To the House Committees on Human Services and Judiciary:

H.57 is against Article 1st of the Vermont Constitution which states "That <u>all</u> men are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and <u>defending life</u> and liberty". H.57 does not defend life. It does not include all people because some of them are aborted by their mothers. H.57 allows, no not allows, rather through taxpayer money and services, H.57 endorses a mother to kill life.

H.57 is against Article 3rd of the Vermont Constitution which states "That all men have a natural and unalienable right, to worship Almighty God, according to the dictates of their own consciences and understandings, as in their opinion shall be regulated by the Word of God... and that no authority can, or ought to be vested in, or assumed by, any power whatever, that shall in any case interfere with, or in any manner controul the rights of conscience." H.57 is clearly against God and the Word of God.

H.57 gives a mother the supposed "right" to kill life which is against the conscience of those who believe in God and God's Word. This is against Article 3rd of the Vermont Constitution. H.57 violates the Vermont Constitution by endorsing abortion and requiring that Vermont tax payers fund a mother to have an abortion. H.57 is an egregious violation of conscience.

H.57 is a bad bill. We say we are for immigration. A newly born child is a type of an immigrant, who is a person that has moved to another country. We say we are for freedom, yet H.57 is a freedom to kill life. Killing a poor helpless life with no defense is not a freedom that should be legal. H.57 takes away every defense life in the womb has been given by God. We say that killing is wrong, yet H.57 declares killing to be a "fundamental right". H.57 is wrong. We say that we are for helping the poor, the needy, and the helpless, yet H.57 kills the neediest, most helpless and most defenseless. We say we are for civil rights, yet H.57 declares legal the most barbaric of documented killing procedures. H.57 is not civil and it is not moral. H.57 is evil.

H.57 is illogical. If the same fetus at the same growth is outside of the womb it is a baby and tremendous effort will be made to save a life. Why does the State of Vermont want to take the responsibility of making the womb the most dangerous place for life? Is the State of Vermont demanding that a medical Doctor who has taken a Hippocratic Oath to preserve life expected to go against his or her conscience to kill life? There are many people on waiting lists in this State to adopt an unwanted child. Adoption agencies have a shortage of babies for adoption. There are many free contraceptive methods available and widely promoted at taxpayer costs for mothers. There is no need to kill a life that is unwanted by the mother. There are many free resources available now. H.57 is illogical.

H.57 is dangerous. H.57 puts the value of a life on the basis of a person's will. If a mother's will is to kill, then a life perishes. This is a precedent. It is Hitler-esc. It is opening the door to all sorts of evil. The value of a life is <u>independent</u> of another person's will. The Vermont Constitution calls the right to life inalienable. Inalienable means not transferable to another or not capable of being taken away or denied. H.57 is the opposite. H.57 is against the founding principles of the State of Vermont. H.57 is a dangerous and bad bill.

We will not vote for any person that votes for H.57.

Respectfully Submitted By,

John MacDonald

Bennington, VT