

I am writing today in opposition to H.57, an act relating to preserving the right to an abortion. First and foremost, it makes me feel sick that we are militantly strengthening the laws that allow us to kill babies in the name of "reproductive rights." What kind of a sadistic society have we become that we can so callously end the life of another human being just because we feel like it, just because we can, just because it's convenient, just because we don't want to be aware of what we are really doing, just because we don't want to deal with consequences, just because we don't want to sacrifice for someone else. Vermont laws provide for better treatment of animals than this. We have laws against throwing our food scraps in the garbage, and yet killing a baby and carelessly throwing it away is a fundamental right.

There's quite a bit of anti-war activism in Vermont, yet look at this war that is being waged against the unborn. Vermont doesn't have the death penalty and public sentiment appears to be in opposition to capital punishment, yet the state's current abortion practices and the proposed H.57 condemns each and every unwanted fetus to the death penalty.

I have to write a note to the school nurse for my child to be given a cough drop, and yet someone could take my underage daughter to have an abortion performed and I would have no legal recourse.

What about an individual who is coerced into having an abortion, will the individual have no recourse? What about an individual who is attacked in an attempt to harm the fetus, will the individual have no recourse because the fetus has no fundamental rights?

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