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the other religion, not as quickly recognized as such, is "humanism" - commonly alluded to as "Secular Humanism." ~~IN~~ <sup>IN</sup> place of old & new Testaments, IT'S "Scriptures" are published as "Humanist Manifesto I" (1933) and "Humanist Manifesto II" (1973). This "movement" clearly sets itself up as a religion in its own "Scriptures" as ~~well~~ <sup>does</sup> the official publication of the American Humanist Association (titled "The Humanist"). Recognition as an established religion was also noted by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1961 (FOR CASE V. WATKINS).

This religion teaches there is no God, humanity is an accident, life has no meaning nor relevancy beyond the immediate pleasure, and that ethics and morality have no standard, but ~~are~~ <sup>instead</sup> are situational, subjective, and transitory. ~~(see the following for the changed teachings)~~

Whether by design or not,

THE CONCEPT OF ~~ABORTION~~ <sup>ABORTION ANY TIME FOR</sup>

ANY REASON ~~THE CONCEPT~~ THE ~~ENTIRE~~ <sup>here</sup> ~~OF THIS B. H. ARE~~ <sup>disguised as "non-interference"</sup>

PROMOTING, ~~AND~~ <sup>today</sup> IS STRAIGHT OUT OF HUMANIST MANIFESTO II - THE <sup>"NEW TESTAMENT"</sup> ~~ANTI-GOD, ANTI-CHRISTIAN~~ <sup>AND MUST BE DEFEND.</sup> RELIGION. IT

you have ~~gone~~ <sup>gone here</sup> this morning believing this is simply a "liberal"

versus "conservative" political issue - look again. Look REAL close!

There is no choice as to whether a religion's teaching will be supported by your vote on this bill.

The only choice is which religion. Think about it.

If you're one of the 90% who claim to pray - pray about it.

Planned Parenthood of AK  
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Donna Hurdle  
7040 Dickerson Drive  
Anchorage, AK.

My name is Donna Hurdle; I am the  
Exec Director of ~~PPA~~ Planned Parenthood of AK.

On behalf of the staff & board ~~and~~  
of Planned Parenthood of Alaska, I  
urge the members of the House HESS  
committee to pass HB 268, the Reproductive  
Privacy Act. We believe that comprehensive  
reproductive health care is the right of  
every citizen, this includes the right of  
a woman to terminate an unwanted  
pregnancy. In the years since the  
Supreme Court's ratification of ~~Roe~~  
v. Wade in 1973, thousands of lives  
have been saved through the elimination  
of backalley abortions. With the  
Webster decision in 1989 allowing states  
to regulate abortion, this right is  
now in jeopardy. It is crucial that  
legislators in the state of Alaska  
pass HB 286 to ensure that women  
maintain the right to choose an  
abortion. Government has no role  
in regulating the private medical  
decisions of it's citizens. The choice  
of medical care is a personal decision  
to be made by each ~~that~~ citizen.

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It is equally crucial that Medicaid continue its funding of abortion services. ~~But~~ Poor women should not be prevented from access to the full range of reproductive health, including abortion. Medicaid was established to meet the health needs of indigent citizens, it is unconscionable to prevent <sup>a group</sup> Alaskan citizens from access to ~~the~~ medical ~~care~~ care because they do not have sufficient money to pay for it.

Women throughout Alaska will continue to have abortions, whether this medical service is legal or not, ~~this~~ The only question is whether they will have access to safe, legal professional medical care.

Planned Parenthood of Alaska urges you to support HB 286, the Reproductive Privacy Act, ~~HB 286~~ and thanks the sponsors of this bill for their leadership in assuring the fundamental rights of all Alaskan women.

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HB 268  
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Conception is not always a woman's choice. Poor women must have access to the full range of medical services that are available to other Alaskan citizens who have money.

We urge you to support HB 268 and therefore keep all women in Alaska equal.

Signed: C. Feaster ANP  
 Testifier

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Syndrome babies also remain unadopted.

I respect individuals' rights to believe whatever they choose about the origins of life and the sanctity of life. I do not believe that this is an issue of legislation.

Unwanted pregnancies will not stop. Only safe and legal abortions will.

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# Alaska Women's Resource Center

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House HESS - April 25, 1991 - HB 268/Reproductive Privacy  
Testimony by Theda Pittman, Executive Director, AWRC

One of the programs operated by the Alaska Women's Resource Center is a temporary residence for women recovering from alcoholism or substance abuse. For a number of years we have been the only facility in Alaska which not only admitted a pregnant woman but allowed her to stay once the baby was born.

At a recent meeting, the Resource Center Board affirmed a 1989 position paper which supports the need for HB 268:

The Alaska Women's Resource Center believes that the rights to self-determination and to privacy are the cornerstones upon which rest the civil liberties that all Americans cherish. We believe that for women the right of self-determination includes the right to reproductive freedom. This fundamental right of reproductive freedom includes affordable and unrestricted access to, and use of, birth control and contraceptive services, medication, devices and information; good quality prenatal and postnatal care; technology that enhances the opportunities for successful pregnancy; and legal abortion. Whether to bear a child is a profound decision and one that is protected by the fundamental right to privacy. AWRC supports the right of a woman to choose.

And, the Center supports the right of poor women to continue to have access to this treatment through public funds such as Medicaid and General Relief Medical. In states where poor women do not have that option, the public cost and the cost to individual families have proven to be severe:

According to 1989 research by the National Abortion Federation, approximately 3/4 of the women denied Medicaid funding have an abortion anyway, working extra hours or jobs or borrowing from their rent or grocery budgets. Because of the time required to accumulate the money, such abortions often take place as a later stage of pregnancy when there is more risk to the woman.

If the woman carries a pregnancy to term because she is unable to pay for an abortion, she is more likely to experience complications in childbirth and infant mortality, not to mention on-going problems.

None of this means that abortions should be a routine form of birth control, or should be used for gender selection or are desirable on an across the board basis. But, we do seek public policy confirmation that a woman, relying on her own advisers, is the only arbitrator of what happens in her own body. If we can ever stop arguing about that, perhaps we can turn this time and energy to the important work of helping teenagers cope with sexual pressures, sorting out the increasingly complex legal and human complications created by new technology, and taking better care of the children we already have.



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April 25, 1991

House HESS Committee  
Alaska House of Representatives  
PO Box V  
Juneau, AK

RE: HESS Hearing on 4/25/91 regarding House Bill 268

Dear Representatives Lincoln and Carney:

Thank you for holding this morning's hearing on House Bill 268. I was disappointed to be unable to testify, but am pleased to be able to write up my comments and send them to you for inclusion in the record.

I believe in the sanctity of human life. I, like the the majority of Alaskans support life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness -- for all Alaskans. I believe in God and I also believe that God has given me the ability to make choices. House Bill 268 recognizes choices, which is why I support the proposed legislation.

I wholeheartedly support the right and responsibility of an individual woman, with the counsel of her husband or partner, family, friends, clergy, and physician, to make her own decision about whether or when to bear a child. I trust her ability to make her own decisions, no matter how difficult or painful.

Alaska has a longstanding commitment to choice, and Alaskans will vigorously oppose any infringement on our right to choose. We cherish independence and privacy -- and choices. Our respect for reproductive freedom was made evident in 1970 when abortion became safe and legal in this state, three years before Roe v. Wade gave all American women the right to choose. We Alaskans reaffirmed our commitment to choices for all women when we voted in 1982 to continue funding abortions for poor women. That commitment was restated in last year's legislative survey: Alaskans are pro-choice and Alaskans support the use of public funds to pay for abortions for poor women.

I was greatly disturbed by some of this morning's testimony. In particular, I was disheartened by the lack of faith and confidence in women's ability and right to make personal decisions. Some opponents obviously are unaware of the current law and practices or of Alaska's constitutional mandates. This bill simply maintains the status quo, keeping abortion safe, legal, and accessible to all

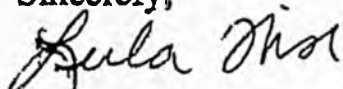
regardless of age or financial status. Others complained about using abortion as birth control and seemed to believe that women can choose to conceive. They're ignoring the technological reality that no method of contraceptive is foolproof. And they're placing the entire responsibility for that failure on the woman.

I can only hope that opposition to this bill comes from misinformation and a lack of education; we can remedy those faults but we can't compensate for a lack of compassion.

I anxiously await the day when contraceptive technology catches up with human need, when every child is a wanted child. Until then, abortion must be safe, legal, and accessible, regardless of age and income.

Please support House Bill 268.

Sincerely,



Leila Wise



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Note: As time didn't allow me to submit Katie Hurley's statement, I respectfully request that her attached statement be entered into the record and also submitted to each member of the House and Senate HESS Committees. Thank you,

Signed: Linda Kingkade  
 Testifier  
Katie Hurley *Legislative Chair, Alaska Women's Political Caucus*  
 Representing (Optional) (Katie Hurley)  
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STATEMENT OF KATIE HURLEY, LEGISLATIVE CHAIR, ALASKA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS:

Madam Chair and members of Senate and House HESS:

I regret that travel plans keep me from making this statement in person.

The Alaska Women's Political Caucus is proud to support the protection of a woman's right to make her own choices about when and if to have children. We also support funding for abortion services for poor women. We support Senate Bill 249 and House Bill 268.

I represent not only our membership--over 300 Alaskans--women and men, but also the hundreds of poor women of our state who will be discriminated against if funds are not available should they decide to have an abortion.

Polls show the majority of Alaskans are pro-choice--we believe in the right of freedom to choose.

I commend to you "No Turning Back", the moving and inspiring story of two committed nuns who had the strength and courage to risk everything they were to stand behind what they believed--women's right to choose.

Their pro-choice position evolved over the years--it was not an easy path. However, they could see no relevance in the opposing arguments to the decisions faced by the actual women they saw at their shelter for the homeless.

And so they decided they were pro-choice and agreed to speak publicly at a rally for choice in Washington, D.C.

On March 9, 1986, before 100,000 other men and women marching that day on behalf of women's lives, Barbara Ferraro (not related to Vice Presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro) and Patricia Hussey stood on the steps of the Capitol, stepped before the podium's microphones to say:

"Choice is at the heart of conscience, the scriptures and true religious freedom. I stand here today with you...proudly for that which makes us human...choice!"

There may be voices who disagree and that is the democratic way, but we, the Alaska Women's Political Caucus, join with the majority of Alaskans and echo those words--"proudly for that which makes us human...choice!"

TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 268  
TO HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE

MY NAME IS ILEEN SELF. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COALITION OF ALASKANS FOR CHOICE, ANCHORAGE CHAPTER. ON BEHALF OF THE COALITION FOR CHOICE, WE SUPPORT HB 268 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND URGE YOU TO PASS IT OUT OF YOUR COMMITTEE TODAY.

SINCE THE WEBSTER DECISION, WE CAN NO LONGER COUNT ON THE SUPREME COURT TO PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE. THE ABILITY TO KEEP ABORTION SAFE AND LEGAL IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF STATE LEGISLATURES. AMERICANS DO NOT WANT TO WAIT UNTIL WOMEN ARE DYING AGAIN. WE MUST ACT DECISIVELY NOW TO PROTECT OUR PRIVACY IN REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES.

THE ABORTION DEBATE IS NOT ABOUT BABIES. UNWANTED, NEGLECTED BABIES ARE BORN EVERY DAY ONTO THIS OVERPOPULATED PLANET WITH LITTLE HOPE OF CARE OR A DECENT LIFE. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF SELF DETERMINATION FOR WOMEN. AS WOMEN, WE ARE UNIQUELY BORN WITH THE ABILITY TO BEAR CHILDREN. PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND CHILDREARING IMPACT A WOMAN'S LIFE IN THE MOST PROFOUND WAY POSSIBLE. EACH WOMAN MUST DECIDE WHEN OR WHETHER AT ALL SHE WANTS TO BRING THIS PROFOUND CHANGE INTO HER LIFE. TO DENY A WOMAN CONTROL OF THIS PROCESS IS MISOGYNY OF THE WORST KIND. OUR SELF DETERMINATION AS WOMEN DEPENDS UPON OUR RIGHT TO CONTROL OUR REPRODUCTIVE LIVES.

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Coalition of Alaskans for Choice - Anchorage  
PO Box 232 472, Anchorage, AK 99523

Note to Committee members: There were at least 20 people in the room here in Anchorage to testify who did not get the opportunity.

4-25-91

*Rep. Lincoln*

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Another constitutional right all U.S. citizens have is the freedom to do as we please until that freedom impinges on another person's freedom. Our constitution states that all humans have a right to Life. Back to that third person involved - the young one - the fetus. That fetus has the same right to Life as her mother had at her conception. Remember - around one half of all human conceptions are females.

To enter into aborting baby girls puts women in the position of being the greatest aggressors against their fellow women.

Again it is incredulous that women have entered into a mentality that yells loudly for the right of women to counsel and carry out the act of women killing their younger counterparts - women - the young ones.

Sincerely,  
*Frances Young*  
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537 Tower Road

# CATHOLICS FOR A FREE CHOICE

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April 25, 1991

Statement in support of House bill 268, Alaska State Legislature by Mary Jean Collins, Deputy Director, Catholics For A Free Choice

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We support House bill 268 because it assures women in Alaska the right to make their own moral decisions about their reproductive health care. This bill reserves to the woman, not the state, the right to exercise her individual conscience and follow her own religious convictions.

We are a country of diverse religious views, and on the subject of abortion, there is no consensus among religious bodies about the morality of abortion. This bill insures that the theological views of all religious bodies are respected because no particular view of morality is enshrined in law.

A majority of Catholics in the United States oppose the goal of the Catholic hierarchy to make abortion illegal in nearly all instances. It is important that policy makers hear the voices of other Catholics.

We commend the inclusion in this legislation of funding of abortion services for women who depend on state funds for their health care. Without that provision, a two tier health care system is created: poor women are denied access to care and alternatives that are available to women with private health care plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

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Rep Lincoln.

I urge you to vote no on H.B. 268.  
I can't imagine our legislature supporting  
such an extreme abortion bill; Especially  
with out it first being scrutinized by the  
judiciary committee. Please vote to follow  
the house committee ~~process~~ process.

Thank you.  
J Young

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 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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April 24, 1991

To: The House Health, Education and Social Services  
Committee

I would like to go on record in opposition to  
House Bill 208, the "Reproductive Privacy Act."

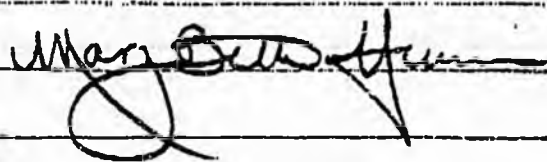
First and foremost, as a registered voter in the  
State of Alaska I do not want tax dollars  
to be used to fund abortions. I do not  
want public money used to subsidize a  
practice I find morally wrong.

I object to all the provisions of this bill,  
but the one I find most morally abhorrent  
is the following: that this bill would  
remove the existing right of a hospital or  
doctor to conscientiously object to participate  
in an abortion. God has given every human  
a conscience and the free will to exercise  
that conscience. This provision of the bill is  
attempting to legislate morality. In effect, the  
'state' will be allowed to dictate it's

beliefs on an individual. This is not  
right.

I strongly urge you to vote against  
House Bill 268. Thank you for supporting  
those who have no voice of their  
own - the unborn children.

Thank you,  
MaryBeth Aun





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*Please See Attached Testimony*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Testifier Rhonda Coise  
 Representing (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax to:

The House, Health, Ed. and Soc. Serv. Comm.

Rep. Ben Grussendorf

Gov. Hickel.

Rep. Leman.

Dear Sirs,

This is my testimony that I am opposed to House bill #268.

I am not only against abortion in the first place, but to use tax dollars for abortions is not using common sense. Using tax dollars to feed all the hungry and homeless people in the world today is using our common sense and making sure our elders are being taken care of is using common sense.

The thought of this bill, if passed, may allow anyone to do abortions makes my stomach turn because the results may be even worse than taking an innocent babies life, it may end in taking a woman's life or even a baby's life if you allow teenagers to have abortions with out parental consent.

I have two daughters (young) but when they become sexually active I pray there isn't a law

allowing them to terminate a pregnancy whenever and wherever they want to.

It's up to us to form the future. So lets not abort the possibilities of a GREAT FUTURE!  
God Bless!

Thonda Conine  
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SEE ATTACHED WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Signed: Mary J. McNally  
 Testifier

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with this written testimony on HB 268.

I would like to address some of the specific issues raised in HB 268.

Section 18.16.030(a)(1): I object to the word "continue";

Section 18.16.030(a)(2): I object to the vagueness of the term: "to preserve the woman's . . . health." Who is to determine when her "health is affected to the point an abortion is necessary?"

Section 18.16.030(b): I object to the concept that the state should not "interfere" with an abortion, but rather should be doing all that is within its power to protect that life.

Section 18.16.030(c)(1): This section limits the rights of free speech and freedom to assemble--I vehemently object to this provision.

Section 18.16.030(c)(2): This provision, though obviously intended to replace AS 08.64.105, falls dangerously short of the purpose of that statute. I think you are opening the way for non-medically safe abortions to be done with both women and their preborn children.

Section 18.16.030(c)(3): I disagree that pregnancy begins at implantation in the uterus--it begins at conception. Why, if it must be implanted in the uterus do they call one that has implanted in the fallopian tube a "tubal pregnancy"? Life begins when the egg and sperm unit and the cells begin their division process. All medical science knows this fact.

Section 18.16.030(c)(4): "Viability" is a vague and arbitrary term really only necessary to those who believe that is when life really begins!

Section 18.16.040(1): I believe the life of the preborn child must also be protected, not just the life of the mother.

Section 18.16.040(2): The state must be concerned with the interests of all, and because both the mother and child should have equal rights, the state must err on the side of the one who has the most at stake--clearly the child, because an abortion always results in death.

Section 18.16.040(3): Yes, regulations should be consistent with established medical practice, but this

should remain under the State Medical Board.

Section 18.16.040(4): Health and Social Services should not be in the business of promoting abortions but should be neutral in their approach. They should be affording women all possible options available.

AS 09.65.100(a): Removing "Except as Prohibited Under AS 18.16.010(a)(3)" is only a technicality to allow abortions to be allowed on minors under the age of 18 years of age to have abortions without parental consent. I believe the we must maintain that parental notification provision in our statutes.

Finally, with regard to Sec. 5. AS 47.07(a) and (b), and Sec. 6. AS 47.24.197, I object to any state monies being used to perform abortions. It is one thing to allow them to be done but it is another to have them paid for out of public monies when so many people are so drastically opposed to abortions being performed at all.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this extremely important issue. I am asking you to please not pass this legislation out of the Health, Education and Social Services Committee today.

Mary Jo McNally

To Whom It May Concern:

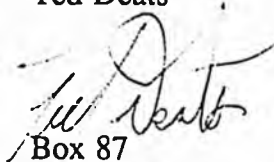
Regarding HB 268

I am opposed to HB 268. It discriminates against unborn Alaskans and strips them of their civil rights including the right to live. They deserve equal protection under the law regardless of their state or class.

Their state is unborn; their class is helpless.

Please stop this bill.

Ted Deats

  
Box 87

Juneau, Alaska 99802

Dear Ms. Linncoln,

My wife and I want to testify  
before the HESS committee on this  
bill. We signed up yesterday - it's only  
fair we be heard.

Thank,



I am opposed to House Bill 268 - strongly opposed.

I object to the way this bill sets abortion on the drug store shelves right alongside contraceptives. Abortion and contraception exist at totally opposite poles. Contraceptives are used to prevent a pregnancy - abortion is used for just one purpose: to terminate a pregnancy.

The question of viability outside the womb is mute - there are thousands of people living and working in the world today, who could not or cannot survive without some degree of artificial aid. I challenge you to tell them that their lives are not 'viable' and/or that they have no say in whether they live or not.

I also don't believe that doctors or the medical profession have the right nor do they need the extra burden and/or responsibility of making the recommendation on viability. This bill also removes the right of any member of the medical profession to object to participating in an abortion. It is my understanding that the doctor's creed requires him or her to preserve life - not to terminate it.

The payment of abortions through Medicaid is a gross mismanagement of money intended for health care: what a negative way of using tax monies. It would seem much more intelligent to channel the monies into programs (or create programs) which promote a better life for the mother and encourage her to keep her child.

In this era of conservation, recycling, etc., why is it that our own off-spring are the only resource we are willing and eager to destroy.

Please - I ask you not to support House Bill 268. Thank you,

Emma Marie Deats, Box 87, Juneau, Alaska 99802  
Phone: 463-3262



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H. H.E.S.S.  
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committee on HB 2685, dated April 25 1991  
<sup>bill/subject</sup>  
Reproductive Privacy Act 8AM-10AM

Please See Attached  
Testimony

Signed: Francis Hallgren  
Testifier

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY CONCERNING SB 249 and HB 268

## "Woman's Right To Choose Abortion"

My name is Frances Hallgren. I am a resident of Sitka, Alaska; a homemaker, mother and businesswoman. My address is Box 1203 Sitka, AK 99835; my phone number is 747-6909.

I would speak in opposition to SB249 and HB268. I noticed in reading these bills that the current parental notice law would be entirely repealed. As a mother of two youngsters, I am particularly upset at this. I am sure you have already heard many of the arguments, however, I will relay my concerns to you. As it is, parents must sign numerous papers each and every time one of our children might need an aspirin (or Sucret or whatever minor pain medication might be warranted). How can we let minor children get an abortion without any parental notice whatsoever.

I would also speak to the fact that children are by definition immature and of need of special protection and instruction. To give an immature child complete personal freedom to terminate a life without even notifying the parents makes a mockery of the true women's rights which have been so painfully gained over the years. I presume that any 14-year old who demands an abortion behind her parent's back would also be qualified under these bills for 100% funding regardless of her parents assets. Is this good public policy? Does it make fiscal sense? Does it make for responsible citizens?

As I read these bills I find them harsh and extreme. I resent having any of my tax dollars used in this manner. And I will certainly refuse my personal monies or energies to support any legislator who would vote to pass either of these bills.

Another matter, too, is that House Bill 268 seems to be going only to HESS and Finance. Should this not (according to the rules) also be going to Judiciary as the Senate Bill is?

*Frances Hallgren*

*4-24-91*

4-24-91

Re: House Bill # 268  
Health, Education + Social Services, Finance

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to advise my fellow  
opponents to House Bill no. 268.

Just as by as I believe that the state  
should not continue to lose to our best  
& this we will be in the business  
of actually parenting children. They  
wishing that parents to pay for education  
expenses.

The Reproductive Choice Amendment S.C.R. 16.030  
is so broadly written that it would  
be interpreted in the future in such  
a way that it would be allowed by  
the state to "interfere with" (by covering  
in the school, by practicing at a clinic, or  
other restrictions) a woman's personal choice  
to abort her child.

The article itself, including A.S. 09.65.100 & A  
has not changed the meaning, but  
reworded the rights and responsibilities  
of parents. It states clearly that only  
in the event of a parent wishing to  
abuse an abortion, in the parent's absence

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far!

I believe that your standard for when a child can be aborted needs to be examined. The description of what is "viable" leaves to some professional the decision of whether there is a "reasonable likelihood of sustaining survival... outside the uterine uterus, with or without artificial aid."

There is a dangerous area here, which could leap right into the euthanasia issue. Who is the "professional" who decides life or death here? We cannot ignore the fact that this is a life and death issue. By stating that this is a "profound personal decision," the fact that remains unstated, is that an individual, a unique person with heart beat and potential is being killed. The other unstated fact is that the state of Alaska will not protect the child, but will give consent to the mother to kill at her convenience if she wishes.

Another issue I am very upset with, is that the HESS Committee has held a teleconference from Pam on a workday. When I called & talked with Pat Borgeson she said that the only way I could get my views to the committee is to get a letter.

matter, I can't believe that this standing committee would be unwilling to hold a teleconference later in the evening or on the weekend. It's obvious that many of us are working and cannot get to a teleconference during the work day. This is the most important piece of legislation ever to be presented. It should have a fair hearing from the people.

Thank you for your thoughtful and serious consideration of this issue. Please vote against its passage.

Bonnie Sharnbach

Box 306

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Please get this in the committee information file as you promised. Thank you - your FAX hasn't been working - has not rung or was busy -

April 24, 1991

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• TRAVIS KING  
• 7520 ROVENNA  
• ANCHORAGE AK  
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• Representative Lincoln  
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• Juneau Alaska 99811

Dear Legislator,

Subject: House Bill No. 268 or any other proposed compromising legislation aimed at revising tough abortion regulations such as SB 249 or 170 or 174.

Koponen, Boyer, Ellis, Finkelstein, Lincoln, C. Davis, Carney, Donley, Moyer, Navaar, Ulmer, Gruening, Brown, Sturgelewski, Fahrenkamp, Rodey, Adams, co-sponsor Liberalization of Alaska's Restrictions on Abortion.

I strongly appose their opposition. I not only will never vote for any of these people again because of their stand, but I will strongly campaign against them.

This bill would be:

- Forcing Doctors to do abortions which violates their hypocratic oathes. (Making my doctor a murderer)
- Overstepping my right as a parent to guide, nurture, and protect my minor children from questionable sex education and uninformed consent to abortions without parental notification.
- Permitting abortion peddlers to do an abortion to minors anywhere, anytime, by anyone with no safety standards.
- Using my tax dollars to fund abortions, thus, bringing me in as an accomplice to murder - which I refuse to do. (Medicaide is already sending anyone over 24 weeks along to lower 48 for abortions).
- Taking the preferences of a few and forcing them on the masses, to be funded by the masses.

Sincerely,

Travis King



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April 24, 1991

Representative Georgeanna Lincoln  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
P. O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Lincoln,

Planned Parenthood of Alaska wholeheartedly endorses CSHB 268, the Reproductive Privacy Act. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America, of which we are a member affiliate, has taken a strong position of advocacy to ensure that abortion remains a legal option for those women who may choose it. This fundamental right that American women have counted upon since the passage of Roe v. Wade in 1973, has been eroded since the Webster decision allowed states to enact legislation regarding abortion. We believe that the choice of abortion as a medical procedure is a profoundly personal decision. Reproductive health care should not be a matter of governmental policy, no more than any other form of medical care.

Planned Parenthood of Alaska supports the Reproductive Privacy Act and will actively work to ensure its passage. We commend you for initiating this effort to ensure the availability of reproductive care to all Alaskan women, including poor women who rely on medicaid to finance their medical care.

Sincerely,

Donna E. Hurdle, MSW  
Executive Director



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Testimony Before House Health, Education and Social Services  
by Laury Roberts Scandling  
April 25, 1991  
(not delivered orally due to lack of time)

My name is Laury Roberts Scandling. I am a fulltime student and homemaker in Juneau. I was born and raised in Alaska and am the mother of twins. I am speaking for myself as a consumer of several reproductive choices, including motherhood, and, perhaps, I am speaking for the women you won't hear from: the Alaskan woman who does not have a voice in this process nor the resources to deal with a crisis pregnancy.

I do not think there is anything new that one can say either in support or in opposition to measures assuring reproductive privacy. Abortion is a fundamental issue that tears at the conscience of each of us, regardless of our position. Our beliefs are held dearly, as well they should be.

As a woman and mother, I respect, understand and sympathize with individuals who oppose abortion, for whatever reason. I just happen to believe that they should not be able to make that choice for everyone.

Nonetheless, this measure is not about permitting abortion, access to which was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court 18 years ago. Nor is it about choosing where our tax dollars go. It is about ensuring that the will of some will not penalize others for socioeconomic or other reasons.

I am reminded of a story I uncovered about ten years ago when I was a reporter. An administrator in the state's benefits division unilaterally and secretly removed abortion as a covered health insurance option for state employees. Once his action became public the attorney general ordered that the benefit be reinstated.

This story illustrates what I find most frightening about this bill: that it must be considered at all, that one man believes so strongly in his vision of the world that he will use political means to impose that vision upon everyone.

Contrary to an oft-heard declaration, the people of Alaska have **not** delivered a mandate. Two-thirds of the votes cast last November were for gubernatorial candidates who favored choice.

So, when the clamor becomes deafening, keep this in mind: Alaskans do not want government making the most personal of choices for them.

I find it ironic that an administration elected on platform of independence from government doesn't heed it when it comes to controlling reproductive choice.

I would like to close by thanking the many cosponsors, particularly the Republicans, for standing up on this issue. While I believe reconsideration must be given to the section on parental consent, the bill rightly codifies important public policy.

TO: All cosponsors

Rep. Lincoln: I appreciated your dignified manner of conducting the hearing.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS  
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STATE MONIES SHOULD NOT BE USED TO  
 TAKE A HUMAN LIFE.

ABORTION STOPS A BEATING HEART.

IT MAY BE LEGAL AT THIS POINT IN TIME,  
 BUT IT IS NOT ETHICAL.

WE NEED "ETHICS" IN OUR GOVERNMENT !

Signed: Shirley A Phillips  
Testifier

myself

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# Alaska State Legislature

House bill 268

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I miscarried several times and I am very much aware that a fetus is a true human being.

Since this is scientific fact the state should be in the business of protecting the most vulnerable of our people.

Let's not assume that the poor among us are poor parents - many great men started in humble homes.

I am afraid we would lose our most caring of nurses since many of them will not consent to participating in abortions.

This most violent act against our own should not be made an easy thing to do.

Signed:

Barbara Kay Baird  
Testifier

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# H.E.S.S. Hearing

## My Testimony on HB #268

We save the whales, we save the seals, we save the spotted owls, we save the sea lions - Can we in good conscience due less to save human babies? If not, then who will fight to save the wildlife which seems so important in future generations?

Our forefathers who wrote the Constitution, the Declaration, and the Bill of Rights wrote about every human's "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Notice please, "the right to life" comes first! Our forebears must be spinning flips in their graves at the insanity of this proposal and those others like it, already passed by our "honorable" representatives!

Rep Ulmer mails out propaganda about "Families First" and then helps sponsor a bill that will do more to destroy families and our Country's social fabric than any other single action short of mass genocide. This is an unconscionable absurdity!

I for one, want to go on record as stating that Rep Ulmer and her cohorts do not represent me or my best interests in this matter. This bill in particular and others like it, is a flagrant insult and slap

in the face to parents and particularly  
fathers of children, as I am. You talk  
about child abuse - what is more abusive  
than taking a child's life from them?

We condemned Adolf Hitler for the  
slaughter of innocents, then we pass a bill  
28 yrs later which allows us to do the same  
with the full consent of the law! AND, on  
our money we print "In God we trust".  
This surely is an enigma, a paradox  
and hypocritical to me! It is a sign  
of the sickness of our society and an  
indication of the lack of ethics and moral  
behavior accepted now, as "normal".

Surely adoption of unwanted babies for  
thousands of couples who want them, can't  
have them, and are on mile-long waiting  
lists is a more humane and compassionate  
alternative than abortion!

If we go to great lengths and extremes  
to save animals, can we not put forth as  
much effort to save the most highly developed  
animal on earth - unborn human babies?

How many Mozarts, Einsteins, Edisons,  
Wright Brothers, Mother Theresa's, Clara Barton's,  
Marie Curie's, Bernstein's, Picasso's, Willy Mays's,  
Jackie Robinson's, Caruso's and Red Granges  
have been eliminated, without a chance, from

a world that so desperately needs their skills and talents?

I do not support state or Fed monies being used for funding abortions, I look upon this whole idea as another way for some gov't agencies to control and manipulate the population of this Country by systematically eradicating babies of the poor, the underprivileged and minority peoples.

If individual citizens chose to commit abortion on themselves, that is between them and their God. But they should pay their own bills; It was their choice that got them into this predicament in the first place — not the Governments! Let each person be responsible for the consequences of their own actions as is currently the policy under Criminal and Civil Law.

It would seem far better for those involved to use the free birth control and contraceptive clinics available to the general public. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"

This bill if passed would eliminate the need for licensed Drs, hospitals and approved facilities and by so doing would have us regress to policies of the past in which these services were performed in back alleys. Surely we have become more civilized and cosmopolitan than that!

Taking the right of a RN or Hospital to  
conventionally object to performing this  
"charitably deed" as a violation of Civil Rights  
and "Due Process".

How can the State of Alaska allow  
disregard restrictions imposed on these practices  
by the US Supreme Court and the Tax Court?

A support preventative education,  
both sides (pro-con, counseling, parental  
notification and contraception (birth control)  
information and services. But I don't see the  
line on abortion, I am interested at this  
proposal and cannot object to it too  
strongly. I'm "agin" it!

Yvonne Kelly Jr.  
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April 25, 1991

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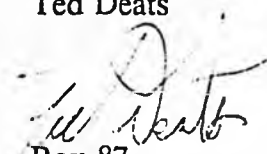
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Their state is unborn; their class is helpless.

Please stop this bill.

Ted Deats

  
Box 87

Juneau, Alaska 99802

4/26/91

Dear Rep. Carney,  
Please Reschedule a hearing before the HESS committee. My wife and I waited 2 hours yesterday after signing up. It's only fair that we and others be heard.

Thanks,  
Ted

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April 24, 1991

Representatives Pat Carney & Georgianna Lincoln  
Co-Chairmen  
Health, Education & Social Services Committee  
Alaska House of Representatives  
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Re: House Bill 268  
For the Record

Dear Representatives Carney & Lincoln:

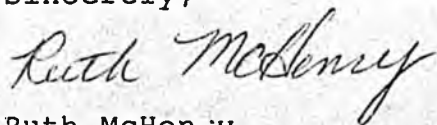
I have read HB 268, relating to abortion and birth control rights, and I thank you for co-sponsoring it.

This is not simply a "women's rights" bill. The father's future is often at stake, too. If the mother is denied an abortion, the father may have to drop out of high school or college and go to work to support her and the child.

There is a high social cost as well: Parents who are less-well-equipped to provide for themselves and their families; children who are unwanted; more tax money being spent for Medicaid, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Head Start and other programs that assist the disadvantaged.

Finally, there is the "big picture". Alaska, though it has a relatively small population, is part of an overpopulated world. Each child born, an especially every American child born, will consume resources and add to the problems of pollution. Therefore, let us help to ensure that every child born is a wanted child. House Bill 268 can help to do that; I encourage its passage.

Sincerely,



Ruth McHenry

TO: The Hon. Georgiana Lincoln and Pat Carney, Co-Chairs of  
the House Committee on Health and Social Services

FROM: Alma Seward, Executive Board Member, ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

DATE: April 25, 1991

SUBJECT: House Bill 268, Reproductive Rights

I would like to begin by thanking the House HESS Committee Chairpersons and members for this opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 268, dealing with reproductive rights.

This is an important bill to the Alaska State Employees Association because, in our opinion, it speaks to one of the most basic freedoms guaranteed under the U.S. Bill of Rights, the Freedom of Choice.

ASEA is a strong supporter of individual liberty and privacy and opposes governmental intrusion that invades personal privacy and physical integrity. Under the American form of democracy, which guarantees freedom of religion, we believe each person has the right to follow the dictates of his or her conscience, and to act in accordance with his or her own religious beliefs.

ASEA is and will continue to be a staunch advocate of equality for women. Furthermore, we believe that true equality cannot be achieved if women do not have the right to make the ultimate decision in all matters affecting their physical health.

The rights of women upheld in the Supreme Court in Roe vs. Wade have been endangered by other court cases and by state legislative initiatives. We believe that House Bill 268, introduced by Rep. Niilo Koponen, seeks to legislatively establish and protect those rights, most prominently Freedom of Choice, for all Alaska women.

Under this bill, those who support or oppose abortion are free to choose, according to the dictates of their individual consciences. For this and the reasons stated above, we strongly urge this committee and the members of the Alaska Legislature to approve House Bill 268. To do so, we believe, would merely reaffirm the Legislature's commitment to our nation's Bill of Rights and to the individual's Freedom of Choice.

ASEA's House HESS Committee Testimony

On H.B. 268, page two

In closing, I would like to add that ASEA's testimony today also reflects the views of our international union, the 1.2 million member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, as reflected in a resolution adopted at AFSCME's June 1990 annual convention. Further, it is our hope that the committee will opt to make this testimony part of its permanent record on House Bill 268. Thank you.

(end testimony)



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*Please See Attached  
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Signed: Perce Hillgren  
 Testifier

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY CONCERNING SB 249 and HB 268

## "Woman's Right To Choose Abortion"

My name is Peter S. Hallgren. I am a resident of Sitka, Alaska; a member of the City and Borough Municipal Assembly; and an attorney. My address is Box 1203 Sitka, AK 99836; my phone number is 747-6909.

I would speak in opposition to SB249 and HB268. The question of abortion has unfortunately become highly politicized in Alaska. The League of Women Voters made it a Municipal Election issue in Sitka's October local election and I was forced to state my feelings on the matter.

In a nutshell, I find abortion to be a civil rights issue of the highest magnitude. Since I believe that an unborn child becomes a citizen long before "viability". I believe that each unborn child therefore has all of the civil rights of any Alaskan. I understand that many people choose to believe that an unborn child has no civil rights, and therefore only choose to look at the rights of the pregnant woman.

It bothers me considerably to think that in this day and age a person can be robbed of their civil rights merely because you choose to label them sub-human or non-persons, much in the same way that blacks were considered a century ago. In our enlightened age of increasing awareness of personal worth, it seems particularly ingenuous to abandon the moral high road and adopt a statutory policy of discrimination against a defenseless segment of our society.

Certainly pregnant women have the same civil rights as the child that they are carrying, and I have great compassion for a woman with an unwanted pregnancy; as much compassion as I have for their child. Since their rights are equal, the only way to settle the issue is to balance their competing interests and potential harm to each. The potential harm to the mother varies all the way from potential death down to simple inconvenience. The potential harm to the child is always certain death.

By enacting a statute that gives the power of deciding the question of whose rights are more important directly to the mother, you would be mandating self-interest of the most blatant sort as the sole judge of the child's rights.

Blacks, Natives, women and others have advanced the struggle for civil rights over many years. To now roll back the tide of civil rights through such mean-spirited legislation is not worthy of an enlightened society.

*Peter Hallgren*

Peter S. Hallgren; April 24, 1991



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS  
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*Please See Attached*

Signed: Susan Jensen  
Testifier

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April 25, 1991

House Health, Education & Social Services Committee  
House of Representatives  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill #268.

I want to go on record as being opposed to this bill. The State of Alaska should act as an agent to protect, and not destroy life. Passage of this bill will encourage the death of even more unborn children. The state should certainly not be in the business of funding abortions.

Additionally, the provision in this bill to allow girls under the age of 18 to have abortions without parental notification is absurd! Many of these same girls couldn't get an aspirin without the consent of their parents if they were asking for one from a school nurse. Consider the absurdity of this.

Please do not pass this bill. Choose for the unborn babies.

Sincerely,  
Susan Jensen



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H. H. E. S. S.  
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I strongly object to this bill and do not support it or the State of Alaska's funding of abortions. It is beyond my understanding how a State or nation can condone these murderous proposals. Child abuse is illegal and this bill supporting abortion is the highest and most offensive crime of abuse to our children.

Signed: Gery Stumacher  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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It is ludicrous to hear that once again the state is willing to foot the bill. If a woman wants an abortion she should be responsible for both her actions as well as the expense. What about the rights of the nurse or physician to refuse to perform an abortion on a moral basis. This bill belongs back in the ~~waste~~ waste-basket it was dug out of. I do not support this bill or anything about it. Do us all a favor and ~~abandon~~ ~~this~~ ~~bill~~ abandon this bill.

Signed: [Signature]  
 Testifier

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# Alaska State Legislature

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*After reading HB 268 I cannot find reason to support this bill. I have never supported state funded abortions and never will. Even though there are other points of health ~~concern~~ concerns involved in this bill these only cover up the real intentions behind this legislation. The abortion issue involved in this bill makes it impossible for me to support HB 268 due to its pro-abortion stance. As a valid tax payer, I do not wish to see our state money or any other public funds go to support abortions in any way shape or form.*

Signed: Dan Schauwecker  
 Testifier

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I am strongly opposed to this bill, the elimination of requiring doctors or surgeons, hospital and licensed facilities, parental notification and any waiting periods will certainly reduce quality of care. I would also resent any of my tax monies being spent on abortions.

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# Alaska State Legislature

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4-25-91

Honorable members of the committee.

For many years scientists have tried to define life and also tried to create it. I want to encourage you, the members of this committee, to go ~~to~~ to the high school and college text books on biology of 25 and 30 years ago and read those definitions.

The genes and chromosomes determine what a life form is. That is if the genes are those of a mouse, it will never be a fish. From the time sperm and ovum unite the outcome is determined. When a human male sperm unites with a human ovum the result is a human life form, a human being. It can never be a cat, dog, whale or canary.

Fancy modern terminology does not change the fact that at the time of conception, a human being is conceived. Terminating the life of that human being kills it. Killing a human being is wrong.

Please, do not allow a law to be passed that makes doing wrong legal.

Respectfully submitted

W. C. —

Wolfgang Corduan

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# Alaska State Legislature

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April 25, 1991

Honorable Members of the Committee;

How does one console a mother who has murdered her own child?

The laws of this nation would surely punish such a person.

Yet, this same nation is entertaining and passing laws which make that very crime legal. Abortion is wrong, and legalizing it does not make it right.

Who will help those women who were forced by family, friends, and society to exercise their "free choice" to have an abortion? "Free choice" is not a solution to a problem. Each abortion results in at least two victims - one murdered and the other sentenced to unending emotional suffering.

Please vote against House Bill #268, the "Reproductive Privacy Act".

- 02 Sincerely,

Juneau Coalition for Pro-Choice  
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House Committee on Health, Education and Social Services  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska

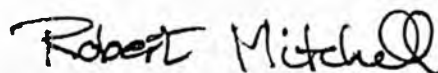
Dear House H.E.S.S. Members,

On behalf of the over 350 members of the Juneau Coalition for Pro-Choice, we urge you to support H.B. 268. The right of access to choice of birth control and to legal abortion must be maintained for all Alaskan women, regardless of their economic status. The life of a woman is inexorably connected to the type of birth control available to her, and to legal abortion. This right cannot be denied to any woman.

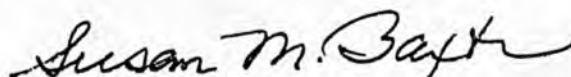
By voting to support this bill, you are making a strong commitment to equality among women in Alaska. We believe that two standards of choice and medical care based on income are not acceptable to the people of Alaska. We strongly agree with the bill's purpose to prevent governmental interference with both the right of all individuals to use birth control and the right to choose childbirth or to obtain a safe and legal abortion.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in this matter.

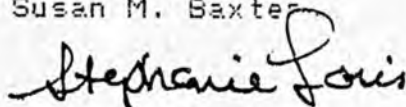
Sincerely,



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I am in favor of the medical assistance program covering alternate health care as well or in lieu of or included in (9) clinic services OR ELSEWHERE. (I believe Medicaide or Medicare should provide services to eligible recipients whether they choose to go to a medical doctor (MD), or alternate health care provider such as NATUROPATH OR HOMEOPATH.) Until such time as the federal government is convinced that the recipient has the right to choose whole person (holistic), non-toxic, health care so his body can heal its self, Alaskans should lead the way in this area. My aged friends who get ill should be able to use their own choice of healer and save the tax payer some cash along the way. At this time those on public assistance with Medicare or Medicaide have not this option.

This is a real need.

Thank you.

Signed:

*D A (Dorothy) Mc Silvary*  
Testifier

myself, as 30year Alaskan, Educator, Mother of seven, believer in  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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Infanticide

committee on H. B. 268 Limitless, dated 4/25/91

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I concur with the logical, well thought out and researched testimony against H. B. 268. It is a very poor attempt on the part of society to take care of problems at the result end instead of approaching solutions at the cause of the problems. We were all taught that two wrongs don't make a right. We were all taught that the end does not justify the means. We were all taught that our nation was founded on the rights of LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. Our nation is singularly (in history) championing the "RIGHTS" of the wrongdoers and neglecting the victims on every front. We must suspend

consideration of all aspects of the legality of murdering unborn babies. We must, then get on to the business of contemplating WHAT IS WRONG WITH OUR SOCIETY, CONSIDER THE REAL CAUSES OF ITS ILL HEALTH AND GET TO THE TASK OF REKNITTING THE MORAL FIBERS WHICH ARE BEING STRAINED AND BROKEN WHICH ONCE PERMEATED OUR CULTURE.

We need to shore up what is left of our moral undergirdings and make our lives secure before, during and in the latter stages of our human lives on earth.

This bill, in addition to all the wonderful testimony this morning, would help in the rapid decline of our lives as we now know them.

Freedom without self discipline, privilege without responsibility, instant gratification without self discipline, responsibility or contemplation.... these are symptoms of ills in our society.

Let's see how we differ in the year 1991 from 1900 to 1950! Let's reverse the trend, at least in Alaska, and begin putting our very culture back on track. The family has always been the basic unity of society. Ponder correction of the cause of the ills and stop bandaiding the symptoms.

For the forces of evil to rule the world, all it takes is enough men, GOOD MEN, to do nothing. I think a GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT IS EMINENT. Let's define sensorship to enhance that which we are exposing everybody to in media, art, education, our homes knowing that we ARE, BELIEVE, ACT OUT what we see and hear. Our youth NEED OUR GOOD EXAMPLE. KILL H.B. 268. CRISIS PREGNANCY OUTPOSTS EXIST IN FOUR ALASKAN CITIES providing care & necessities

Signed:

Testifier Bartholomew (B.A.) McElwain

*Thank you.*

Self, husband, 7 children, Possibly 1000s of unborn babies and childless couples throughout Alaska & USA

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# Alaska State Legislature

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I am a single parent of four children & am below poverty level.  
I am totally opposed to House Bill # 268.  
The way in which this bill has been handled as a rush job and kept under wraps both surprises and offends me.

I don't like the way the words contraception and abortion are used in a side-by-side and interchangeable manner. Abortion is the murder of unborn children and should never be thought of as birth control.

It never fails to amaze me the way abortion is spoken of as though it were some kind of privilege!

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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I cannot believe anyone would want a bill which states its ok. to kill their baby, their grand-baby, or their neighbor's baby. Every child from every ethnic and economical background should have the right to be born once conceived. A teenager's baby is just as precious as a married couple's baby. A teen with an unwanted pregnancy can both give life to her baby & give the baby up for adoption freeing her to go on with her life.

The constitutional rights of Health Care Givers is blatantly threatened by HB 268. Patients seeking health care lose their freedom also. I for one would not want my family to go to a health care facility that aborted children. I urge this committee to give another hearing because of the seriousness of this bill.

Signed: Juianne LaLue  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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*This bill is unconstitutional. Under the guise of protecting some women's rights it totally undermines the rights of parents and especially the undefined rights of children in the womb. Also not addressed are the rights of the fathers of these children. Please protect everyone's constitutional rights and vote against this bill. Thank you.*

Signed: Alice M. Cameron  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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*I cannot in any way shape or form support this bill that provides for the legal killing of innocent life... the unborn child in their mother's womb. I object morally, emotionally and spiritually to this heinous act. It is beyond my comprehension how a nation founded... under God with freedom and justice for all, can condone such a murderous proposal in our country. This is the worst form of child abuse, denying the fundamental right-to-life of the tiny individual for the simple convenience of a form of birth control.*

Signed: Sherrri Schauder  
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# Alaska State Legislature

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*Please see attached typed  
 statement.*

Signed: Vera Zaboiska  
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My name is Vera Zaborske and I'm a registered nurse and am representing Nurses For Life; a pro-life action/ support group made up of health care workers in Sitka, Ak.

I'm presently employed at Sitka Community Hospital where I have made my feelings on abortion known to the administrator, the hospital board, and the D.O.N. I believe that abortion is the taking of a life, and it is against my moral and religious beliefs, and therefore I will not participate in any way in the procedure of abortion. The Alaska Statute section 1816010-4b, "Nothing in this section requires a hospital or person to participate in an abortion, nor is a hospital or person liable for refusing to participate in an abortion under this section." This protected my rights as a citizen, enabling me to not participate in an act which is against my beliefs.

With the changes proposed in House Bill # 268, this right would be taken away (repealed) and there would be no protection for my choice. The other changes in this bill would also repeal sections addressing who can do abortions; where they can be done; parental consent issues; residential issues. These all will effect the safety factor in abortions.

Myself and the health care workers I represent; would like to see all elective abortions outlawed; But since this is not the issue before us at the present time; at least let us preserve our right to refuse participation in an act which we consider to be the taking of a life and against our beliefs.

Please do not pass house bill # 268.

Thank you for your time

Vera Ellen Zaborske  
4-25-91



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As a parent, I have much invested in my children. The government does not have the right to perform a potentially dangerous medical procedure on ~~an~~ <sup>my</sup> minor child without my consent. This bill attempts to say on <sup>page 4</sup> line 25 that the parent or guardian is not liable to pay for this abortion service on their minor child. Yet if I pay taxes & pay for this "service". Will the state assume responsibility for any and all expenses that may result as a complication of this abortion? For example will the state pay for treatment of Post Abortive Stress?

I am against HB 268.

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Abortion is wrong! Our government should not support the killing of the unborn. This is not a matter of privacy its a matter of life and death. This bill would allow abortions with no restrictions. I urge your opposition to this bill. It is extremely liberal with great consequences that will affect our state for years to come.

Our state should be looking

Signed: Shirley Demmett  
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for ways to help women in crisis pregnancies with money, housing, education - adoption should be another great focus of our legislature. Let's focus on life. A life is a terrible thing to waste.

Shirley Demment  
cont.



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As a nurse, Alaskan parent, and Catholic I oppose HB#268 on the grounds that life is not a choice, but a gift. Abuse of the freedom of choice is oppression.  
 As a Nurse, we are to respect and defend human life. If you were to remove my right to refuse to participate in abortions, I would stop nursing.

As an Alaskan parent, and myself an adopted infant, I believe teens who are in crisis pregnancy need the advice and support of their parents. To solve this social problem by murder is ludicrous. Government approved abortions has led to an increase in <sup>of women</sup> poverty, <sup>of children</sup> abuse, and neglect because it eroded respect for life and family values.

As a Catholic (and I say that because I have freedom of speech, choice + religion) I ask you to respect my belief that all life is sacred. When a politician decides who is to live and who is to die, they are defying the laws of God and nature. The killing of an innocent child is NOT natural.

HB#268 abuses freedom of choice and spells blatant oppression. The child is oppressed to death, the killers are oppressed, and the 1.5 million couples waiting to adopt in the U.S. are oppressed. This bill makes me depressed.

Signed: Mary S. Soltis  
 Testifier

unborn children of Sitka

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# Alaska State Legislature

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We fully support <sup>bill/subject Freedom</sup> ~~HB 268~~. Sitka's for Choice has over 500 members. Women have always used abortion as a means of fertility control. Unless women can decide whether and when to have children, it is difficult for them to control their lives or participate fully in society. Legal safe and affordable abortions help us to give them that control. Women will have abortions, whether legal or illegal, whether safe or unsafe.

A lifetime of suffering is too much to demand for any woman's expression of her sexuality. Even if contraception is obtainable, no fertile woman is ever safe from the possibility of unintended pregnancy, since there is no method that is 100% reliable. Even abstinence has its failures since rape exists.

For many women abortion is a positive choice. Having an abortion can be much less traumatic physically and emotionally than having an unwanted child.

Most young mothers have little knowledge of rights. They are accustomed to following the advice of authority figures and are easy prey to those who arrange adoptions. The loss of a child to adoption is a unique kind of unnatural one. Pregnancy should not be a punishment!

Signed: Ruth E. McKenzie Ruth E. McKenzie

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