Dear Sir/Ma'am,

I am a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Anchorage/Juneau. I find this Bill, 1171, to be an atrocity to the human person, especially our children. To allow under-aged children to make these kinds of decisions for themselves, that would affect the rest of their lives, unfathomable. One has to be 18 years of age to vote, 18 to join the military, and 21 to purchase alcohol. How can one possibly think that to allow this bill to pass is good and healthy for our children.

Each and every child needs our protection against the evils of this world.

Please, for the sake of our children, DO NOT allow this bill to pass.

Our future, and the future of our children, depends on HB1171 NOT passing. May our God bless you and guide you in this decision.

> Respectfully, Deacon Desiderio Martinez