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**Court Rules Summary on Initiative Misleading
*Orders Lieutenant Governor Rewrite***

ANCHORAGE, AK, March 16, 2010 — The Court today issued its ruling in the matter of *Planned Parenthood and Wingrove v. Campbell*, and agreed that Planned Parenthood and the ACLU of Alaska were right to bring the lawsuit challenging certification of the proposed initiative, which seeks to impose government restrictions on medical care.

The Court stated that that the summary prepared by the Lieutenant Governor was misleading and must be corrected, because it did not tell the voters the full story. The Court also agreed that the initiative contained court rules, in violation of constitutional requirements for Initiatives.

The summary, as included in the petition signature booklets, did not tell voters that – if passed – this initiative would take away rights Alaskans currently have and replace it with additional government mandates; and it did not tell the voters that doctors, rather than being concerned about providing the very best care to their patients, will now have to worry about being subject to felony convictions.

In essence the thousands of voters who signed these petitions were misled. Alaska voters were not given an accurate summary of what they were signing.

The following may be attributed to Planned Parenthood and the ACLU of Alaska: “We are very troubled by this – because we know that when Alaskans understand what this proposed initiative really does: putting government right in the middle of the most personal family decisions; and putting thousands of teen at risk, Alaskans will join us in rejecting it. Our legal team is considering how to move forward.”

A copy of the ruling is included.

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