Dear House Committees on Human Services and Judiciary,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my voice with the throng of those who are advocating for life inside and outside the womb. I am a Vermont resident and a local pastor. H.57 is a horrific piece of legislation and should not be passed into law for several reasons; allow me to submit one for your consideration:

The United States has never (prior to 1973) legislated any laws that could lead to infanticide as easily as Roe v. Wade. Yes, Roe v. Wade has led here to this shocking moment. A moment in which the life of the baby is unprotected even outside the womb. Chesterton once noted that before removing a fence we must ask why it was put there in the first place. If Vermont removes protections for babies that are viable outside the womb, we must ask why protections were there in the first place. Your state residents deserve to know why their children are being considered sub-human. Killing babies, whether in the womb or outside the womb is infanticide and should not be legislated into law. While the Bible is clear about the evils of the H.57 bill based on the Biblical teaching of the sanctity of human life (see Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 45:9-11; Luke 1:41, 44), your honest clarity is lacking. You serve the people of Vermont (even future residents). Passing this bill under the façade of so-called 'right to abortion' rhetoric not only undermines the rights of the baby, it continues progressing us all further toward the day when all human life (even adult life) will be deemed expendable by the state. Yes, the H57 bill has the potential to lead to a holocaust. Please keep the protections for the baby in place.

Please do not allow H.57 to become law. It will only destroy lives.

Respectfully submitted,

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