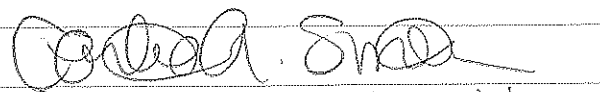


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Dear Representative Young,

I am writing to thank you for your voice and time yesterday. My name is Carlie Smith from Valdez, Alaska, and we met with you through the Close-Up Program. I found your opinion on abortion and stem-cell research intriguing and was very pleased with your reasoning as to why you did not believe it was a conflict of interest. Although I did not believe it was fair or acceptable to read one quarter of a page of a two-thousand and seven hundred page document, which is ~~1/10,000~~  $\frac{1}{10,000}$ th of the whole picture, I was happy that you openly expressed your opinion. ~~One thing I was not pleased with was how~~ ~~forcefully you pushed your opinion onto the group that met you, but~~ overall you were by far the most impressive representative and I am entirely grateful to have been given the privilege to converse with you.

With the utmost respect,

  
Carlie A. Smith.