

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of the town of Georgia, VT about House bill H.57 on an act relating to preserving the right to abortion. Due to work obligations I am currently unable to attend the hearing scheduled for this Wednesday February 6.

As a concerned citizen and father of five children myself I feel deeply that enacting this legislation is a mistake and moral failure of the highest degree.

At no point in the history of the world has it ever been considered a moral good for one part of society (in this case those who want abortion to be legal) to summarily decide that members of another part of society are not human (in this case children from the time they are conceived until such a time as the state confers on them the status of "human") and thus to inflict upon them either the oppression of their rights or the killing of their bodies.

In every case that I can think of history has ultimately risen to condemn such actions. Whether we are talking about Americans and Western Europeans against Africans in the slave trade, the Nazi party against the Jews in WWII, or the perpetrators of any of the mass genocides of the 18th, 19th 20th or 21st centuries. In every case actions like the ones advocated in H.57 have been roundly condemned as evil in the generations that follow.

In H.57 the human child has been denied the rights and status its very existence demands and indeed has always had until modern medicine made abortion a widely available possibility. The decision to deny humanity to these defenseless children is every bit as abominable as any other decision in history that robbed one people group of its humanity for the benefit of another.

If there is anything that our own struggle for civil rights here in the United States has taught us is that it is NEVER ok for one group of people to decide that another group of people are not human for any reason.

Our society has no more evidence of the non-humanity of babies than slave owners or Nazi party officials had for the non-humanity or inferiority of Africans and non-Arian people groups. On this basis I want to call each of you to defend those who have no means of defending themselves by both speaking out in opposition to and voting against these bills.

There are many reasons that bill H.57 should not be approved, but the chief and most basic reason is this denial of human status to a group that has every right to possess it.

Respectfully,
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