Hello,

I am writing to urge you to stop progress on bill H.57. This bill is not what Vermonters want or need. To state the an unborn person has no rights is a very slippery slope, that once enacted has many very grave uses and consequences. It is also not constitutional to say that a viable baby does not have a right to live. To allow unecombered abortion is a path to enslaving women. There are numerous studies done that show the mental struggles of women who have abortions. Vermont already fails to meet the mental health needs of its residents. Allowing this bill to move forward is not compassion, but harmful. Harmful to the mother, the murdered child, and society. This bill takes away the true empowerment of women. It is not empowerment to give women an option that releases responsibility of bad choices, instead, empowerment is teaching woman to be responsible to begin with. To learn how to say no to unprotected sex if they do not wish to care for a child. To be educated about the science that shows what time during their cycle is most likely to lead to pregnancy. To make birth control choices before they are pregnant, not after.

As a sister, niece, friend, and mother of those that have chosen abortion, I have seen the unintended consequences of abortion. Infertility issues, major mental health issues, feelings of betrayal, anguish, and depression to name a few. My aunt had an abortion a few years after Roe Vs Wade, and she is still broken over her choice, and was never able to conceive again. My sister who 10 years ago had an abortion, suffers from major depression disorder due to her feeling an outcast from the pro choice movement because she grieved after the abortion.

This bill needs much more time and thought through the consequences of protected abortion through delivery. The consequences both intended and unintended. Please vote no on this and make it clear that it needs much more study done to ensure safety of all vermonters.

Thank you

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