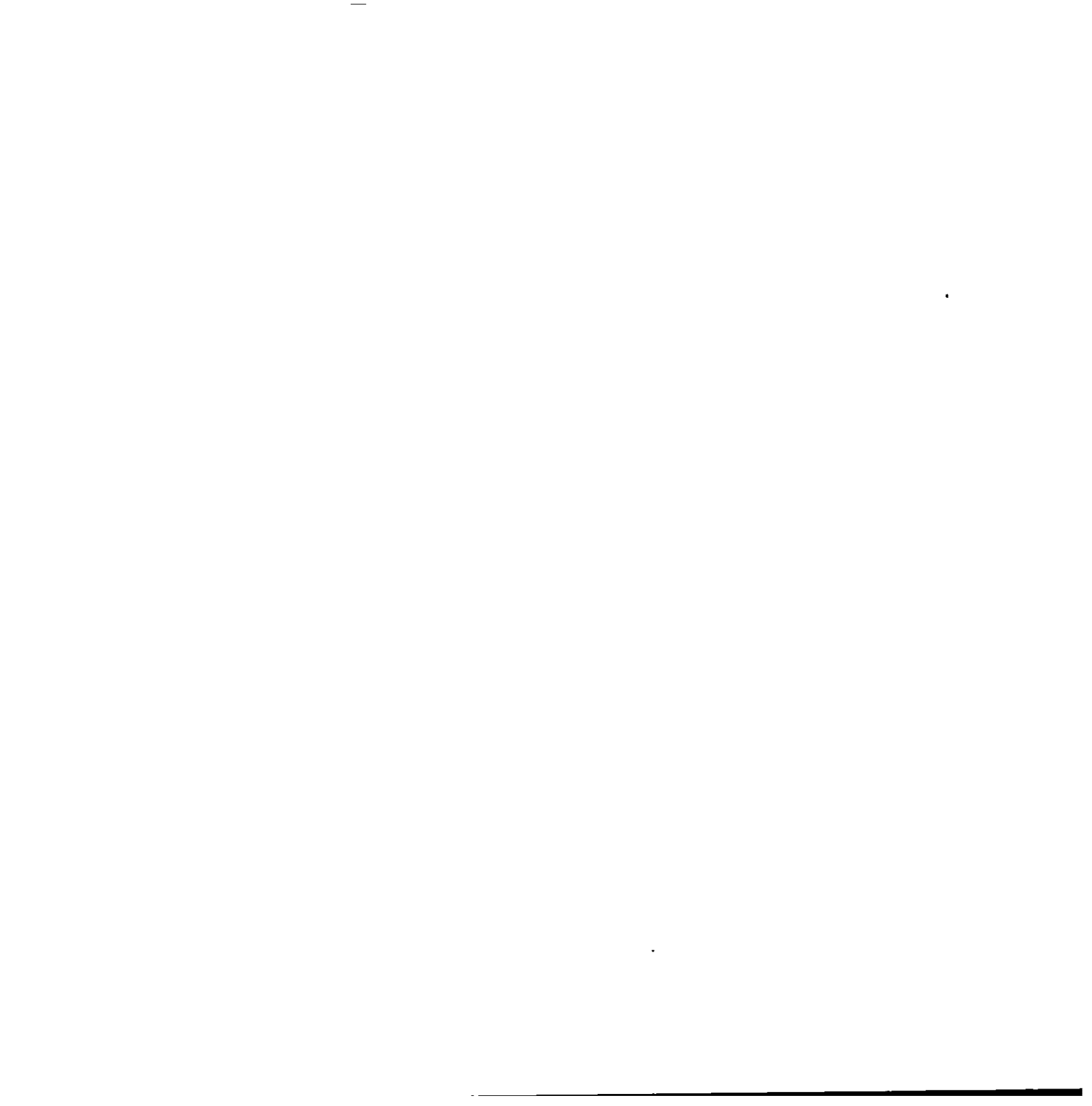
Hello Mr. Keller,

I am writing you to ask you to support bill SB89. Parents should have the first say as to what their children are taught in school, especially on abortion and the reproductive system; not the government. In addition, as people created in the image of God, it is absolutely essential that unborn children have the same right to life as any other person. Thus, abortion providers should definitely not be able to appeal or pressure scared young girls who don't know any better into having an abortion.

Thank you so much for your service as a representative, and I pray God gives you wisdom to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Ryan Maxwell



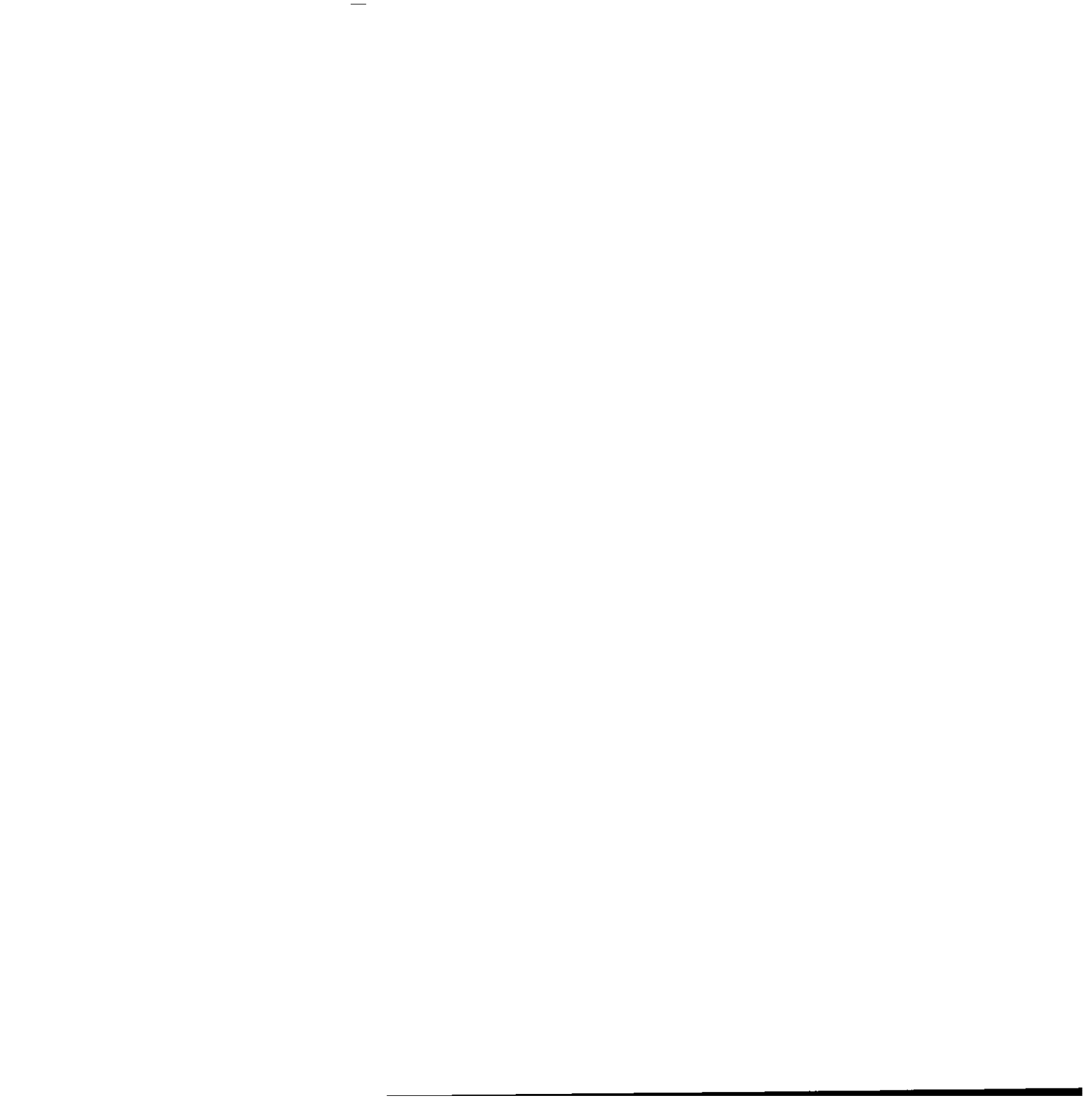
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Rep. Wes Keller
SB 89

Dear Representative Keller,

Please support SB 89. I value the rights and responsibilities of parents to raise their children. I urge the support of this bill for that purpose. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Janel Ryan



Cc: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bob Lynn; Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject: SB89 Parental Rights

To the House Education Committee:

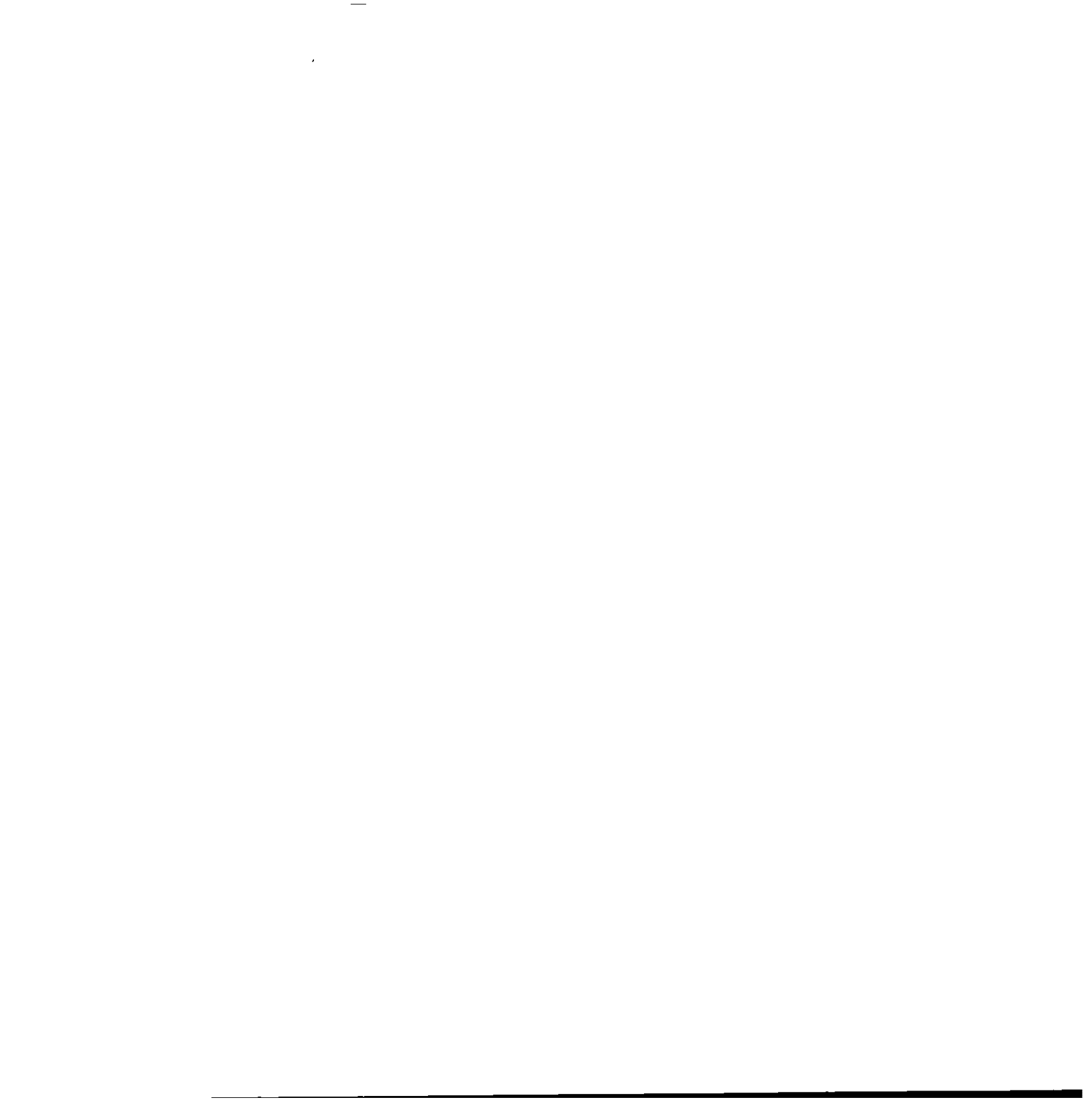
I would urge you to support SB89, the bill to clarify parental rights. We've had a rough time lately with the federal and state government working actively to suppress parental rights and give government employees control of someone else's children. This is not only inappropriate, but morally wrong. Those parents are responsible for the upbringing of their children and should be empowered to make the decisions governing them, not have those decisions made by the school district. Many, many thousands of parents opt-in for field trips all year long, so this process is standard procedure already.

I would also encourage you to support the section that stops abortion marketers from being able to sell their philosophy of killing babies to our children. It makes no common sense to allow them in.

Do we allow tobacco manufacturers to do classes on Health?

Thanks,

Lance Roberts
Fairbanks
(speaking for myself)



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
SB 89 Support

Rep. Keller,

I am writing to request your support and approval of Senate Bill 89.

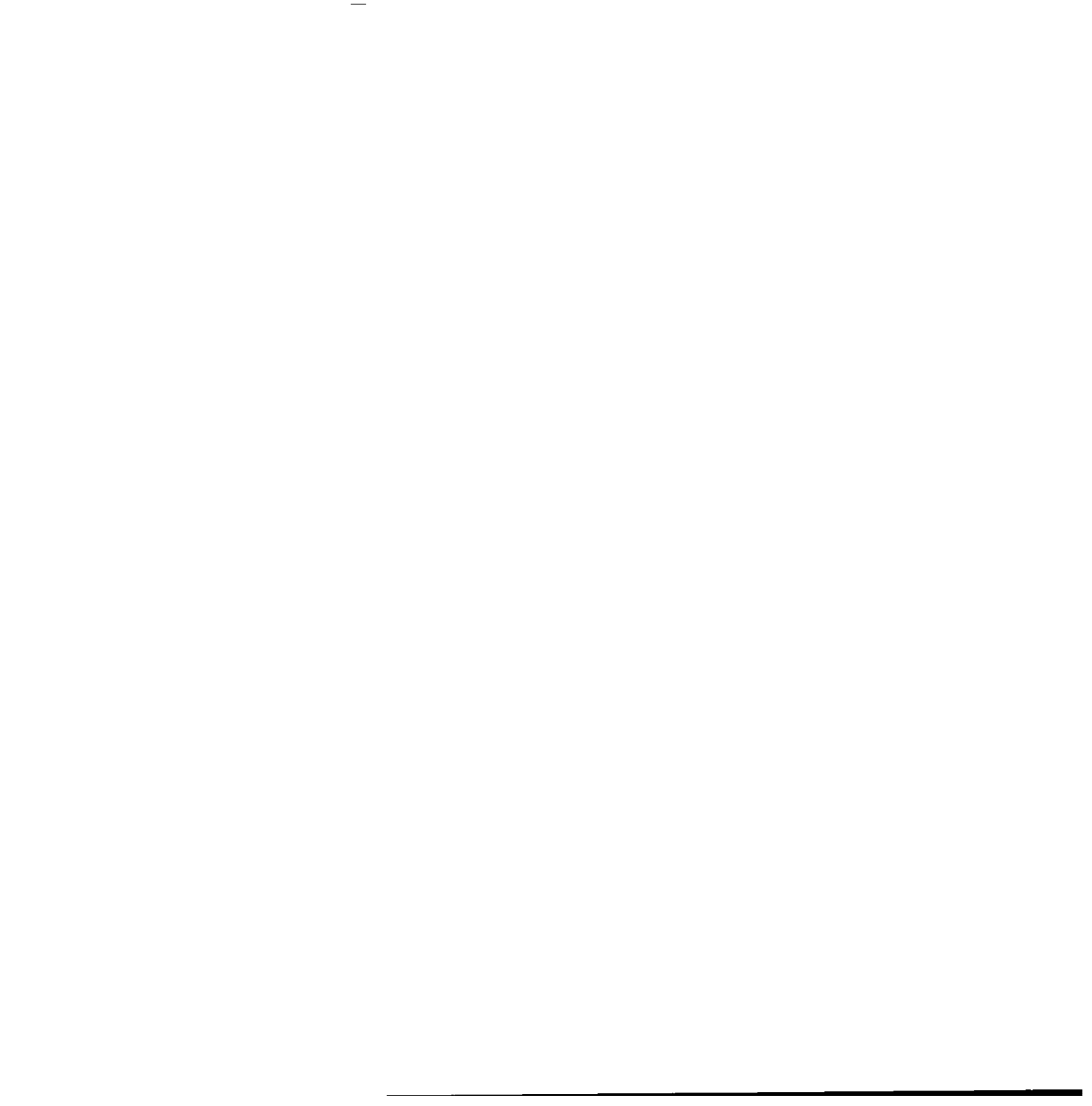
As an Alaskan resident for 13 years (and married to someone born and raised in Alaska) I value and understand the need to protect parental rights when it comes to the future of our state. I work full time with 6th-12th grade Alaskan youth and I cannot imagine ever infringing on the rights of their parents when it comes to any subject or life decision. Please place 100% of your support behind SB 89 so that parents can still have a voice to what type of education or information that their children receive.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

In Christ,

Adam Meyers

adam@kenaichristianchurch.org



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
Bill 89

Dear Representative Keller

I would appreciate your support for Senate Bill 89. It seems to me that this is a common sense bill that protects the

rights of all Alaskan parents. In this day and age the attacks against the family are mounting and it is time for Alaska to lead

the nation in protecting the institution of the family and this occurs by protecting the rights of parents to raise their children in safety from those that would introduce harmful and in many cases unsupervised instruction at the public school. Recent cases of public schools teaching the tenants of Islam in classes without parental knowledge and very obvious defiance of separation of church and state should have all Alaskans concerned that these types of influences are the very least to should be mitigated by parental control of their own children. In these cases in California we seen instead parents attacked and banned from the public school ground for merely questioning! Again this bill is a step in the right and good direction of protection of parental rights.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Miller, Sales

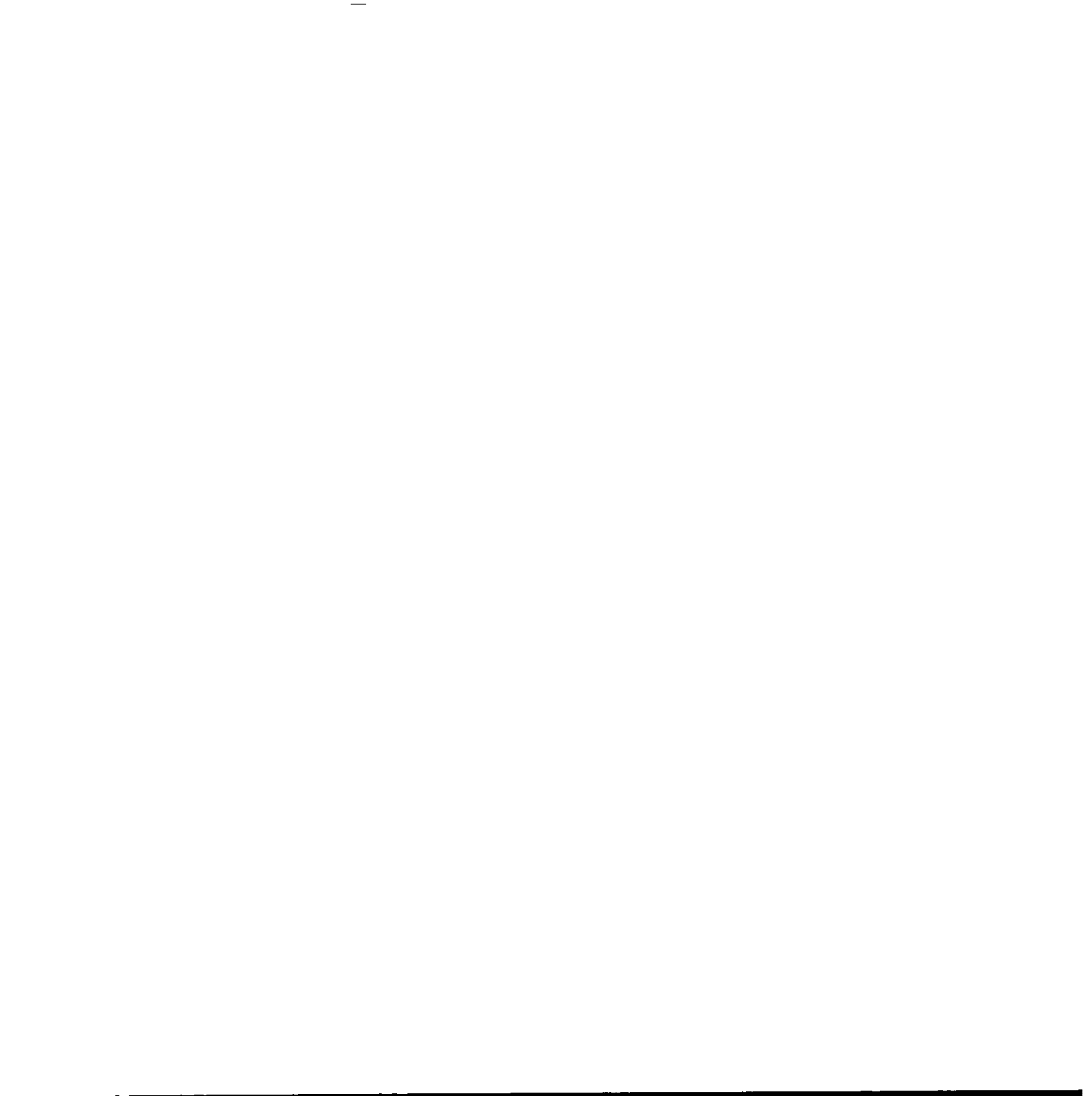
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SB 89

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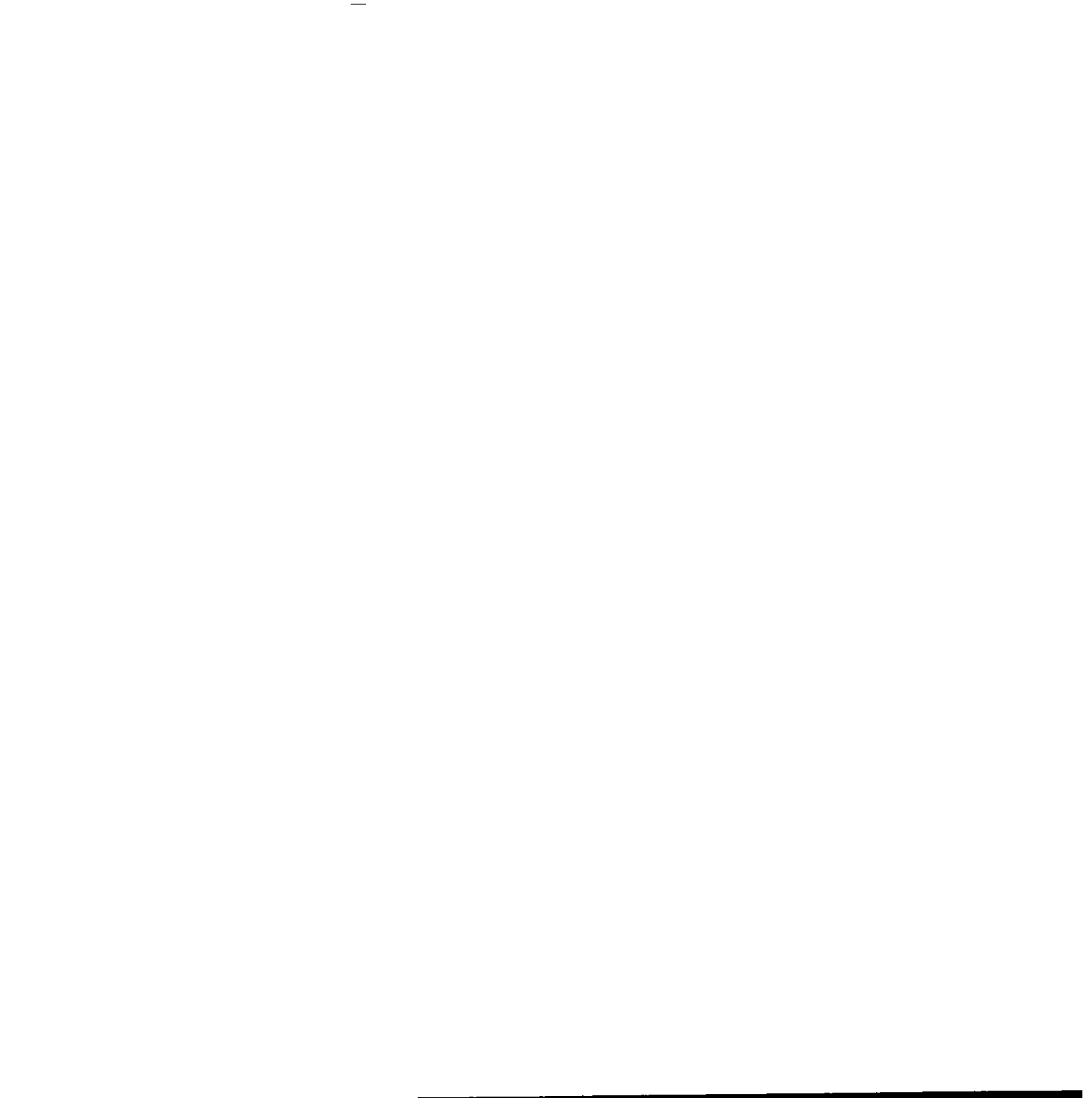
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As parents of four school-aged children, this piece of legislation is extremely important to us and our family. We urge you to do all that is in your power to see that SB 89 passes. I love my job being a parent. Please don't take this away from me.

Thank you for your service.
Sincerely,

Ann Keffalos



To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: please support SB 89

Dear Representative,

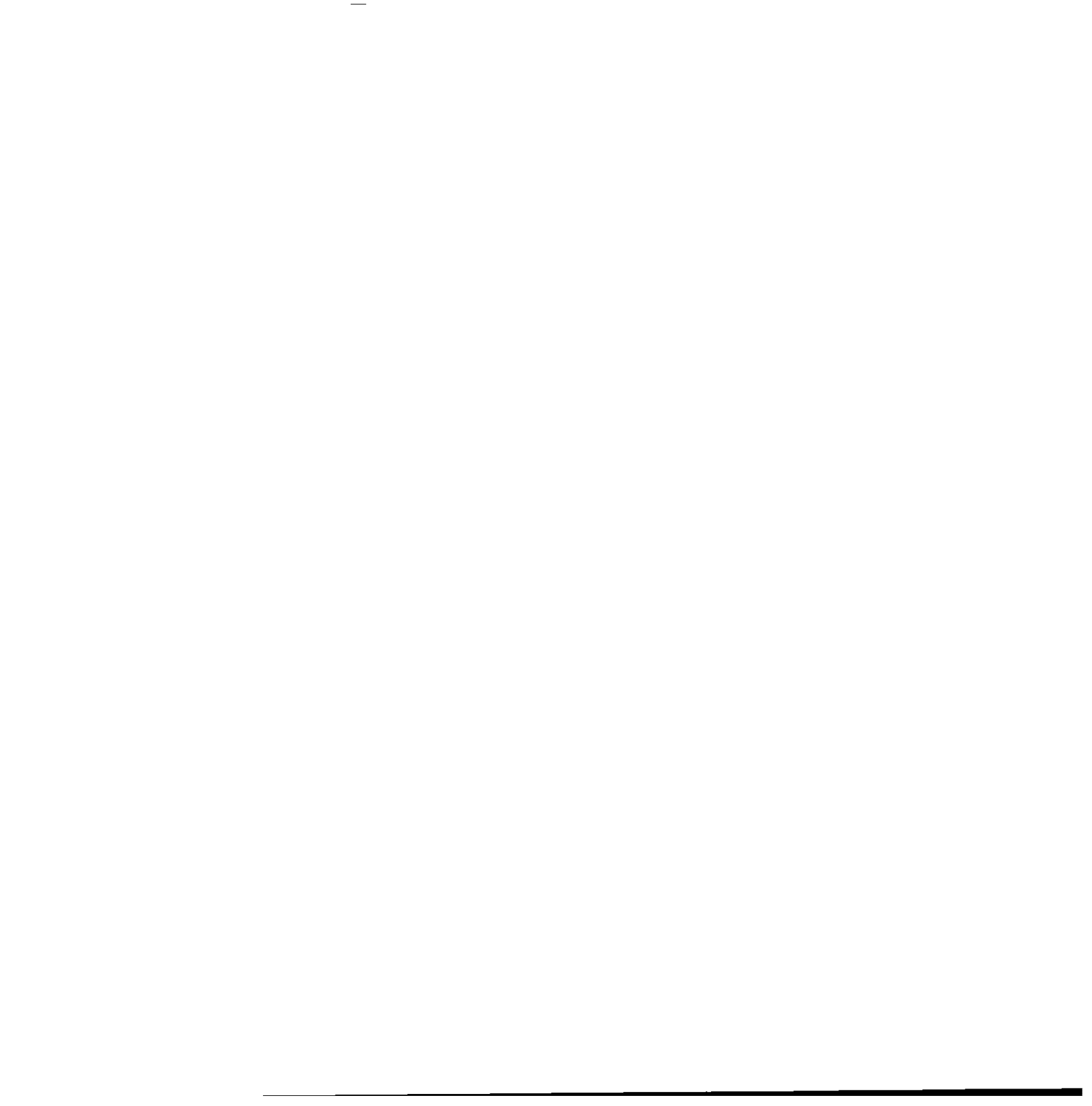
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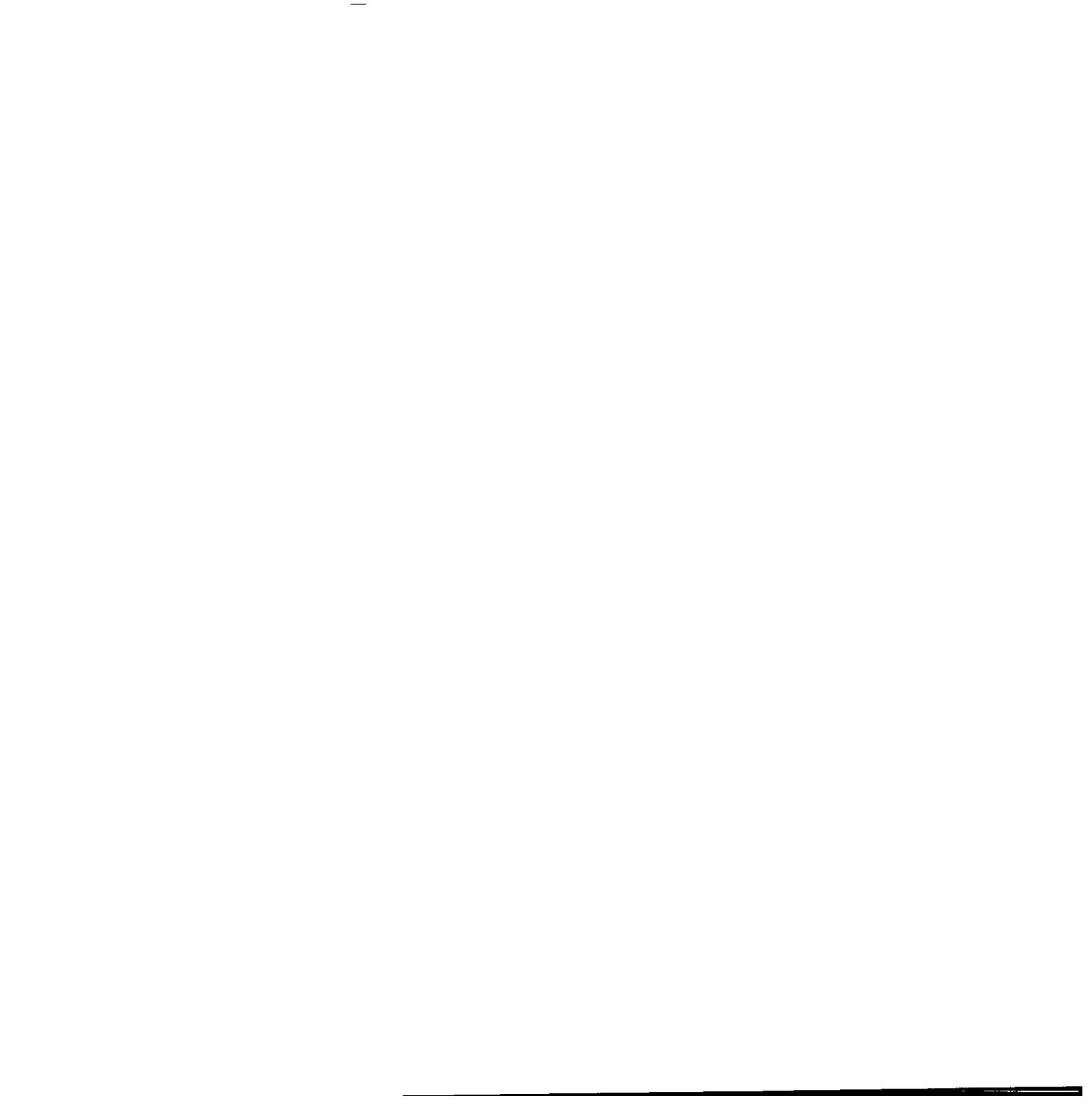


Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

David and Jen Syzdek

Eagle River, AK 99577



To:
Subject:

Rep. Wes Keller
Please give full support to SB 89!

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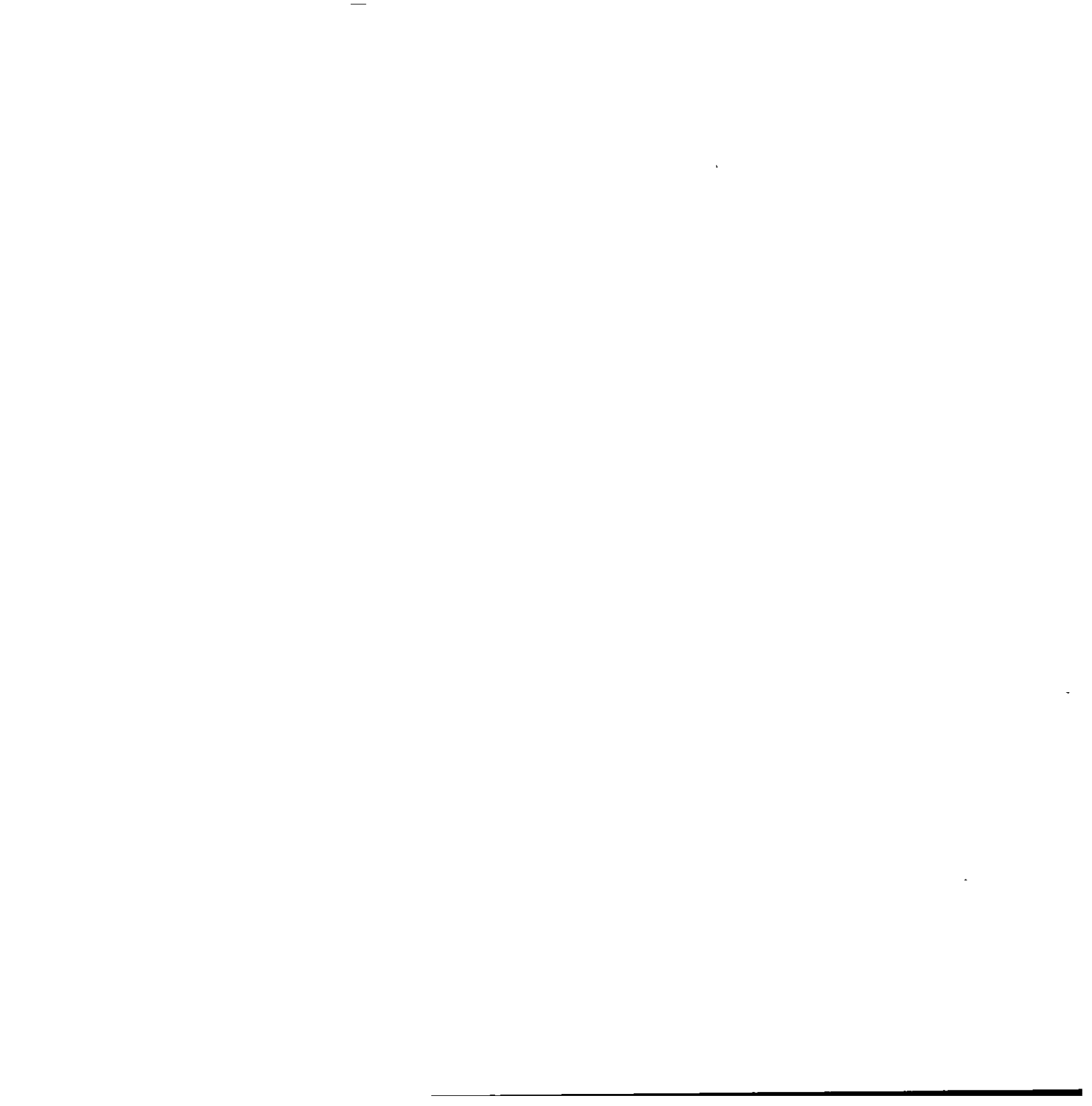
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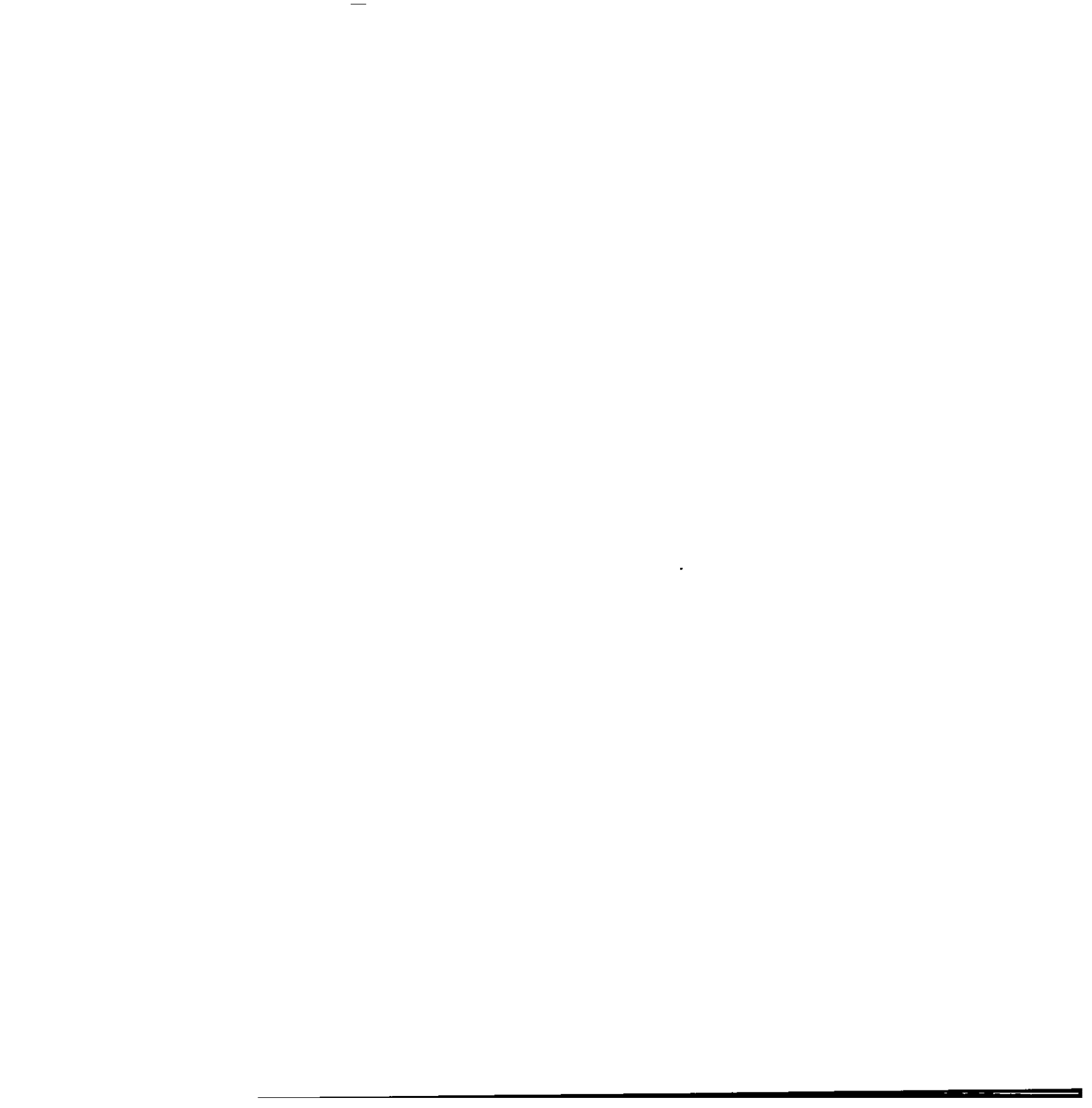
Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Dennis and Michele Deering

Anchorage, AK 99507

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To: Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Sam Kito; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Shelley Hughes

Cc: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Peter Micchiche; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Joe Carman; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; info@ancbt.org; Rep. Charisse Millett

Subject: SB 89 Passed the Senate! Now.....

Representatives,

I have seen some of what Planned Parenthood teaches in schools (see link and warning at bottom of email). Please join the Senate and pass SB 89 for the sake of our children and grandchildren when it comes your way!

Kudos to THESE Senators for passing this bill in the Senate today!

Senator Mike Dunleavy - Anchorage

Senator Mia Costello - Anchorage

Senator Cathy Giessel - Anchorage

Senator Kevin Meyer - Anchorage

Senator Anna MacKinnon - Anchorage

Senator Peter Micchiche - Soldotna

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Senator John Coghill - North Pole

Senator Pete Kelly - Fairbanks

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Senator Bill Stoltz - Chugiak

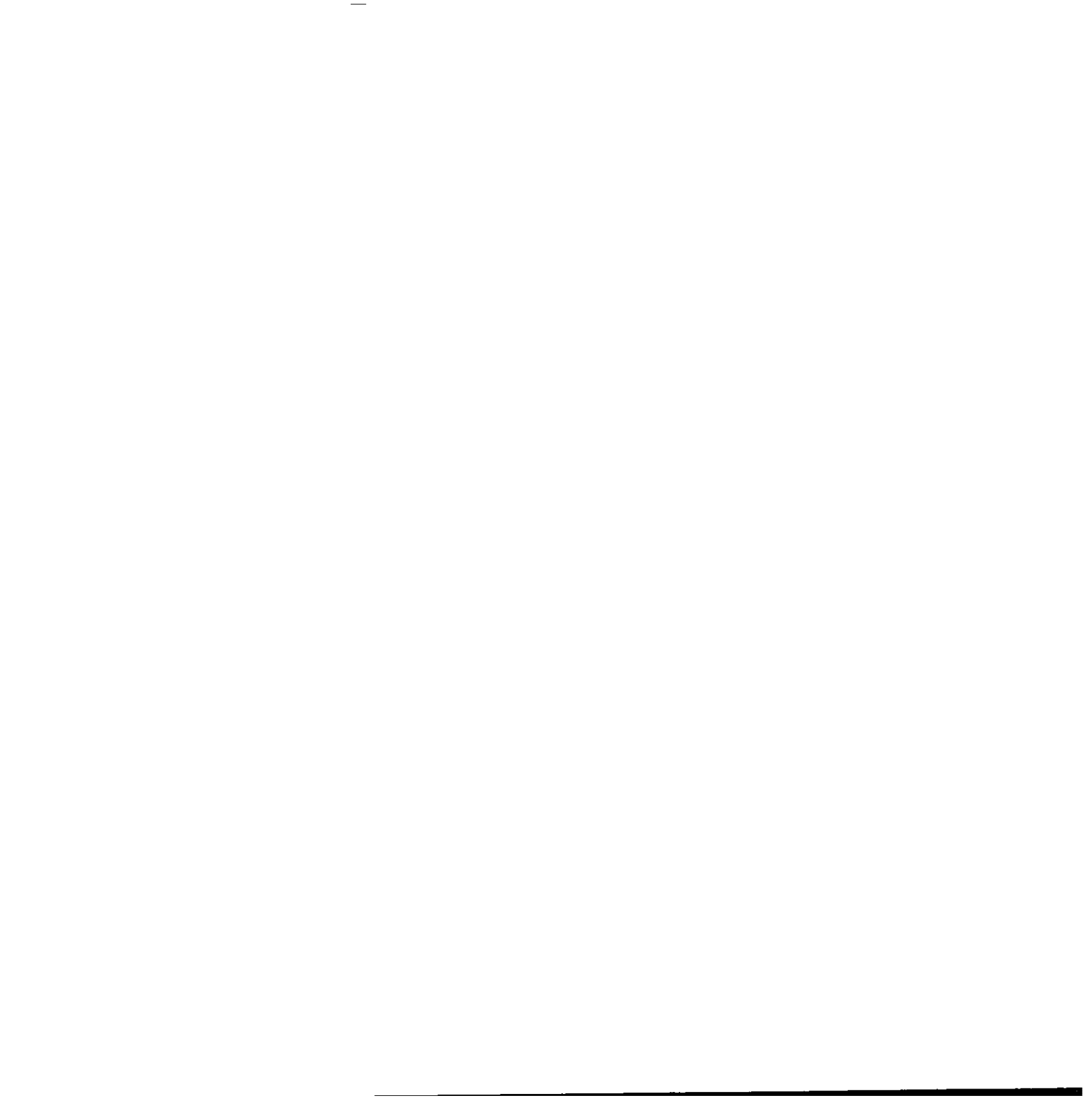
Bcc: Alaskans who care about children.

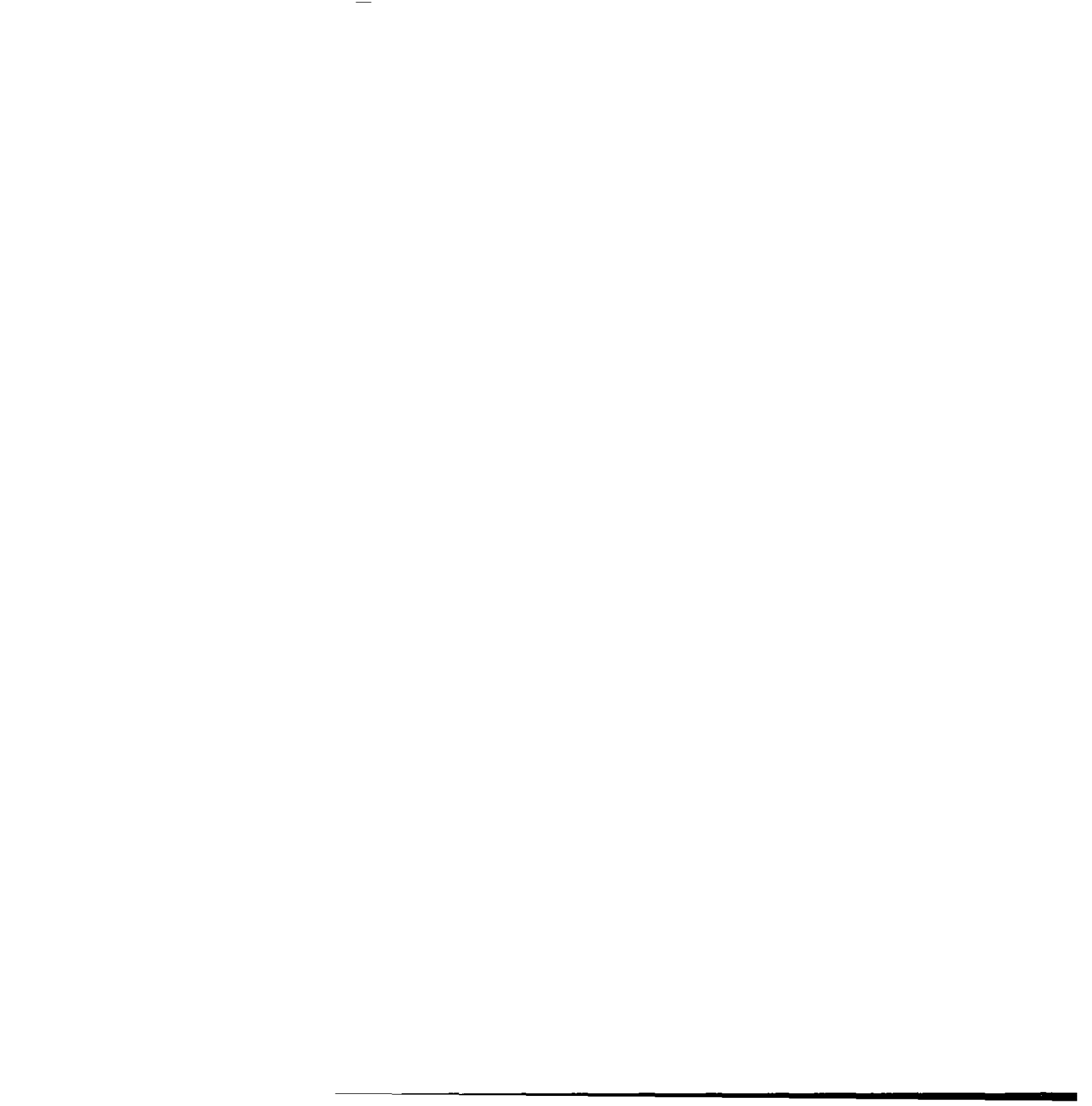
Carol Carman

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God grant me....

Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the





To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Lance Pruitt
Cc: Christopher Kurka; Ross Bieling
Subject: Subject: My support for SB191.

Hello Senator Mike Dunleavy:

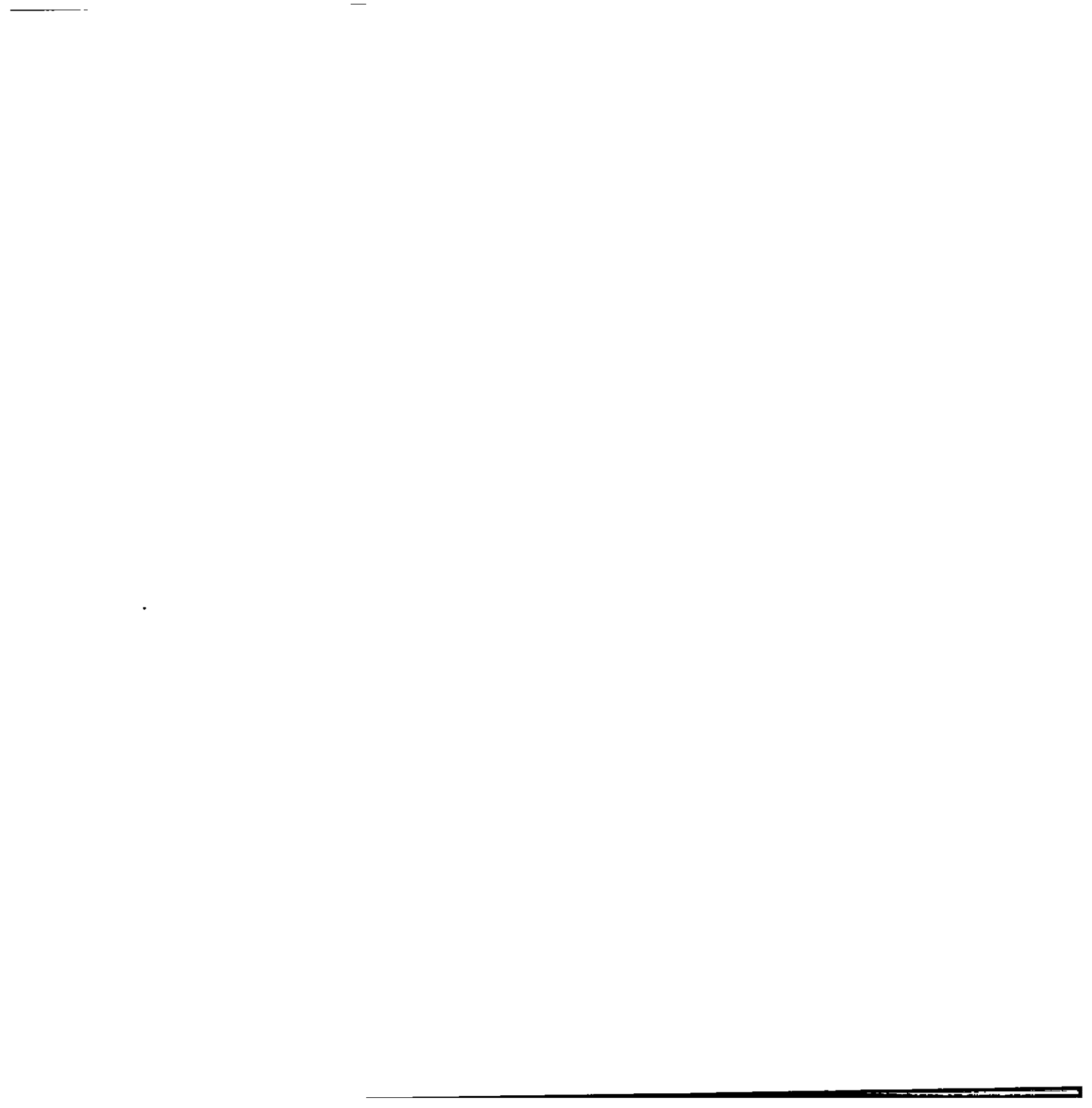
I support SB191 that you introduced, that will stop Planned Parenthood from targeting Alaska's public school children with materials that are quite frankly obscene. Planned Parenthood currently has free advertising to a target rich environment.

1. Planned Parenthood is brought to a school by a teacher or through curriculum to give "sex education"
2. Planned Parenthood teaches their "anything goes" view of human sexuality
3. Young hormonal adolescents engage in sexual activity
4. Unintended pregnancies may skyrocket
5. Planned Parenthood is a convenient answer to a problem that they help to create.
6. A child dies.

I support Alaska Right to Life drafted legislation that will prohibit Planned Parenthood and all abortion providers from having free access to our school children. Today that bill (SB191) was introduced in the Alaska State Senate by Senator Mike Dunleavy.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

David Morgan
2170 Stanford Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99508



Dear House Education Committee,

I am testifying on behalf of myself, as a mother of three students within the Mat-Su Borough School District, and as a former student of both the Anchorage School District and Fairbanks-North Star Borough School Districts.

Reproductive Education and Family Planning

It is a sad truth that many families are broken. It is another sad truth that parenting has become a passive activity for many, rather than a lifelong devotion. Those things being said, let us not add to the ease of handing off parenting responsibilities to eager - though misguided - organizations. There is a need for family planning and reproductive education on a factual basis only, taught by certificated biology teachers and school counselors within the local area. Most of us can agree that openly discussing reproductive education with our children and students is an uncomfortable task, yet life itself is often uncomfortable. When parents are not stepping up to the most important job in existence, a vacuum is created, and there is always an alternative standing ready to fill that space. There SHOULD be a great amount of encouragement coming from local schools, local districts, and even the state, which presses families to be involved in each other's lives. Strong families create healthy communities, and healthy communities create a ripple effect on both surrounding communities and generations to follow.

Mandated Testing

With the obscene amounts of money involved in test-development, test administration, and curriculum that has been geared toward teaching material on a set of assessments, it should be obvious that the education of our future generations is constantly up for sale. Involved parents and attentive teachers do not need million dollar federally-driven assessments to measure the progress of their pupils. The federal government has no place in influencing local education. If we trust our teachers to inform our children through text and lessons on a daily basis, should they not be trusted to measure each student's progress most accurately? Parents and teachers are charged with lighting a fire, one that encourages the lifelong pursuit of knowledge. Let us remove a burden on that relationship.

My family and I appreciate the time you have taken to thoroughly read and consider my testimony today. We trust you will act solely in the best interest of the citizens of Alaska.

Vanessa Reinhardt

District 8-D

Wasilla, Alaska

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To: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Cc: Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Rep. Bob Lynn
Subject: SB 89 - An Act relating to a parent's right to direct the education of a child
Importance: High

All...

I write today to express my full support of SB 89, and to urge you to support it and vote in favor of it through to passage.

The parents are the first stewards of their children's future. Education is supported by their communities and the state. Education is NOT the federal government's business, and their force-feeding their agenda to our children amounts to full-scale indoctrination, wrapped in a warm fuzzy.

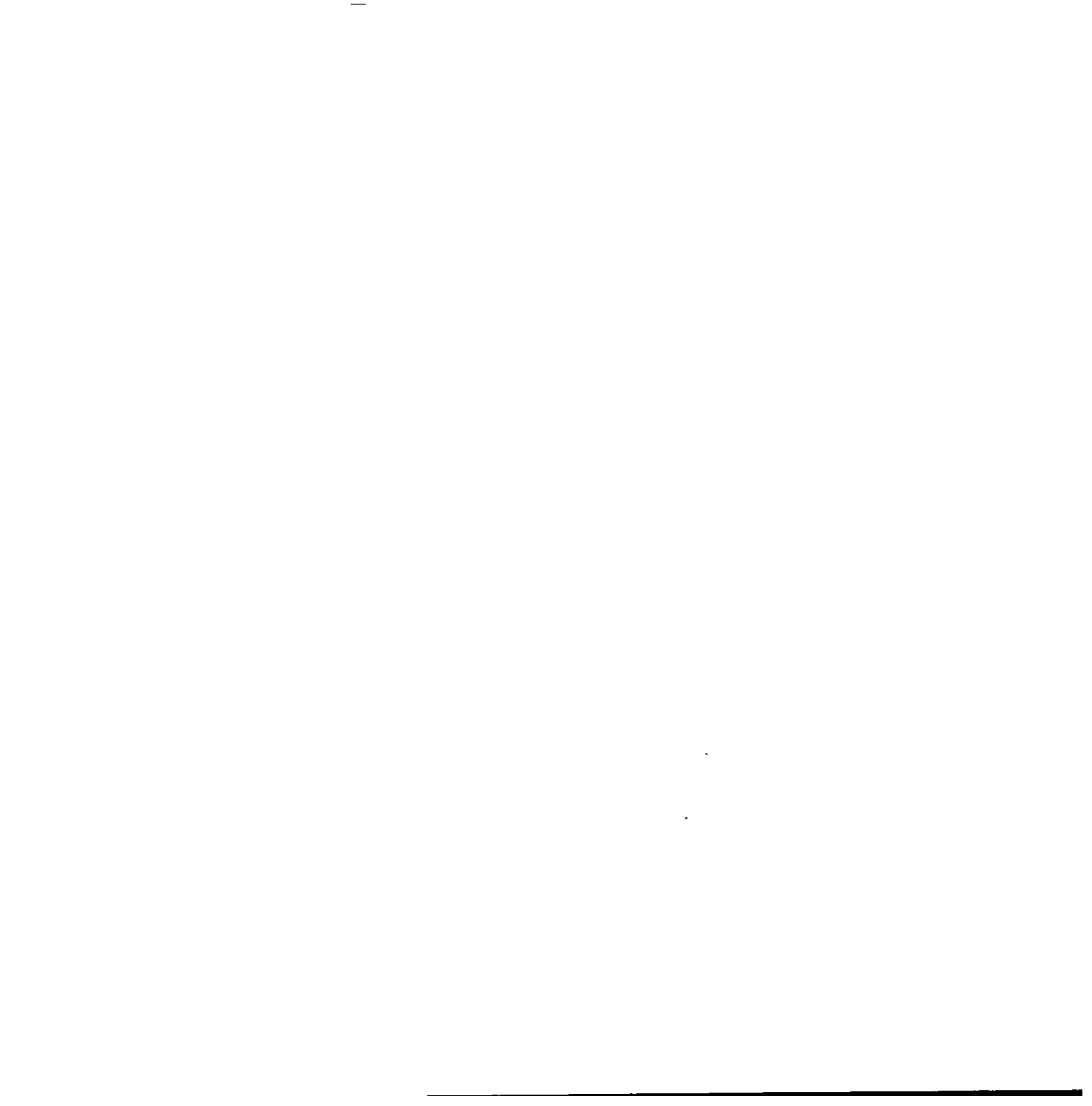
Alaska's parents and non-parents alike see federal overreach everywhere in our daily lives. The federal message to Alaska was 'Common Core' - our reply must be 'No!' ... it must stop here and now.

Our children are Alaskans, but are unable to vote for their own future. We are entrusted to protect their rights.

Best regards to all who serve Alaska...

-Bill

William J. Goodwin Jr.
401 S. Jerome Dr.
Wasilla, AK 99654
(907) 373-1274
billghoodwin@hotmail.com



Friday, March 06, 2010 7:21 AM

Cc: Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Liz Vazquez; Rep. Jim Colver; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bob Lynn; Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: SB89 Parental Rights

To the House Education Committee:

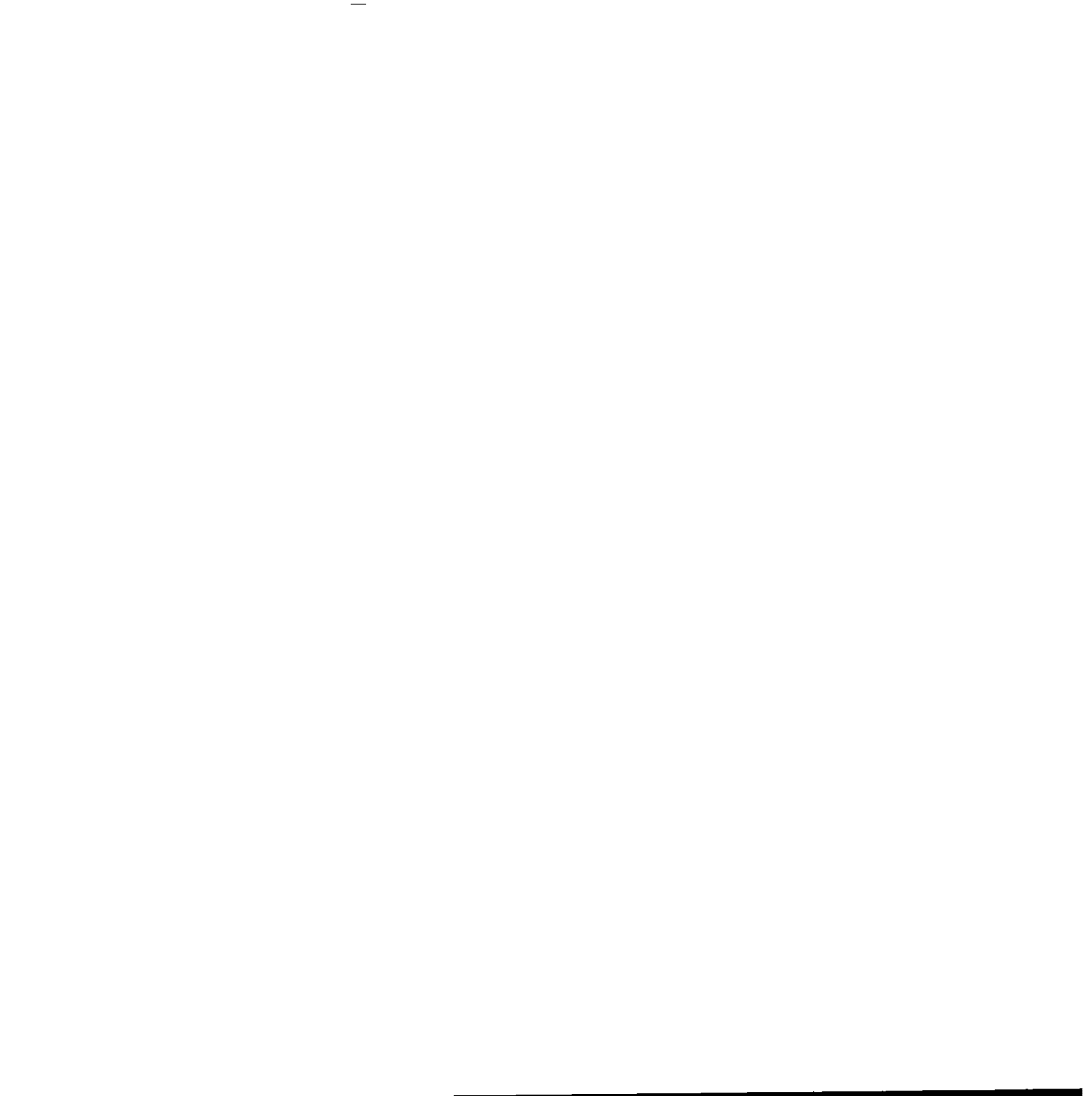
I would urge you to support SB89, the bill to clarify parental rights. We've had a rough time lately with the federal and state government working actively to suppress parental rights and give government employees control of someone else's children. This is not only inappropriate, but morally wrong. Those parents are responsible for the upbringing of their children and should be empowered to make the decisions governing them, not have those decisions made by the school district. Many, many thousands of parents opt-in for field trips all year long, so this process is standard procedure already.

I would also encourage you to support the section that stops abortion marketers from being able to sell their philosophy of killing babies to our children. It makes no common sense to allow them in.

Do we allow tobacco manufacturers to do classes on Health?

Thanks,

Lance Roberts
Fairbanks
(speaking for myself)



Monday, February 23, 2019 2:27 PM

To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: Thank You!

Dear Senator Dunleavy,

Just want to thank you for your vote on SB89. We really appreciate this effort to strengthen families and shield the innocence of children across the state. Well done!

Sincerely,

the Warren family



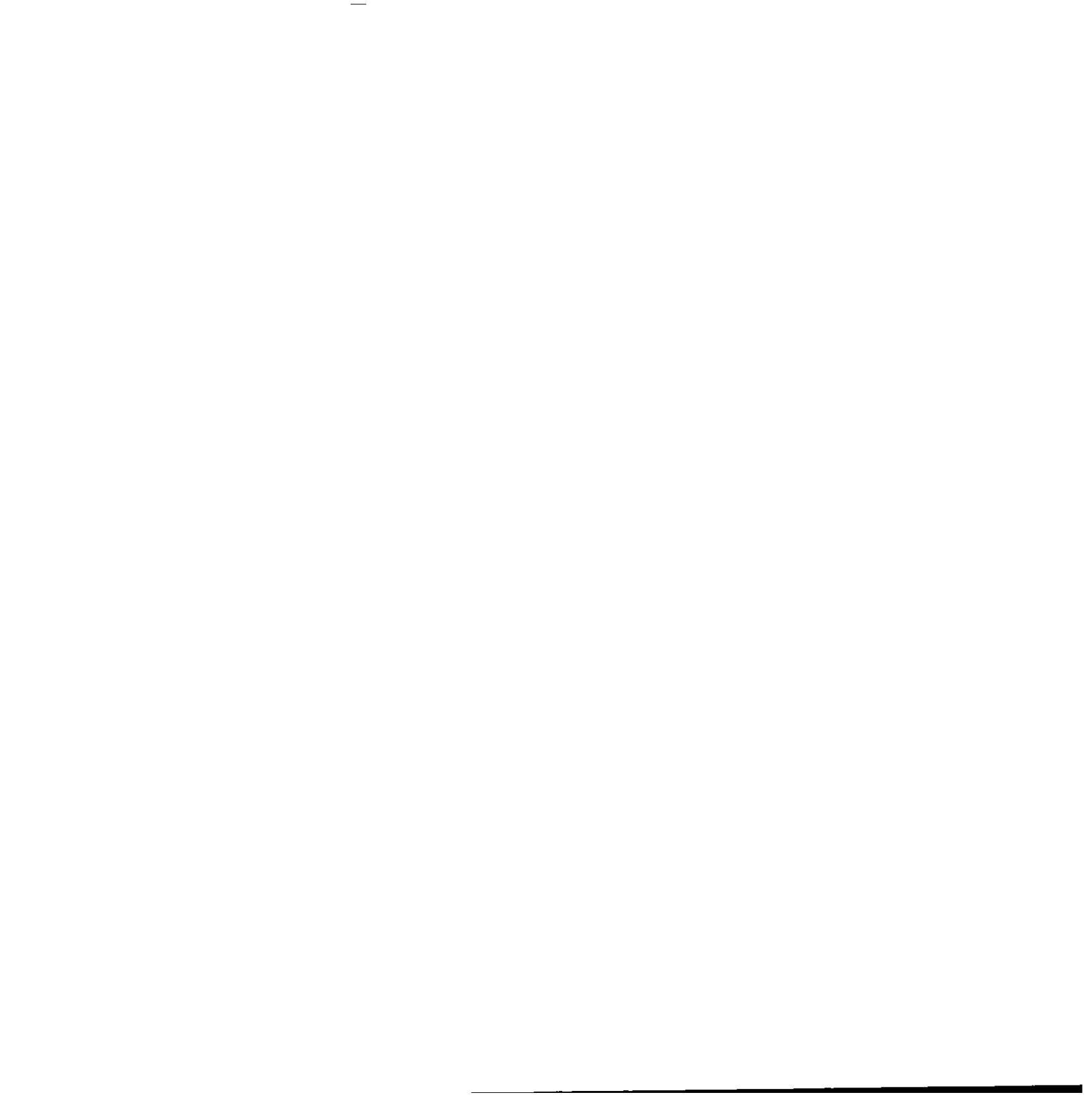
Monday, February 20, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Cc: Jered Gebel
Subject: SB89

Dear Senators,

I am writing to thank you for sponsoring SB89 and to congratulate you on its passage in the Senate. As new parents to a little girl, my husband and I are glad to see common-sense legislation that upholds the rights of parents to guide a child's young conscience and innocent understanding of the world, and rejects the attempts of special interests with abhorrent agendas to reach into the classroom and home. We are deeply disappointed with own senator for being a "nay" vote on this, but are grateful to know some members of Alaska's legislature hold strong principles. We will be urging our representatives and the Governor to pass it as well.

Best,

Emily Gebel



Monday, February 23, 2010 9:57 AM

To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Anna MacKinnon

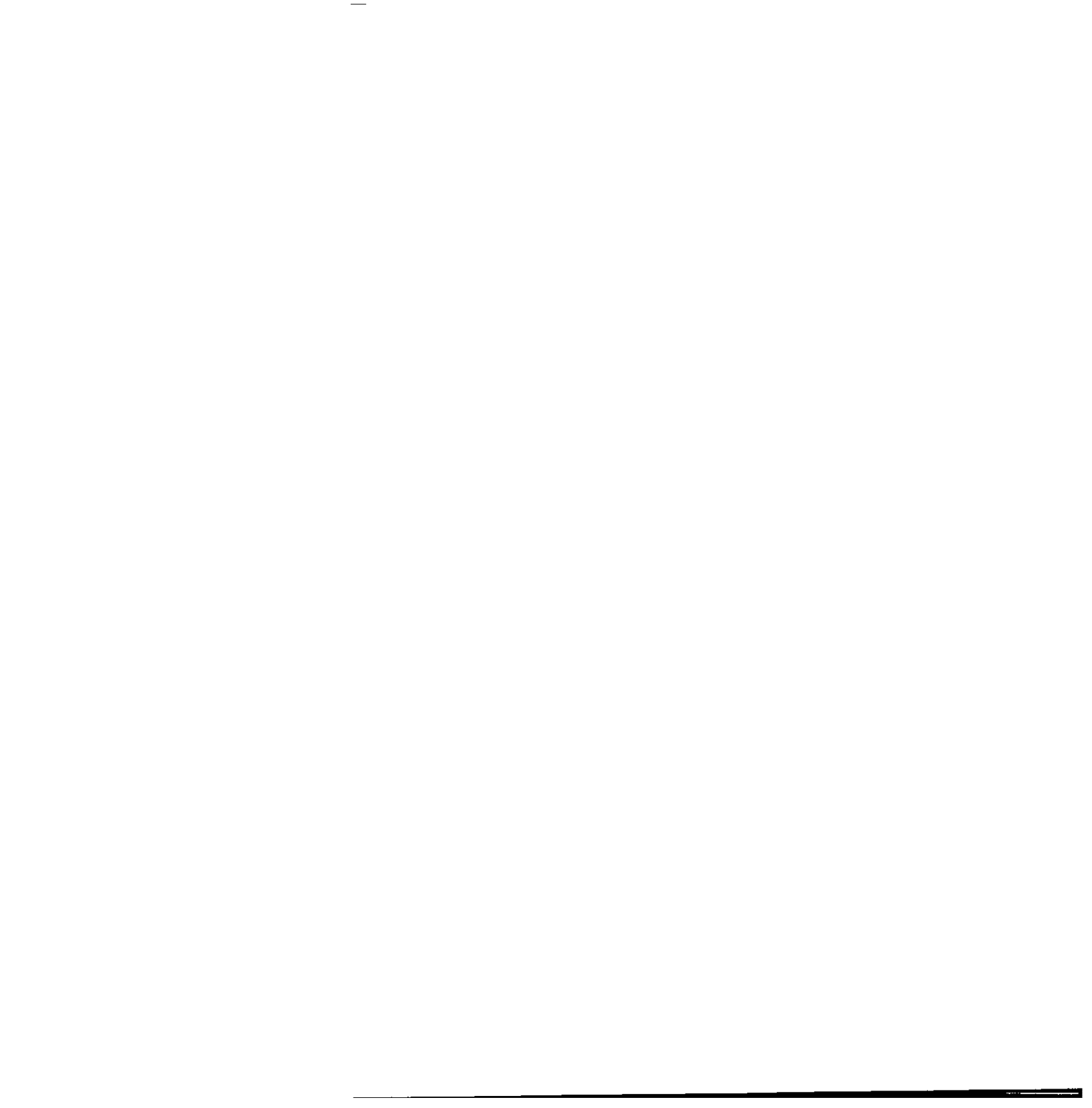
Subject: SB89

Thank you so much for all your support for this legislation and recognizing the responsibility of parents as the gatekeepers of their children's education.

May you all continue to do the right thing for our state.

You are always in our family's prayers!

Mary R Lanza, MD
Mario Lanza, MD



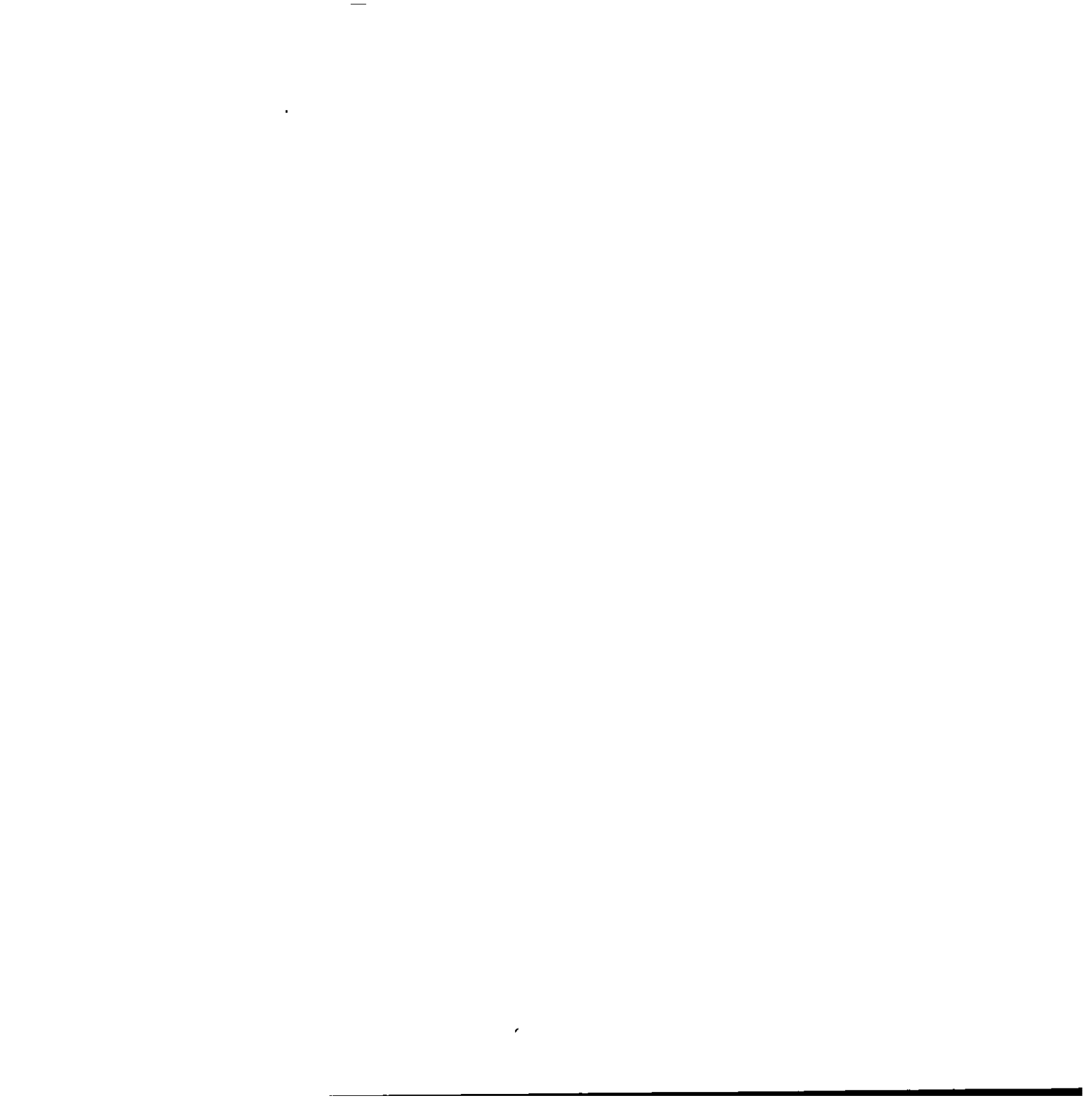
Sunday, February 20, 2016 10:10 PM

To:
Subject:

Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Thank you!

Thank you for supporting SB89. I do think it is necessary to make parents' authority to direct their children's upbringing & education clear & certain. It's such an important thing to protect. Thank you!!
Emily Tulip-resident of Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone



Sunday, February 29, 2016 9:10 PM

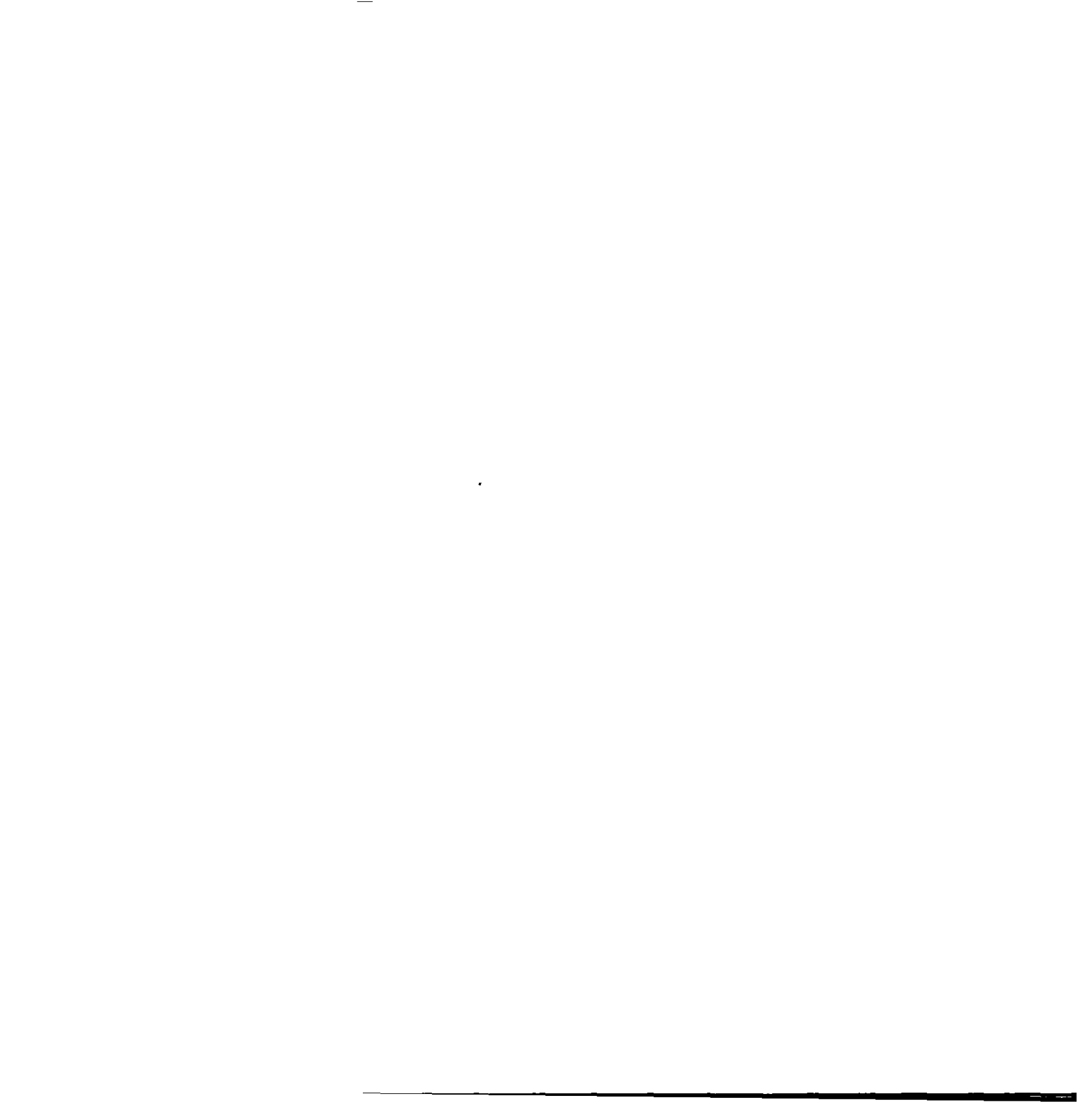
To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: SB89

Hello Senator Dunleavy,

Please pass this letter of support of SB89 on to any relevant party. I am a 32 year resident of Sitka and am also a concerned parent of four Sitka school district children. I am opposed to a re-vote. Thank you for your efforts.

Jayson Christner

Sent from my iPhone



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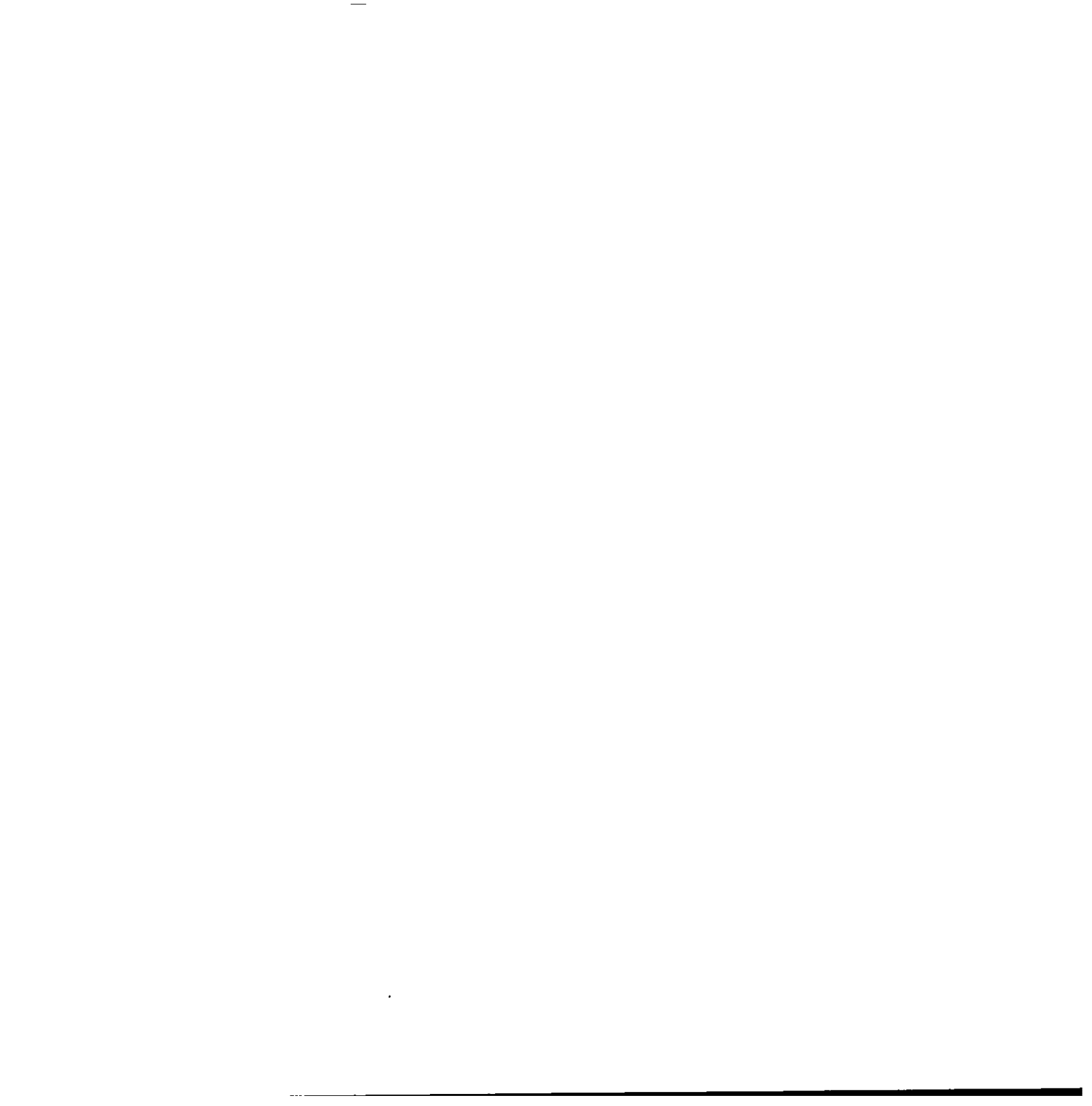
Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Thanks for Your Leadership on SB 89

Senator:

Thanks for protecting our children and for advocating for a culture of life in Alaska. I admire your courage and commitment in advancing SB89.

Best Regards,

Brian McTague
909 Goldbelt Ave.
Juneau, AK 99801

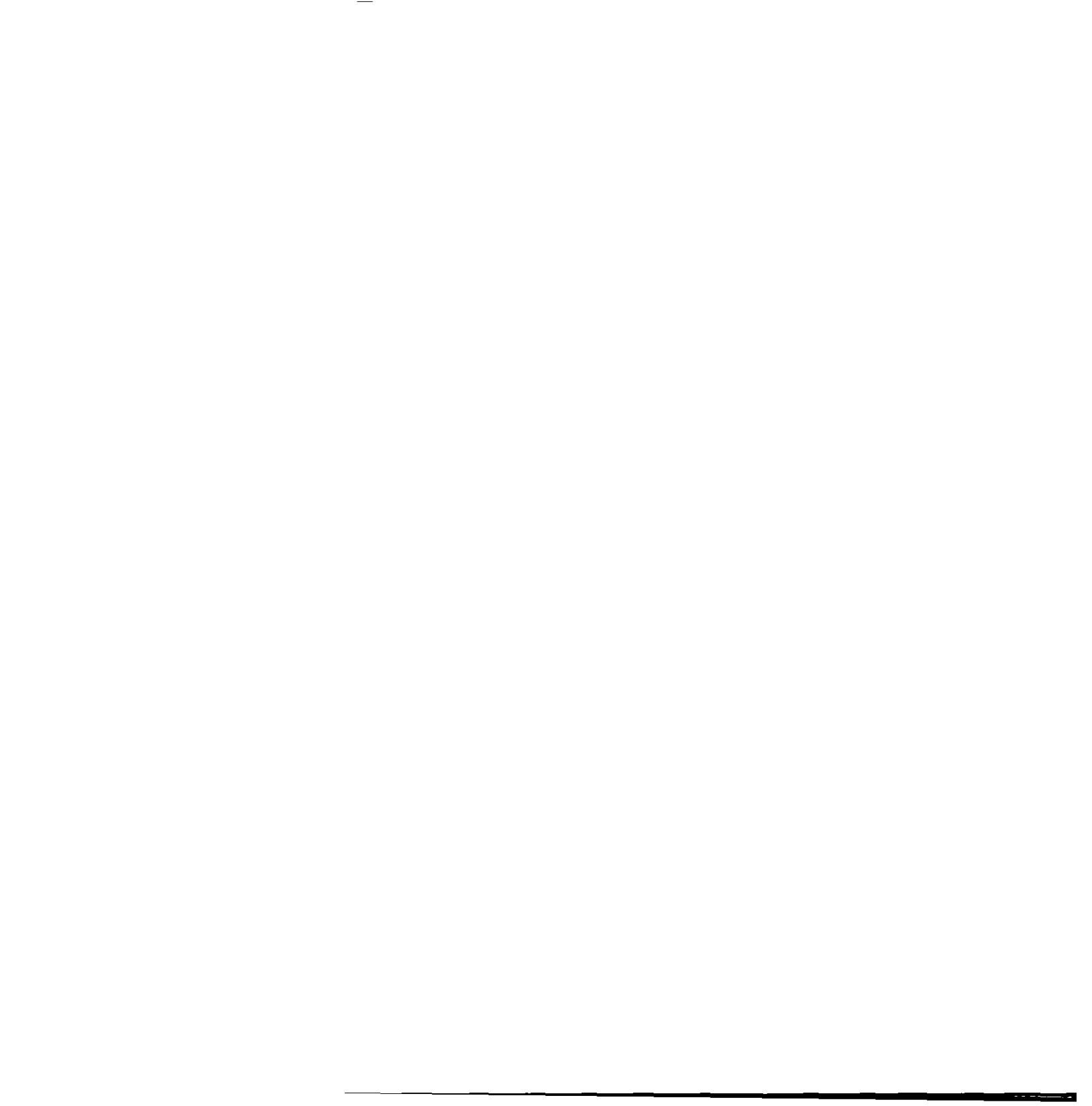


Saturday, February 27, 2010 9:38 PM

To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: Thank You

Thank you so much for supporting parents rights to maintain their responsibilities to make the best decisions for their children through SB89.

Leda Sue Ahrens
William T Ahrens



Subject:

Saturday, February 27, 2020 9:27 AM
Thank you for your YES vote on SB 89

Dear Senator,

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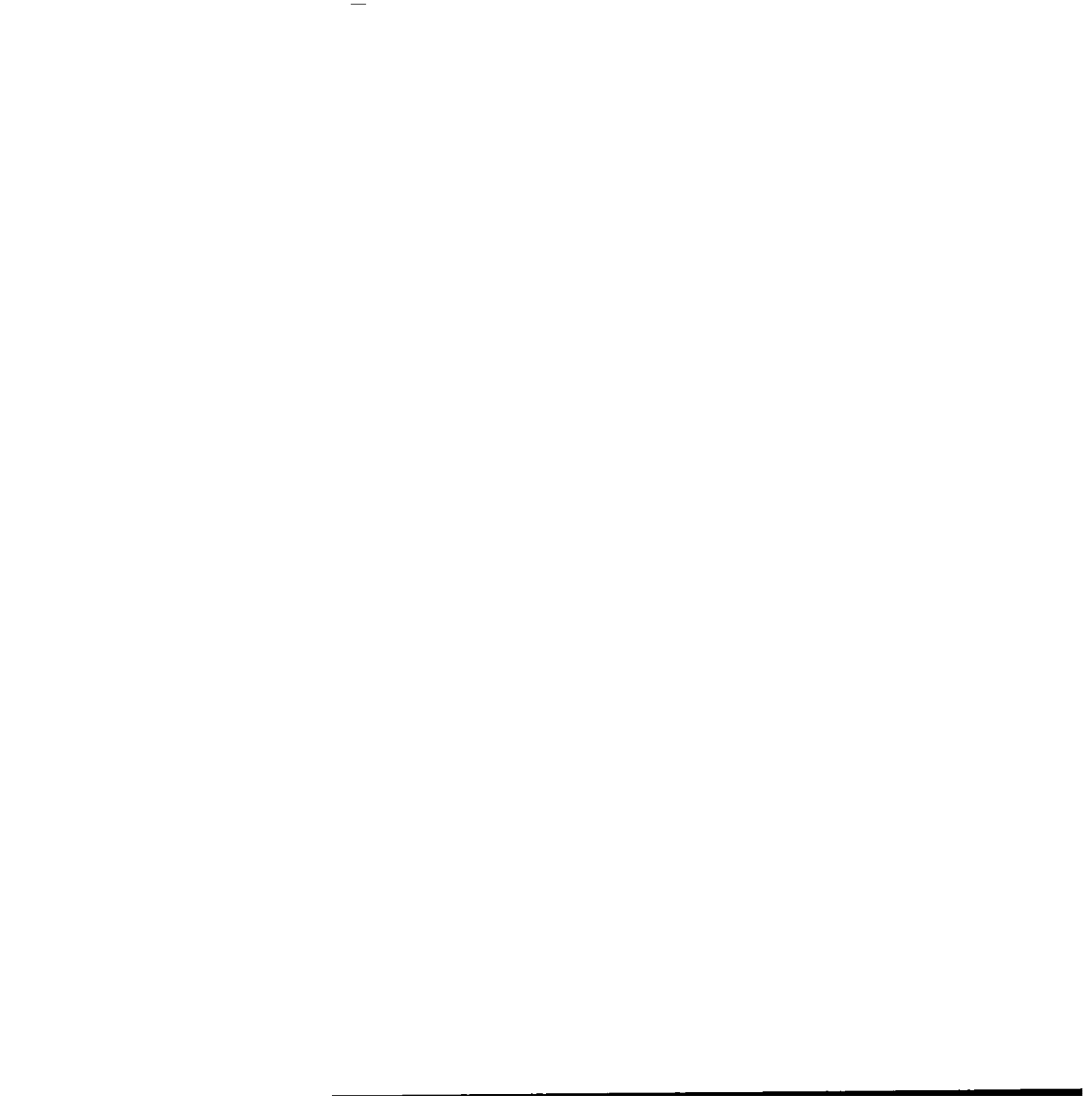
Thank you for standing up to say, "no further encroachment on parental care and guidance for our children."

"Those who do not remember history are doomed to repeat it" seems most apt in this case. I remember instances in Alaska and world-wide where others than the parents or guardians determined what was "best" or "right" for children. In most cases, it was found that the plans were failures for all concerned; and those who paid the biggest price were the children.

It takes courage to stand up for right in a world where black is called white, and white, black. I laud and thank you for doing so.

Sincerely,

Heather J. Austin
2412 W. Marston Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99517



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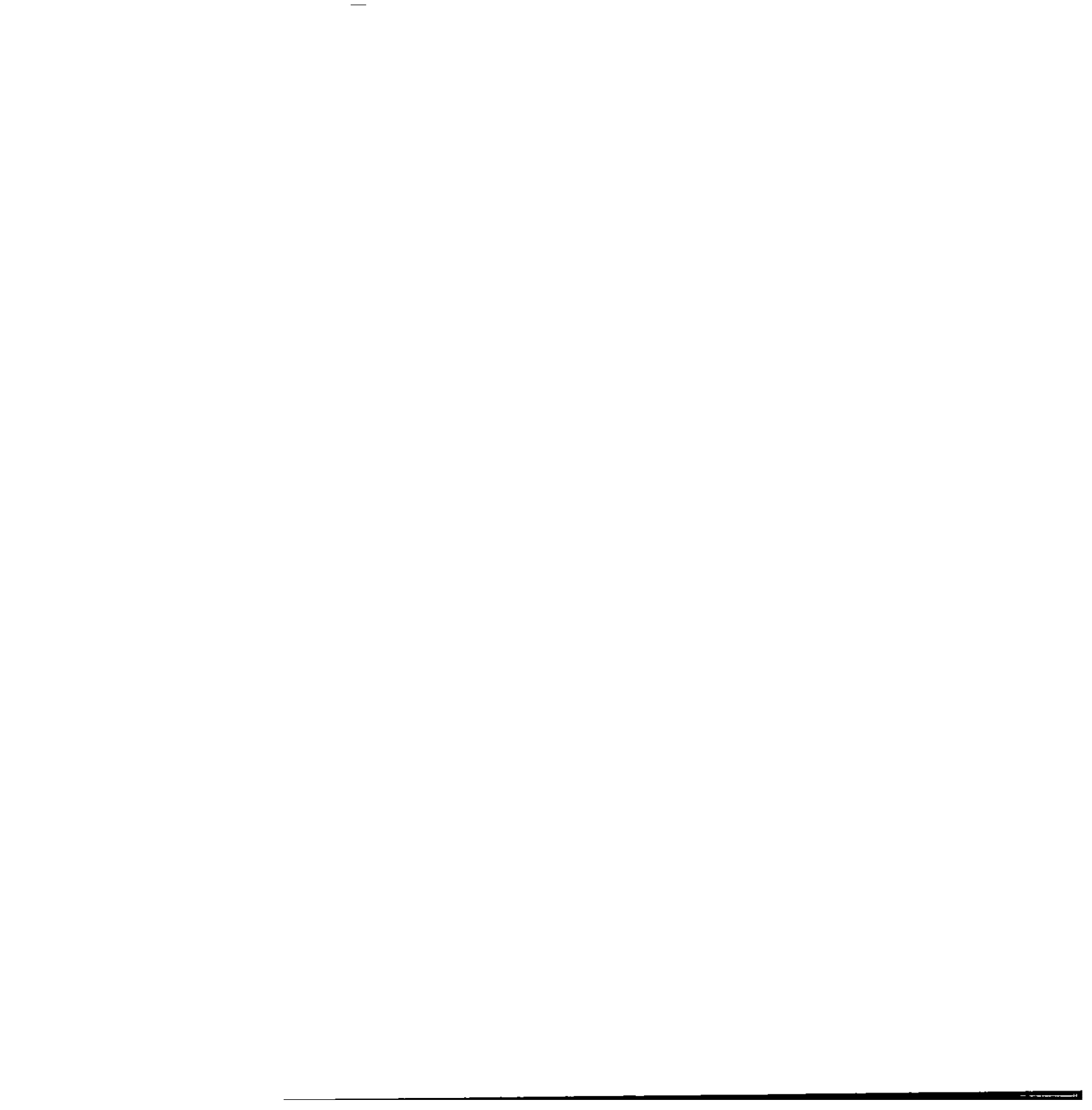
Sen. Mike Dunleavy
SB 89

Honorable Senator Dunleavy,

Thank you so much for voting in favor of SB 89. We fully agree that it is the sole responsibility of parents to educate their children on sexuality.

Sincerely,

Russell & Elaine Hedden
Eagle River, Alaska



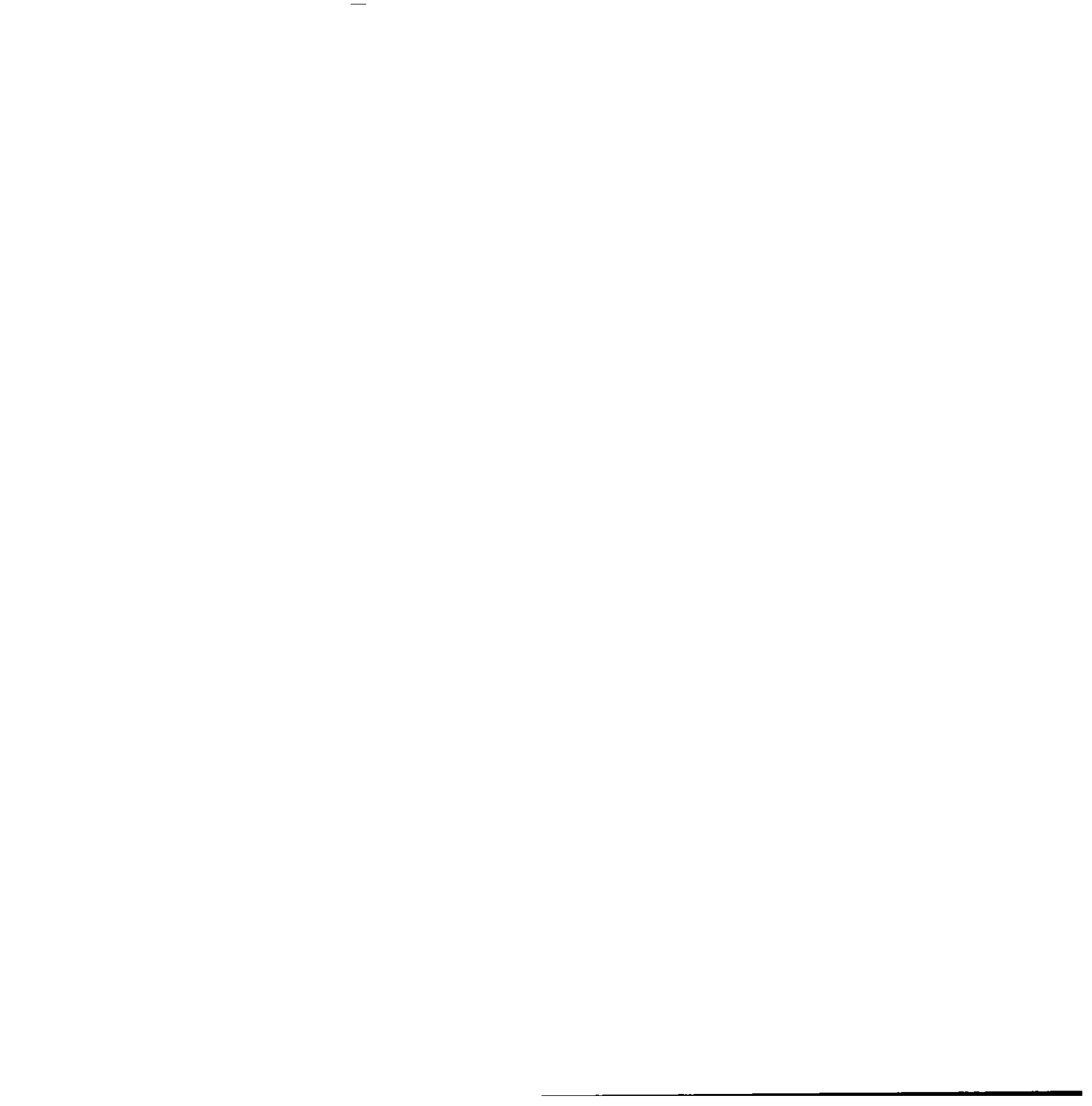
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Sen. Mike Dunleavy
SB89 thank you

Dear Senator Dunleavy,

Thank you for supporting SB89 and protecting the inherent right of parents to direct the education for their children. This mother of six thanks you from the bottom of her heart.

Karin Owens
4401 Edinburgh Drive
Anchorage, AK 99502



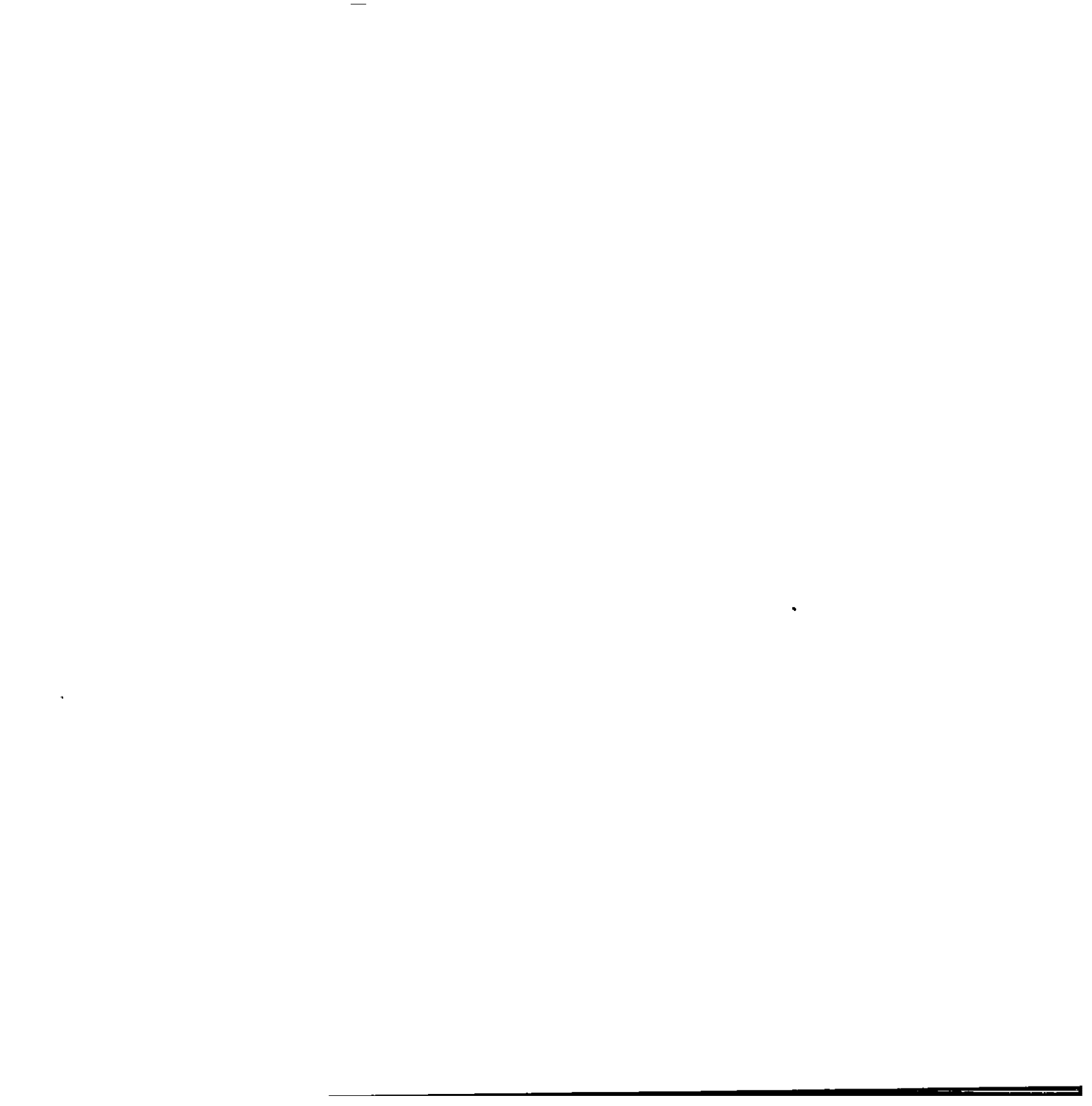
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Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Thanks for supporting SB89

You and your colleagues voting in favor of SB89 have made a huge difference in aiding the health and well being of our children. Good on you and your fellow senators.

Sincerely,

Timothy Davis
Anchorage



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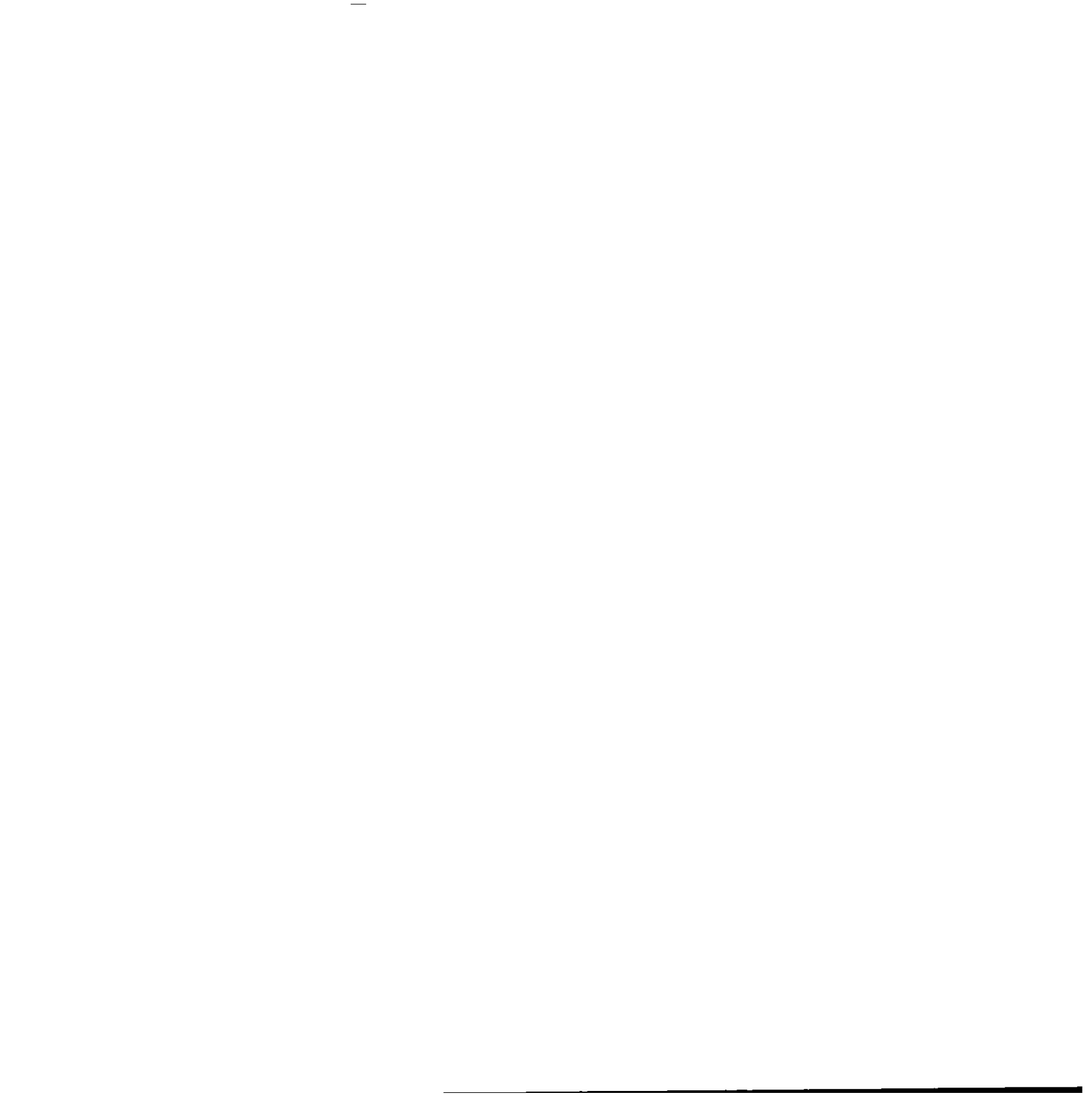
Friday, February 29, 2018 2:10 PM
Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Thank you!

Dear Mr. Dunleavy,

Thank you so much for sponsoring the SB89 bill. It is absolutely essential that parents play a huge role in what their children see and are taught in school. Thank you for this bill that will help make that happen.

Sincerely,

Ryan Maxwell



To:
Subject:

Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Thank you for Your Support of SB89

Senator Mike Dunleavy,

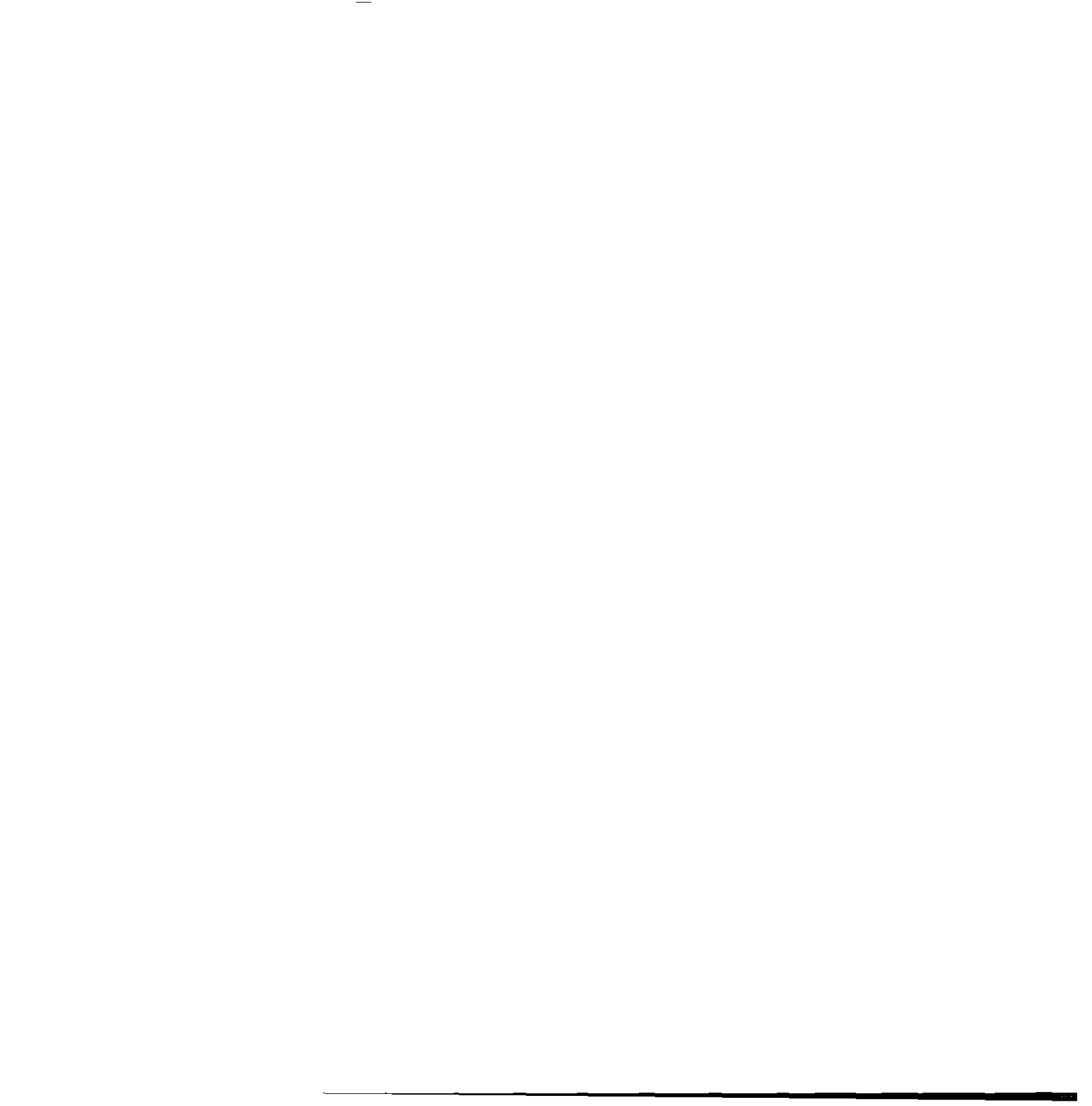
Thank you for your vote to pass SB89, which protects the inherent right of parents to direct the education of their children.

Your support of this common-sense legislation gives me hope that there still exists some representatives who seek to protect the will of the people rather than power-hungry special interest groups seeking to profit off vulnerable children.

Alaskan parents,

Scott and Nicole Kirk

Girdwood, Alaska



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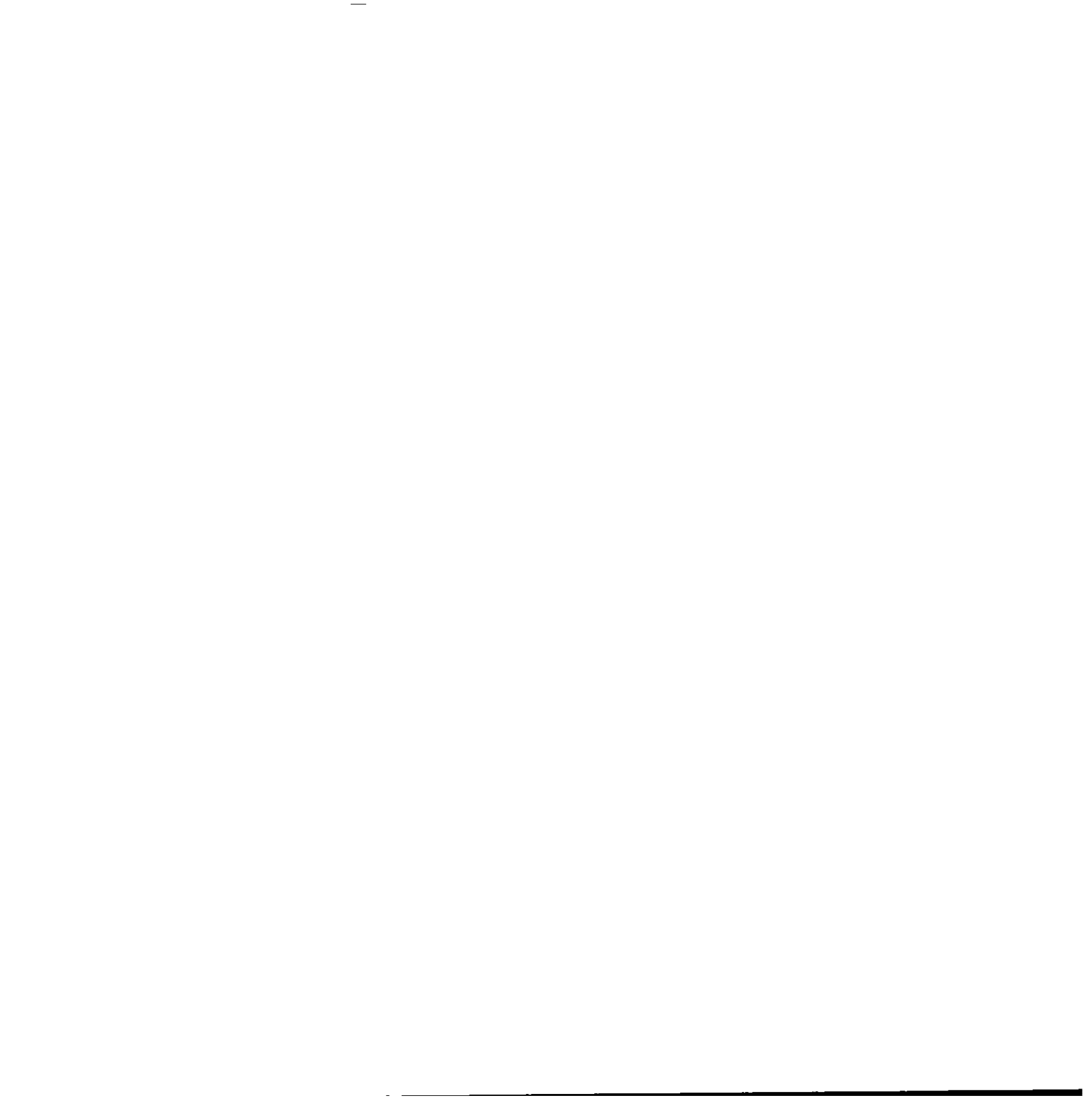
Sen. Mike Dunleavy
SB 89

Dear Senator Dunleavy,

Thank you so much for introducing SB 89. I know it takes a lot of courage to rise up and introduce legislation that may not be popular with all your peers. I encourage you to also support SB 191 when it comes up for a vote. Bless you for your stance in support of human life.

Aldena Woody

907-374-9976



To:
Subject:

Sen. Mike Dunleavy
THANK YOU!

Dear Senator Dunleavy ~

Thank you for your vote on SB 89 today! We appreciate that you support traditional family values and you recognize that Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers have no place in our children's school.

I also want to encourage you to help pass SB 191 when it comes up for a vote.

God bless you!

Jeannine Jabaay
19638 Hope Hwy 35
Hope, AK 99605
Ph. 907-748-1111
j9letters@yahoo.com

To:
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Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Thank you for Voting today & please... Support SB 191

Senator Dunleavy,

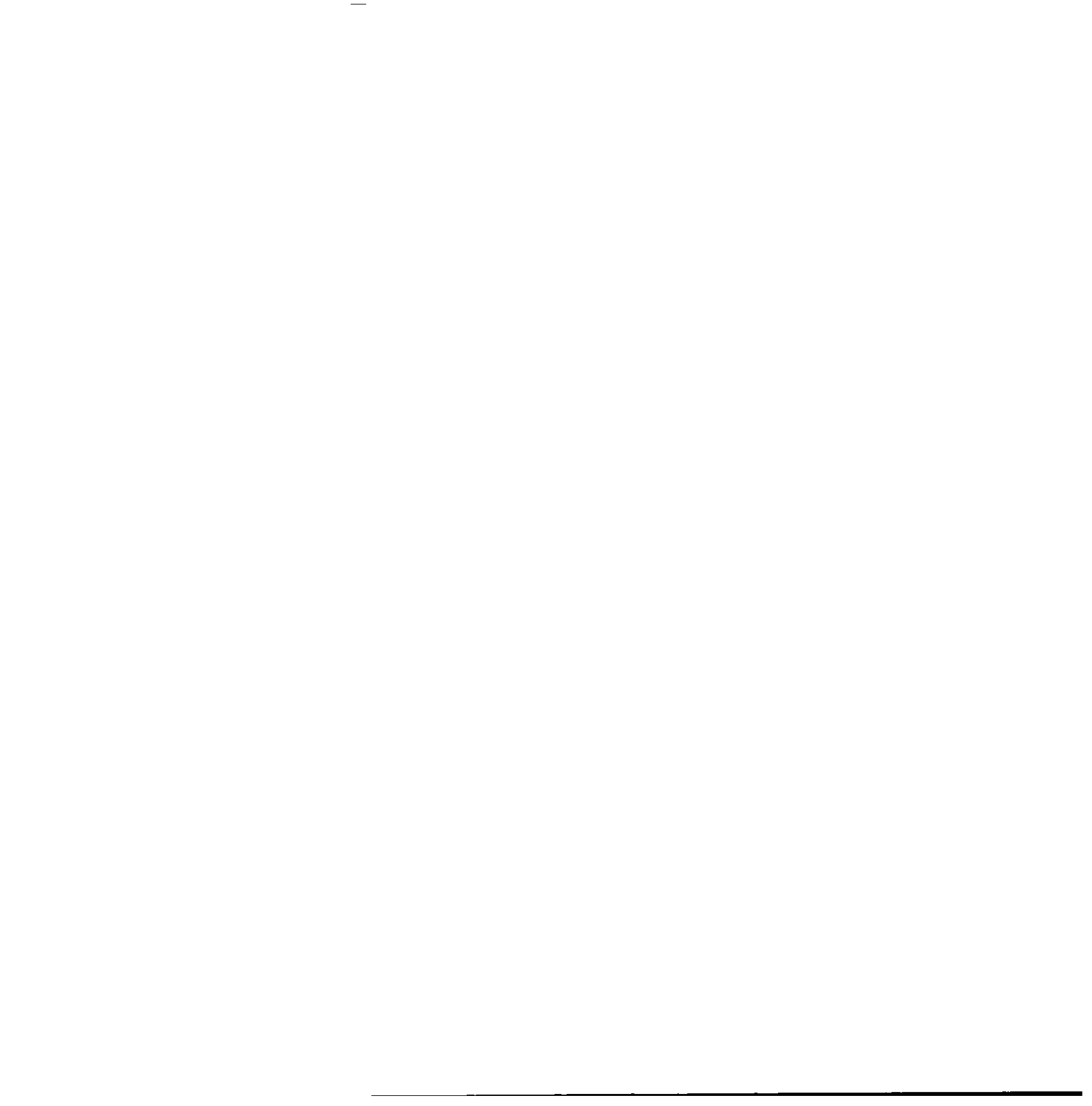
Thank you for voting today to pass SB 89 (Senator Dunleavy's education reform legislation).

I highly encourage you to support SB 191 when it comes up for a vote. As Senator Dunleavy rightly said today *"We don't need abortion providers in the schools to teach human sexuality. We have parents and teachers to do that. Parents are there to teach values. We weren't sent here to represent the abortion industry. We were sent here to represent parents."*

Thank you so very much for your service to our great state!

Sincerely,

Cathy Law
5033 Sillary Cir
Anchorage, AK 99508



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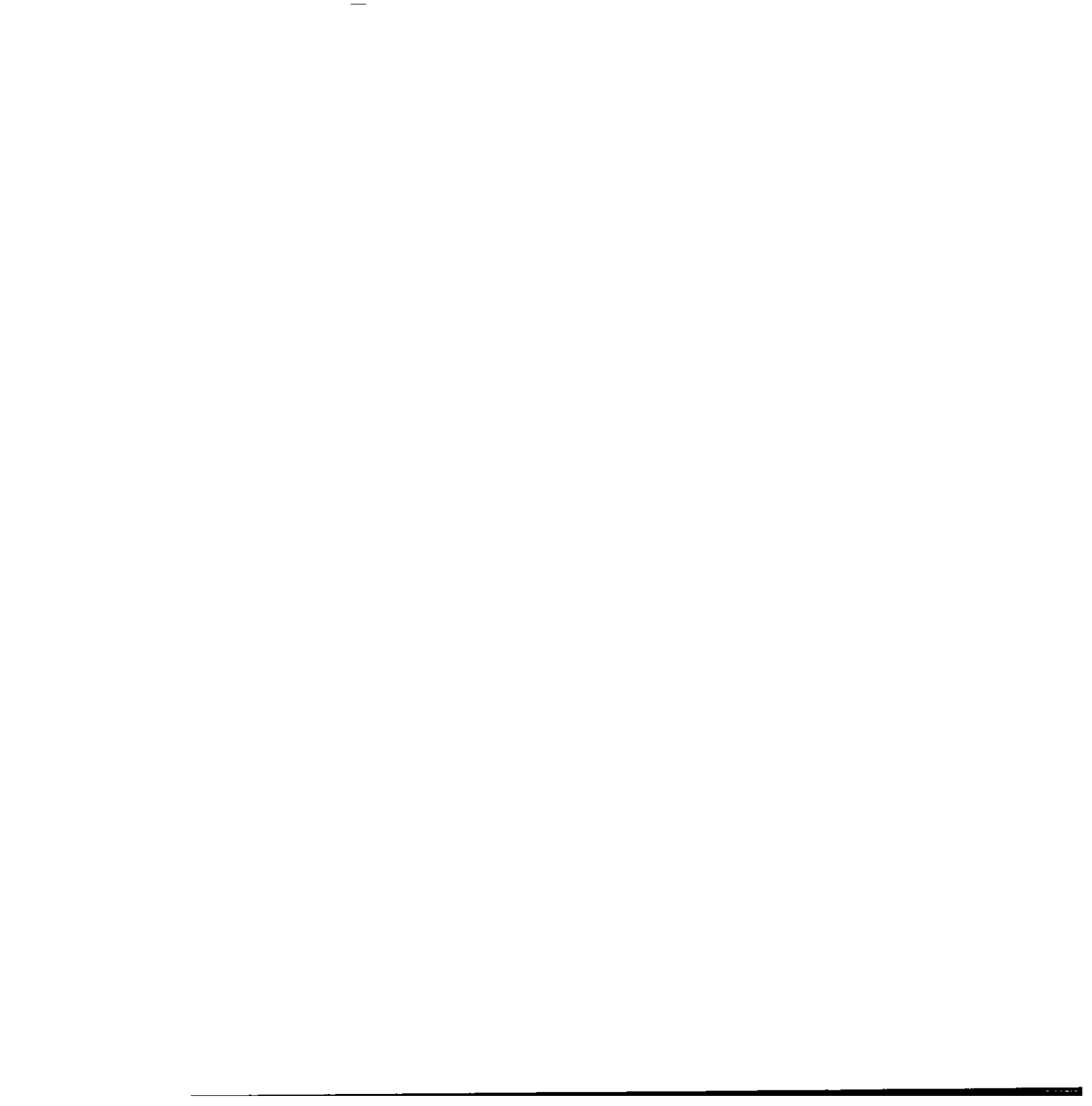
Sen. Mike Dunleavy
SB 89 GOOD JOB!

In response to the Anchorage Dispatch news story---How dare PP suggest the THEY are the only ones capable to teach sex ed to our kids?????? The passing of your bill represents loss of Revenue to their organization!!! There are many medical professionals throughout our Alaska communities who are available to assist teachers if needed.

PP quoted you as being "desperate" when in fact, THEY are the one's getting desperate as the real underlying Truth about their organization is being chipped away at---and hugely so by the revealing of the incriminating Videos of recent months. It's a conflict of interest to have their organization present when they stand to profit from the business they hope the kids will bring their way. If PP is permitted, why not also invite the Pregnancy Resource Centers to also come and teach?????

I have a hard time imagining that being prohibited from teaching in the schools violates their constitutional rights. Schools are still free to discuss abortion, and to distribute pro-abortion materials. PP lies when they say (as they have recently) that in Alaska, abortion only represents a small percentage of what they do! There are many medical professionals throughout our Alaska communities who are available to assist teachers if needed. I would like to see kids taught to Revere Life...from pre-birth to elderly. Wouldn't that make a difference.

Sincerely,
Kris Spencer, Palmer AK



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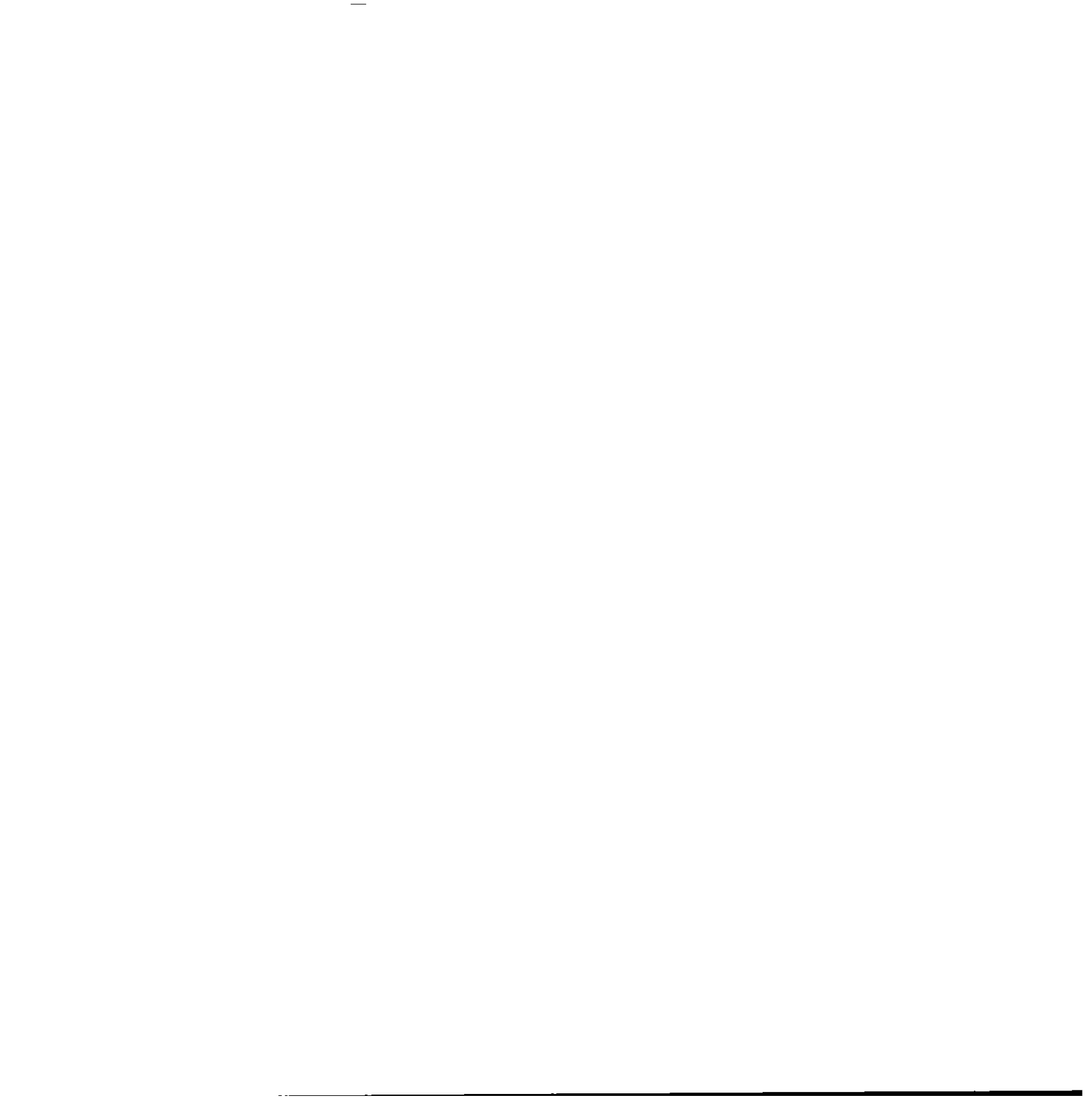
Sen. Mike Dunleavy
SB 89 THANKS!

Dear Senator:

I am a Mat-Su Valley constituent thanking you for listening to the people, taking a stand and passing SB89. While it doesn't prohibit a discussion of abortion in the classroom, it DOES succeed in giving back control to parents that has been somehow "lost" over the years. And it succeeds in preventing organizations with specific "agendas" from gaining access to children and promoting their organization in hopes of getting "business" from these same kids in the future.

As a child in the Anchorage School District in the 1970's, I recall the subject was dealt with in "health class" 1 semester requirement---with only a teacher and a textbook. Sometimes the teacher would call in a "professional" for Q & A---such as a police officer to talk on drugs...etc. Also, in 6th or 7th grade, they invited kids AND parents to a "special night" where sex education was taught with both parents and their kids together...with a medical professional and a few teachers or administrators on hand to facilitate the program. I recall they showed a film. There are MANY good and qualified medical professionals who can assist a teacher in this subject---it shouldn't be an organization like PP. And Parents should ALWAYS, ALWAYS be notified! Thanks again for passing SB89

Kris Spencer
Palmer, AK



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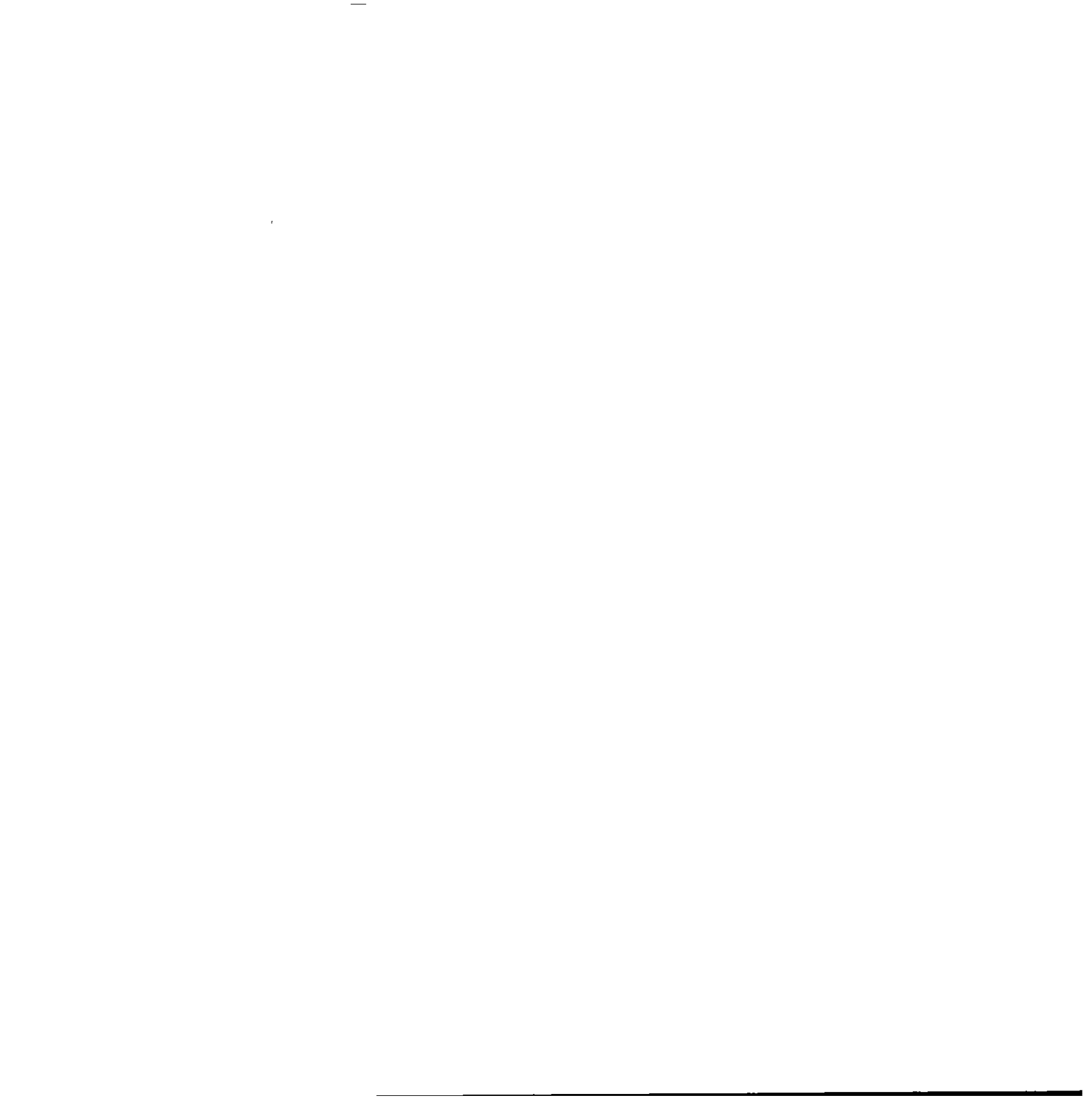
Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Thanks!

Thank you so much for helping with Senate Bill 89, that was very important! As a parent, I certainly do not want anyone else educating my child about sex education, especially abortion providers!

One would think it was a no-brainer, but unfortunately in this day and age, we need commonsense legislators like you who can get the job done. God bless you!

Sincerely,
Cathy and Jeff Medland,
Eagle River, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone



To:
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Sen. Mike Dunleavy
SB89 Thank you!

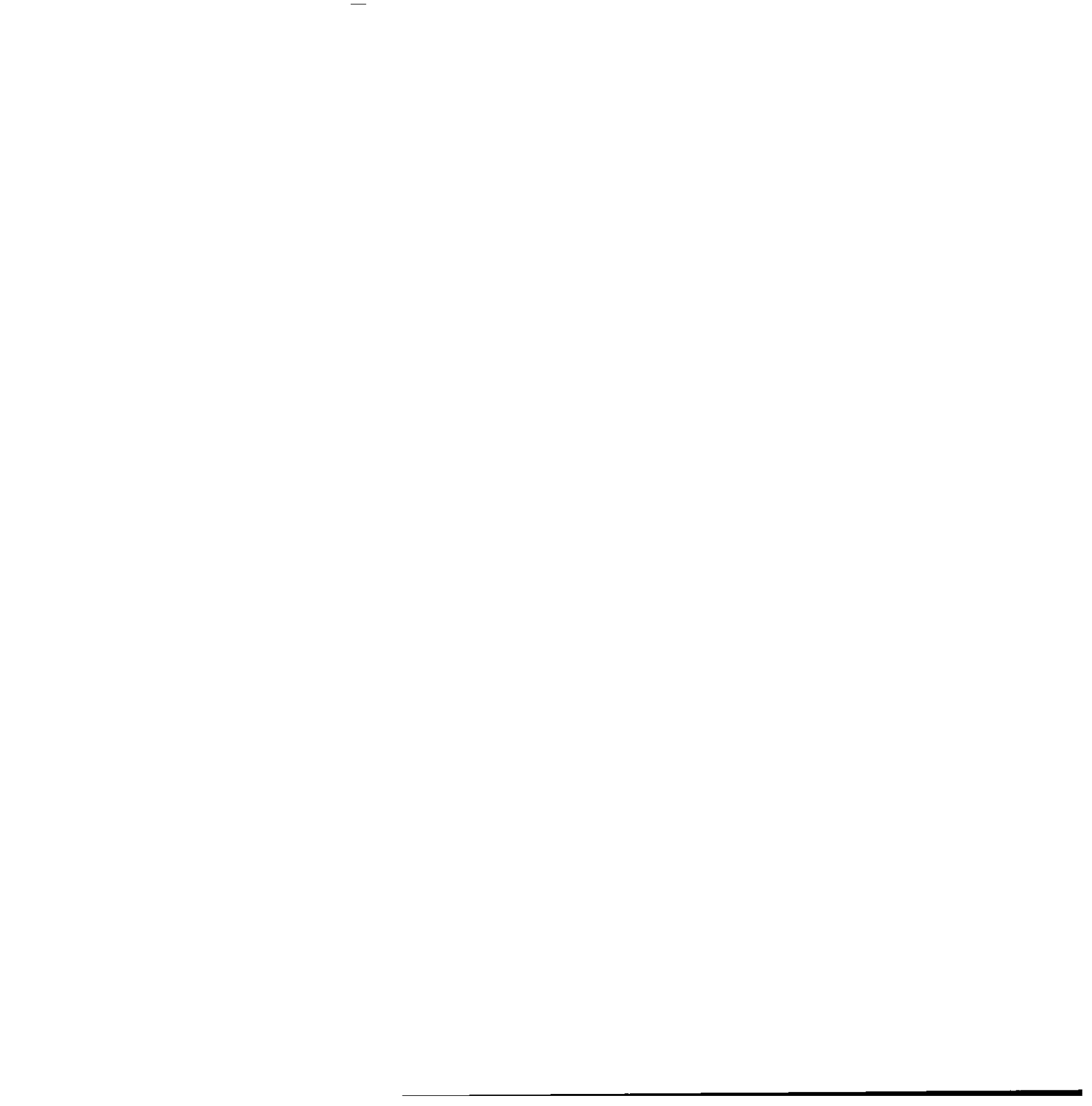
Senator Dunleavy,

Thank you thank you, for sponsoring SB89!! We so appreciate your standing for parent's rights to choose what is best for their children and their education.

Blessings and Regards,

Jill Moody, mom of 3.

Dr. Greg and Jill Moody
P.O. Box 1733
Girdwood, Ak. 99587



Friday, February 20, 2010 12:04 PM

To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Cc: Thomas Fitterer
Subject: Thanks for voting to pass SB89

Dear Senator Dunleavy,

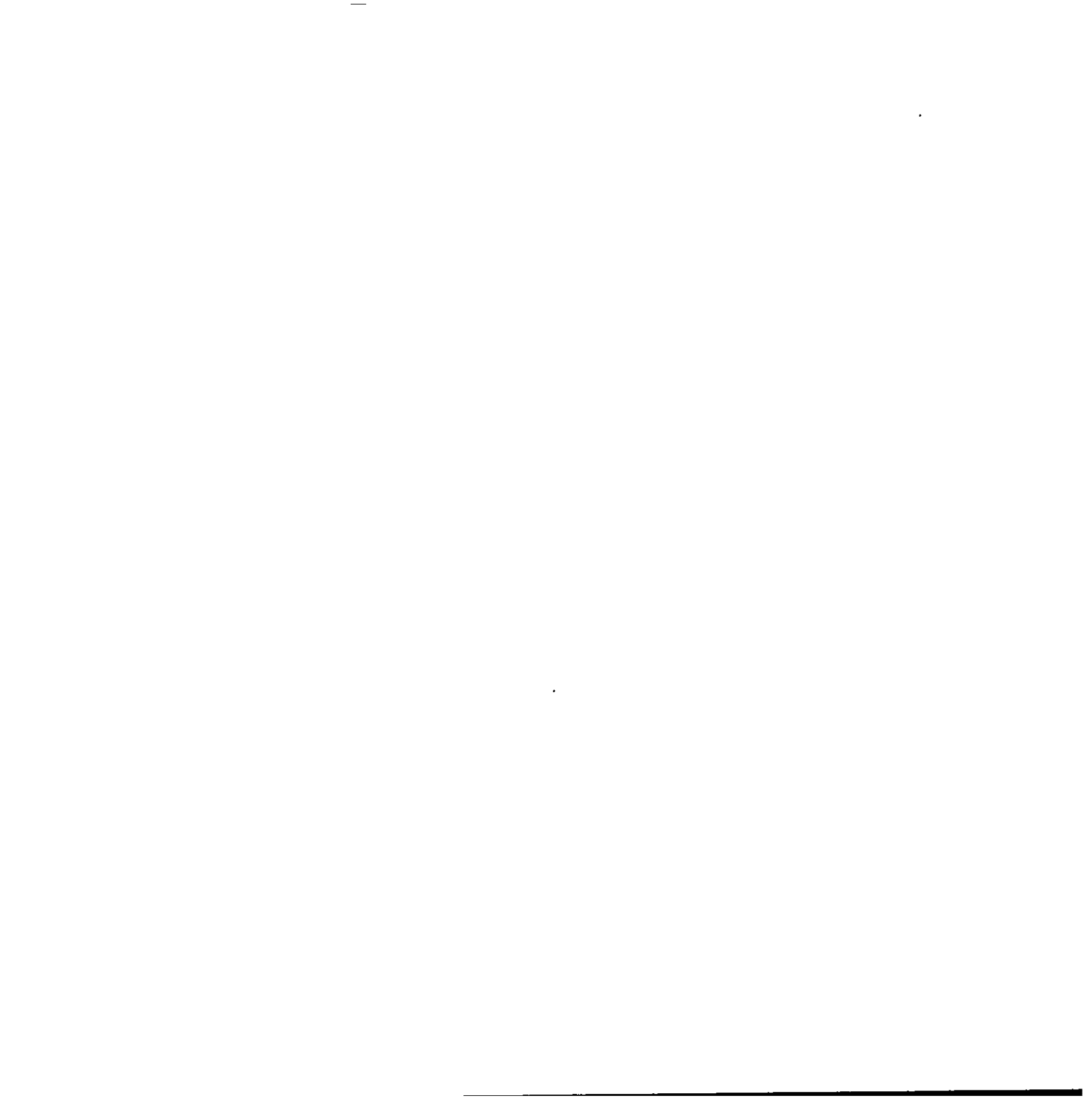
I am so grateful that you were involved in promoting SB89; this passage of this bill is a refreshing gift for those seeking to helping our children with values and morals and healthier education.

Blessings in appreciation,

Thomas

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Thomas P. Fitterer
5933 Lund St.
Juneau, AK 99801-9760
fitterer@gci.net



Friday, February 20, 2010 12:07 PM

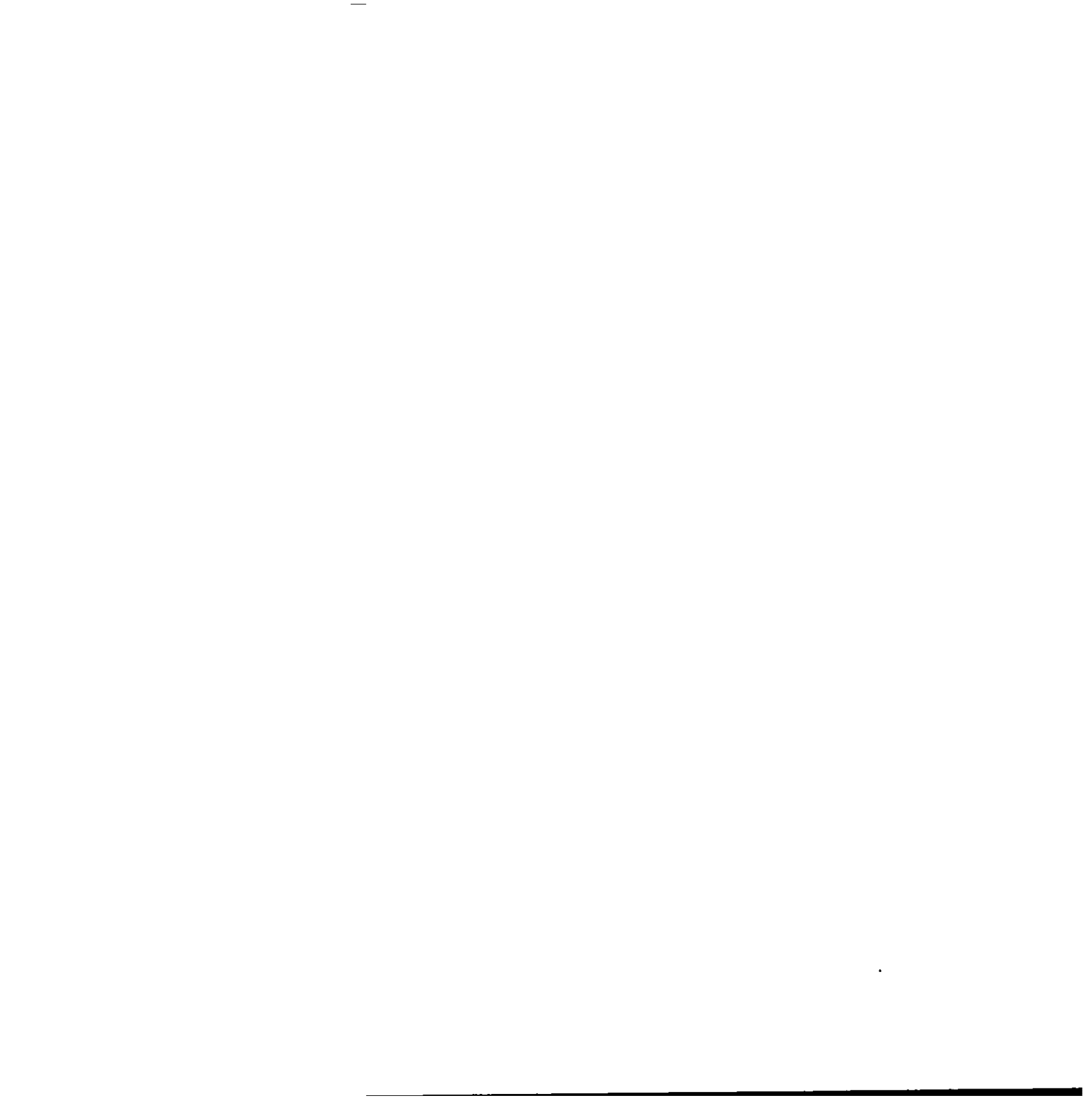
To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: Thank you!

Senator Dunleavy,

Thank you for voting yes on SB89.

Please continue to support pro-family values.

Mom and Grandma,
Cathy Teagarden
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T



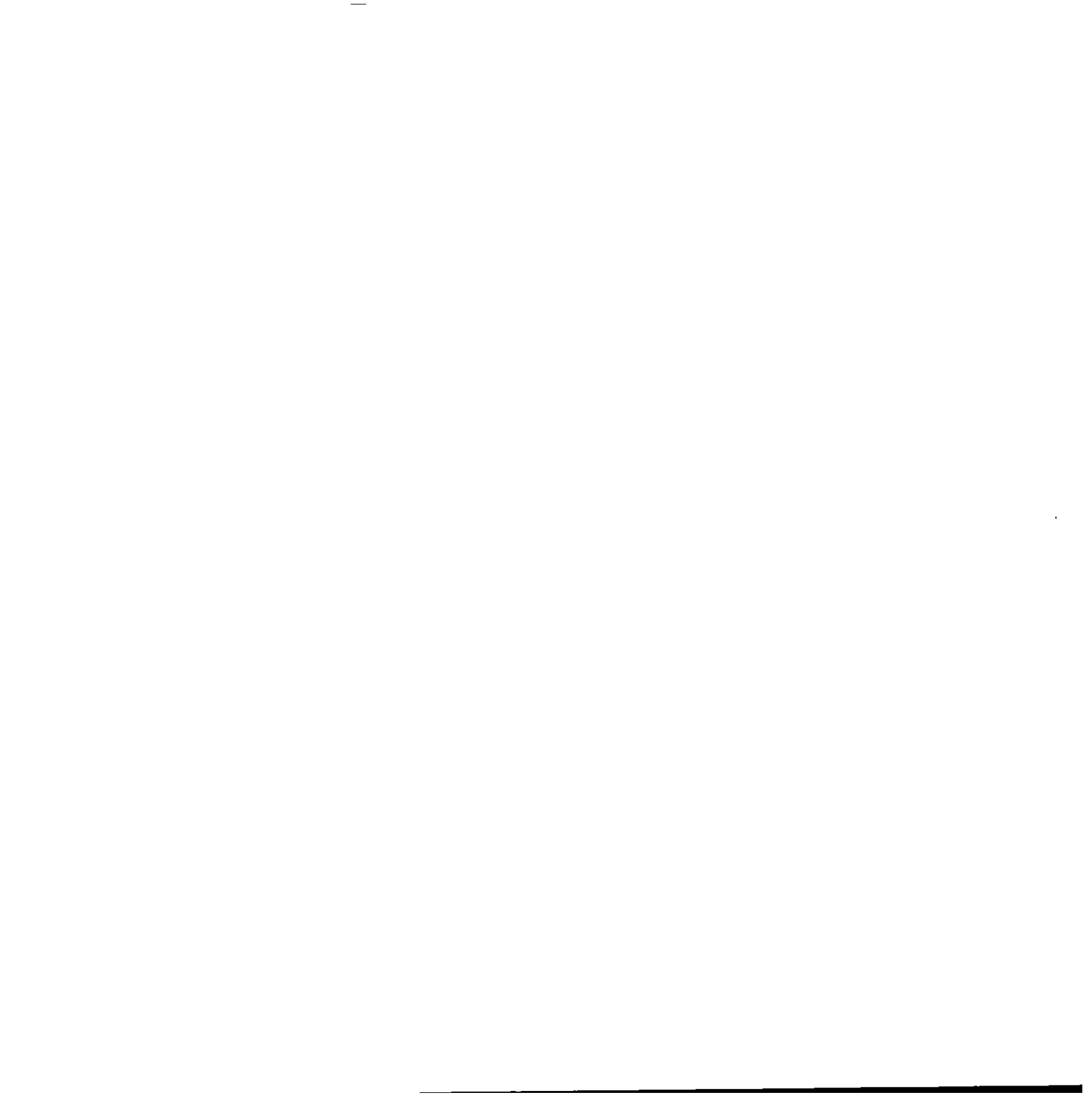
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Friday, February 29, 2019 12:19 PM
Sen. Mike Dunleavy
S.B. 89 Support

Dear Senator Dunleavy,

As a parent of children in Alaskan public schools, I want to express my support for Senate Bill 89. It protects the balance between the State's need to provide an effective education, and my responsibilities to raise my children. The provisions requiring parental notifications and giving parents the right to withdraw their children from certain classes are essential to achieve the State's and parents' interests. Thank you for introducing this bill.

Thank you for your service,
John Ippoliti
Eagle River, AK
907-726-7592



To: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Bill Stoltze

Subject: SB 89

Senators,

I have seen some of what Planned Parenthood teaches in schools. Please support SB 89 for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

Kudos to Senator Mike Dunleavy for this bill!

Bcc: Alaskans who care about children.

Carol Carman

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God grant me....

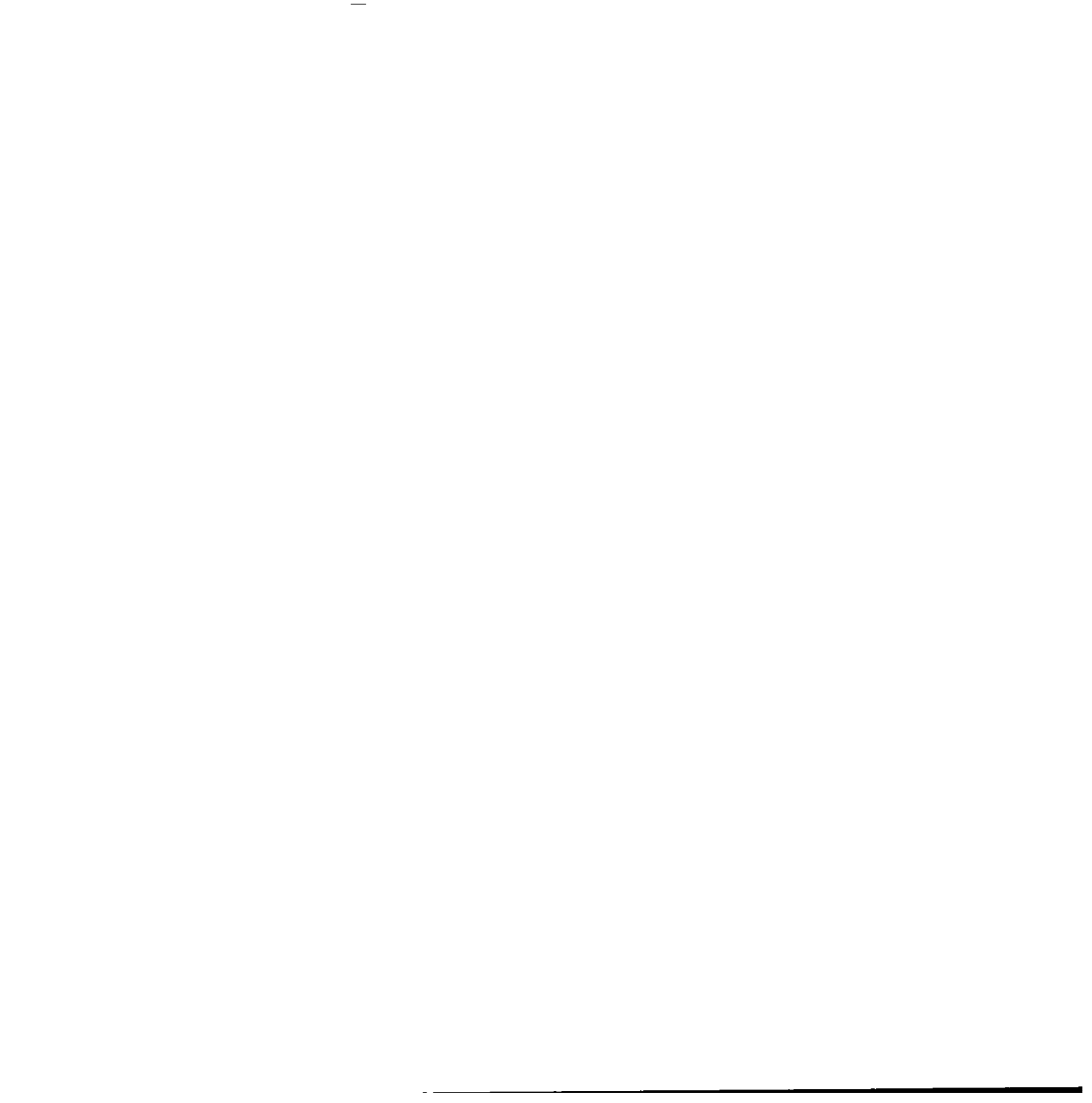
Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.

PS

If you have a few more minutes, click BELOW to see what Planned Parenthood is already teaching kids.
Caution - It's a graphic but eye-opening look at what the largest abortion provider in America is doing in public schools today.

Our schools can and should do so much better than this.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7XR9yH2ETk&list=UU10rWf_kR2NVeKLrXPUcCEO&index=1&feature=plcp



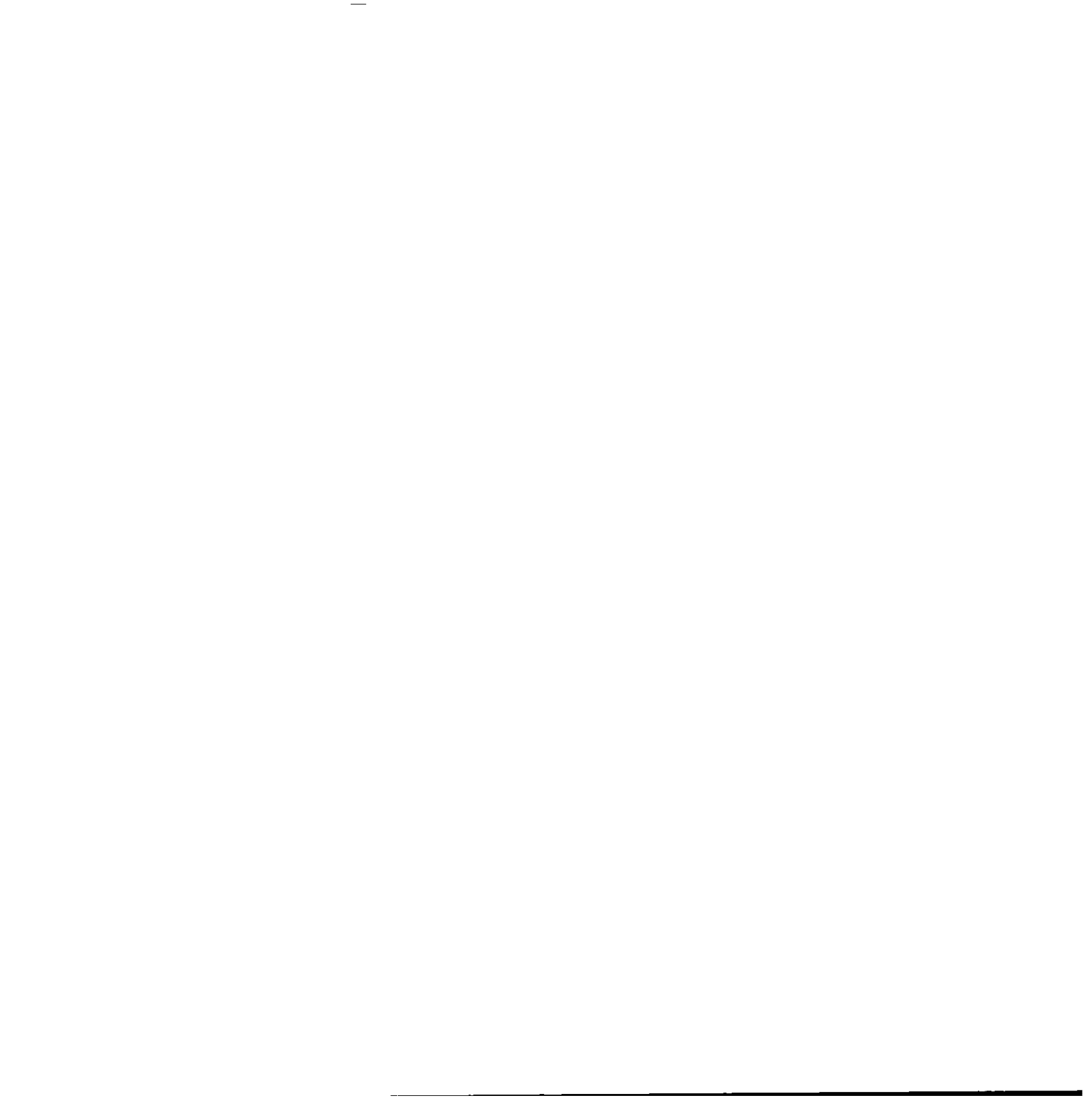
Thursday, February 23, 2010 4:42 PM

To: Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson

Subject: SB 89

Please support SB 89. Parents should be allowed to decide how their children will be educated.

Deborah



Cc: dschmidt@wildak.net
Subject: FW: SB 89

Importance: High

To:
Senate Legislators
Interior Delegation

Please see the email below regarding SB 89 from Interior resident

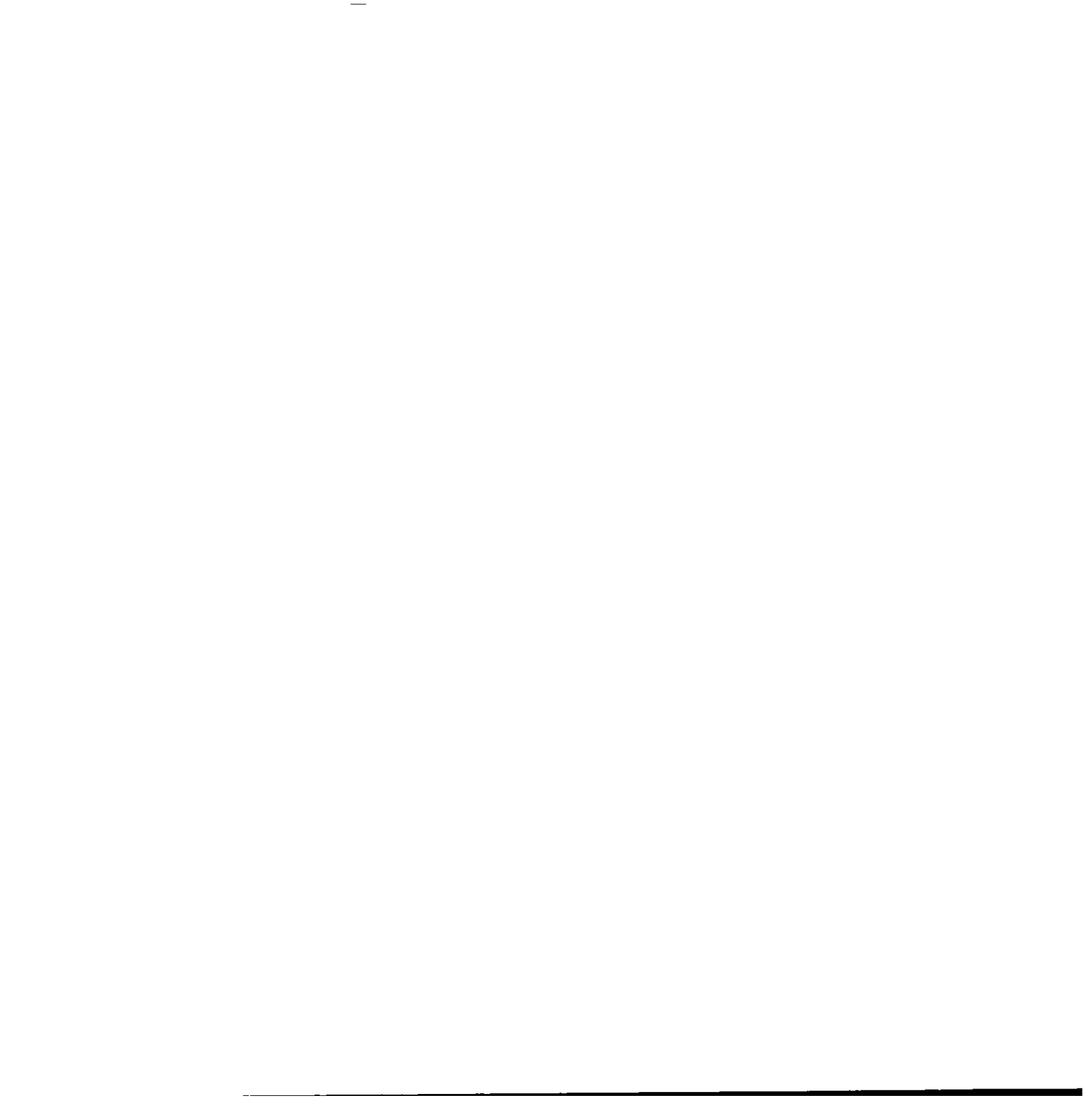
Kristina Schmidt
HD 9

From: Dave and Kristina Schmidt <dschmidt@wildak.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:53 AM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: SB 89

To Whom it May Concern: I would like to offer my strong, enthusiastic support for SB 89. This is a matter that affects all Alaskans, and our future. Please vote yes on SB 89.

Thank you,

Kristina Schmidt



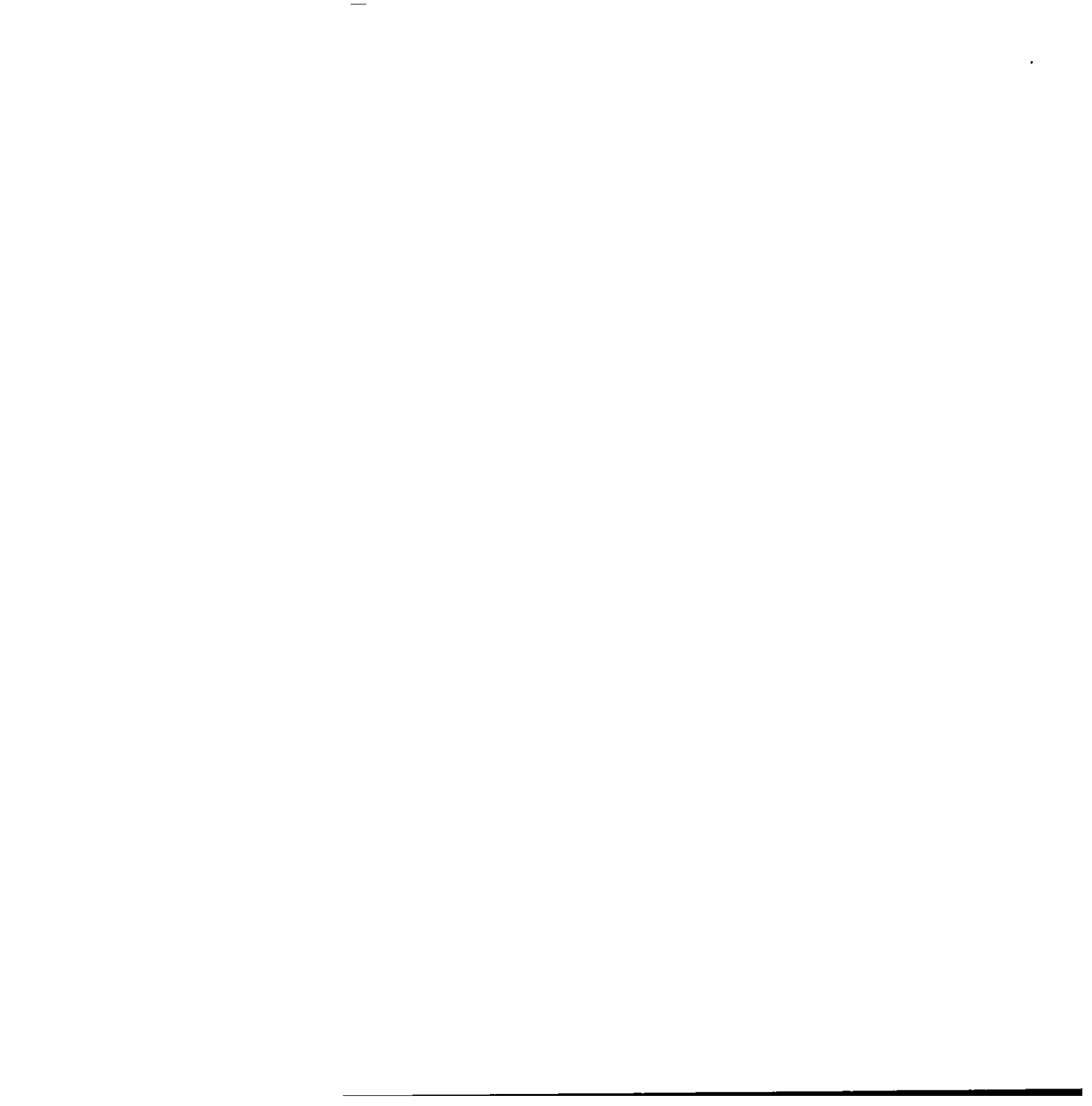
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Monday, February 23, 2010 10:42 AM
Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Senate Bill 89

Dear Senator Dunleavy,

I just wanted to write to express support and thank you for sponsoring Senate Bill 89. The idea that organizations like Planned Parenthood could have access to my children through their schools is truly a terrifying thought. Thank you for your hard work and dedication! I'm glad there are law makers who are willing to stand up for what is right even when it's not easy or popular. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Lynden Grothe

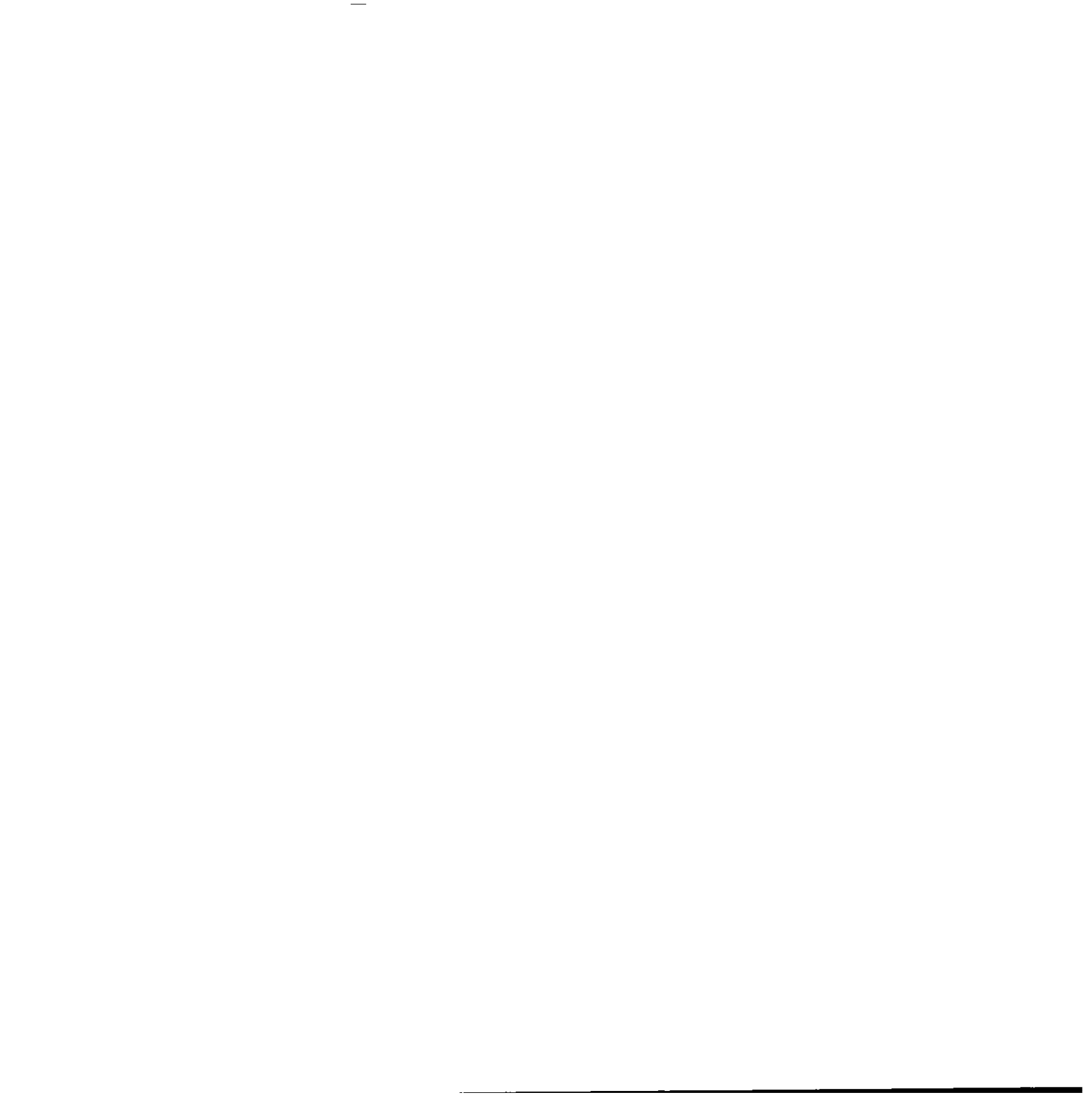


To: Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Bill Wielechowski

Subject: Support SB89 parental rights bill

Please support the rights of parents to determine their own children's educational needs by supporting SB89.

Ilona Farr MD



To: Janet Ogan; Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: SB 89: Amendment Talking Points

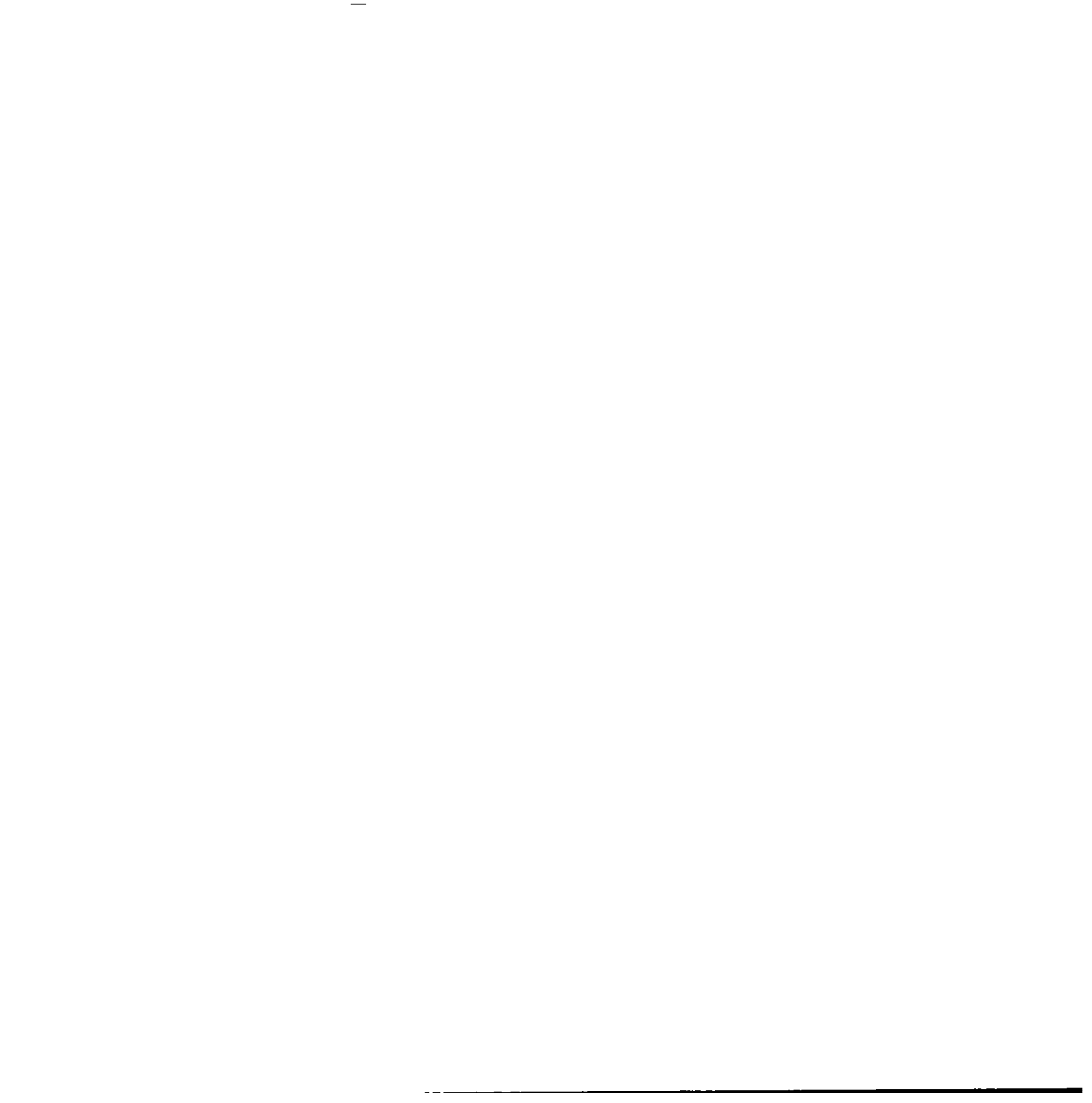
Hello Rep. Keller & Janet,

Here are the key talking points for the proposed amendment. Please let me know if you have any questions.

- *Previously the language stated that any employee or representative of an abortion services provider may not deliver material or instruction to students.*
- *The proposed change will clarify that a representative must be acting on behalf of an abortion services provider to violate the law.*
- *This should resolve concerns that the language was too broad and would reach beyond a teachers professional duties.*

Best Regards,

Christa McDonald
Legislative Aide
Senator Mike Dunleavy, District E
State Capitol Room 11
Juneau AK, 99801



AMENDMENT

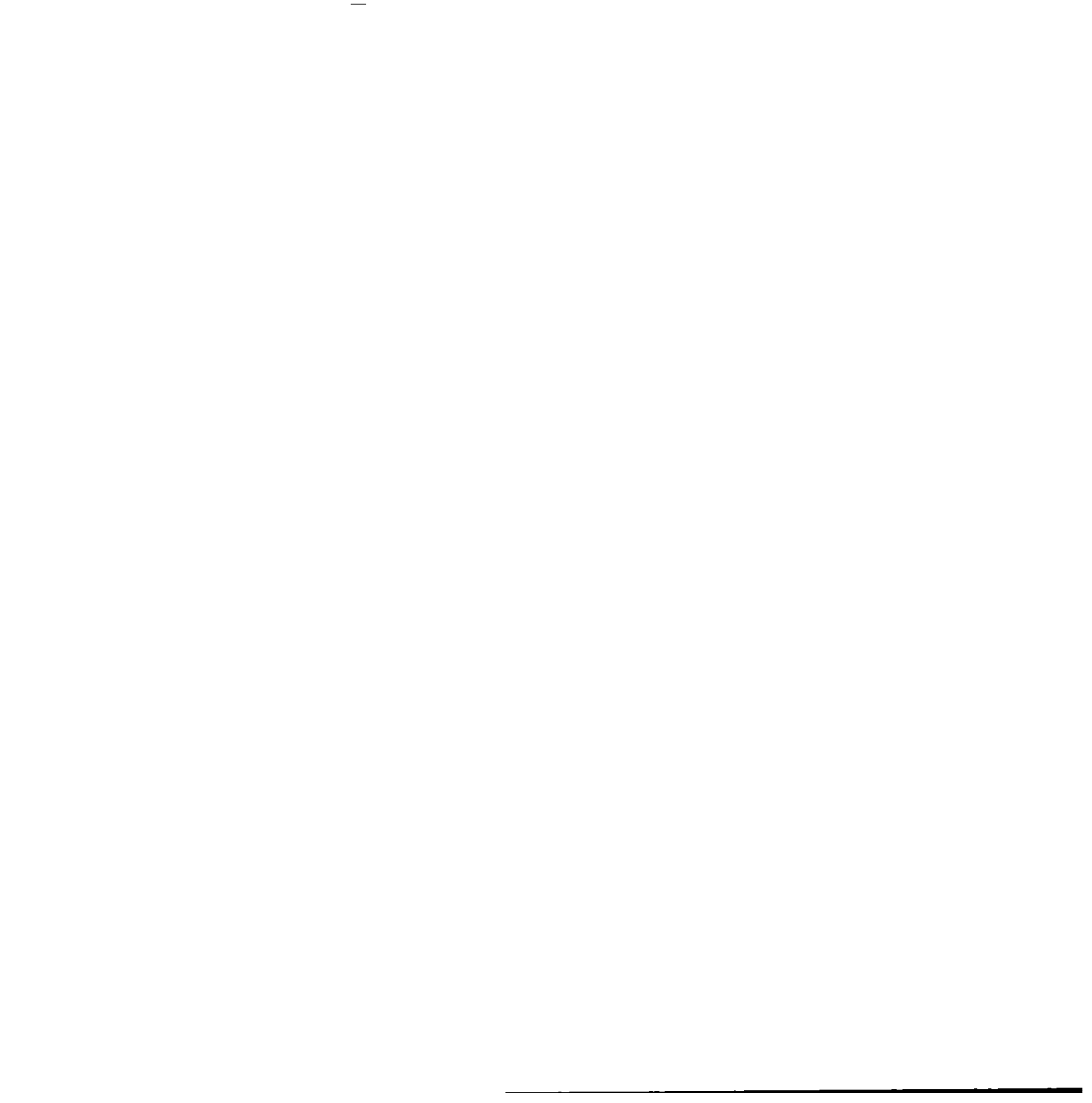
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BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLER

TO: CSSB 89(RLS) am(efd add)

1 Page 3, line 23, following "provider":

2 Insert "who is acting on behalf of the abortion services provider"



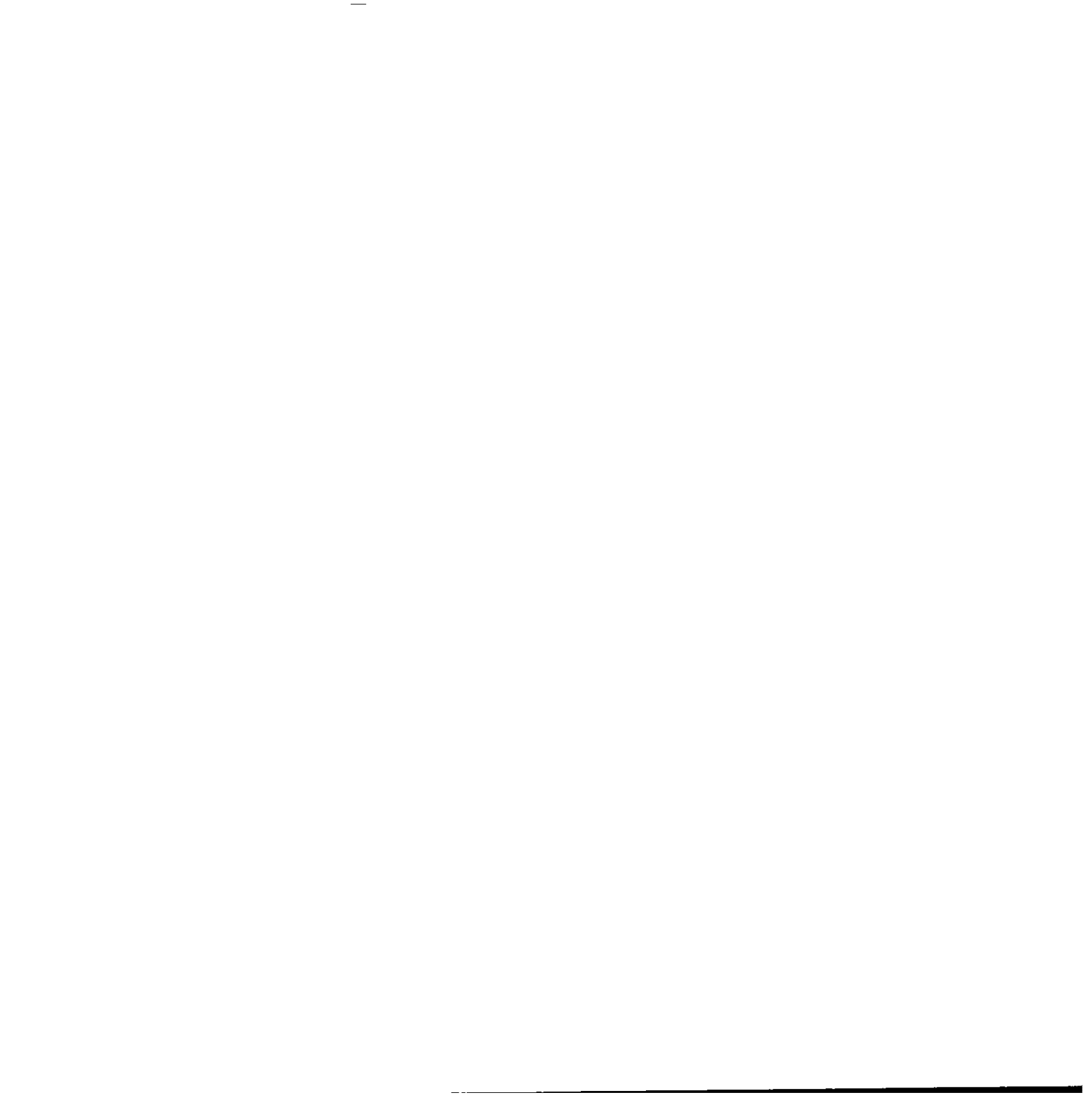
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BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLER

TO: CSSB 89(RLS) am(efd add)

- 1 Page 3, line 15:
- 2 Delete "may"
- 3 Insert "shall"



MEMORANDUM

March 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Constitutional issues (CSSB 89(RLS) am(efd add);
Work Order No. 29-LS0735\F.A.9)

TO: Representative Wes Keller
Attn: Janet Ogan

FROM: Kate S. Glover *KSG*
Legislative Counsel

Attached is one of the amendments you requested for CSSB 89(RLS) am(efd add). The amendment would limit section 5 of the bill by providing that an employee or volunteer of an abortion services provider is only prohibited from offering course materials or instruction related to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases if the employee or volunteer is acting on behalf of the abortion services provider. The amendment helps to address some of the constitutional issues raised by the bill, because, if adopted, the amendment would change the bill so that a person who volunteers with or is employed by an abortion services provider outside of school hours could still be a teacher. I want to alert you, however, that the amendment does not resolve all of the constitutional issues raised by secs. 3 and 5 of the bill. CSSB 89(RLS) am(efd add) raises issues under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and art. I, secs. 5 and 6 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska (protections for freedom of speech and association), art. I, sec. 10 of the United States Constitution and art. I, sec. 15 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska (prohibition against bills of attainder), and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and art. I, sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska (equal protection of the laws). Each of these issues is discussed in detail in a February 16, 2016, memorandum to Senator Huggins (Work Order No. 29-LS0735\F), which is available in the documents section for SB 89 on BASIS. If you have questions or would like a copy of the memorandum, please let me know.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

KSG:dla
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Attachment

