

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority vested in me by Art. II, Sec. 15, of the Alaska Constitution, I have vetoed the following bill:

SENATE BILL NO. 13 "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children and pregnant women; and providing for an effective date."

Senate Bill 13 would increase the income ceiling for covering children and pregnant women under Denali KidCare, from 175 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline for Alaska. In doing so, it would also expand eligibility and State government funding for abortions. As a matter of conscience and public policy, I am vetoing SB 13 so as not to expand publicly funded abortions in Alaska. I do not believe this expansion constitutes the proper role of government nor is it in the interests of our people and their inalienable rights.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell
Governor