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## **SENATOR LYDA GREEN** PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

May 19, 2008

Jim Minnery  
Alaska Family Council  
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Dear Mr. Minnery,

There has been a lot said and written recently about two pieces of legislation concerning the sanctity of life, the partial birth abortion and parental consent bills.

I have had some conversations with people who have received emails and reports on this and related subjects. I am thankful to have the opportunity and privilege to address some of the concerns expressed.

I have consistently supported, co-sponsored and voted for pro-life bills throughout my legislative career. As you know, these two particular bills have been before us in the past. They passed the legislature and were signed by former governors. After each one of them was enacted, the legal challenges began. That process went on for years with the courts overturning our pro-life laws. I supported these bills as well as all other pro-life legislation. I also supported and approved funding to defend pro-life legislation in the courts.

During this year's legislative session, the partial birth abortion and parental consent bills passed the House and came to the Senate. In spite of my many conversations and personal pleas to hold a hearing on the bills, they died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Do I wish the outcome had been different? Absolutely. Will I vote for the bills in any committee I sit on or on the Senate floor? Absolutely.

I have written Governor Palin asking her to add the bills to the call of the special session this summer. She and I have spoken several times about my request and I have assured the Governor that I will make every effort to get these bills to the Senate floor for a vote and that by working together I am confident we can achieve success.

My plan is to contact her again and urge her to add both pro-life bills to the call. If you have any suggestions or recommendations for me, please let me know.

In case the bills are not added to the special session call, I have already pre-filed these two pro-life bills for the 2009 legislative session and I will do everything I can to see them passed.

I have never voted against pro-life legislation. Last session, members of the Senate minority used pro-life bills as political pawns by claiming a procedural vote actually meant something. That is simply not true. Our pro-life issues are too important for political games in the final hours of the session. We must win on pro-life issues; and we must work together - as we have for many, many years - to achieve success on these very critical public policy issues.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message on this important issue. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact me at one of my offices. In Juneau I can be reached at (907) 465-6600, in Wasilla at (907) 376-3370, or at home, (907) 376-4654. You can also contact me by e mail, [senator\\_lyda\\_green@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:senator_lyda_green@legis.state.ak.us)

I look forward to continuing to work with you to protect the lives of the unborn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyda Green". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Lyda Green  
Senate President