

Dear Legislator:

This is to let you know my view on the H57 legislation. I am a woman. As a woman I have many choices and opportunities, especially when it comes to deciding whether or not to have sex. There are many choices I can make to aid me from getting pregnant. I am not suppressed in any way. I am pro-choice. However, abortion is not one of those choices. Once there is another human life involved, then I as a person must not take another's life. This is not a religious debate. This is a life. Science has proven so.

I was at the hearing at the Statehouse on February 6, 2019. That was my birthday. I have a birthday because my mother and my father chose life.

I thought that the pro-abortion speakers did their due diligence and helped me to understand where they were coming from. I heard many different stories from the pro side that talked of devastating circumstances in women's lives where abortion helped to 'solve' their problem. However, I did not hear any single mention of the baby, *that* life, involved on the pro side.

I do not think that abortion is a solution to a woman's situation of being pregnant. There is much damage that is done to a woman psychologically, emotionally, physiologically and even physically. At some point in their life they will have to come to term with that.

This law does not aid women. It flat out hinders them. It allows for women in society to be viewed as disposable, to be discarded. It enslaves women. It does not help women grow in self-esteem, nor does it help to nurture their womanhood. It lets two people not have to take responsibility for their actions.

Tomorrow night I am going for training at Birthright. This is an organization run by a mere 3 people who assist young pregnant woman and walk along with them as they seek the answer on whether or not to have an abortion. My role will be NOT to sway them to have the child, but to aid them in letting them know they do have options, that they are not alone, and that they are loved.

How about some legislation that is all about love? Instead of the end game and the quick fix that is abortion, how about legislation to help our precious youth understand and know that they matter, help them grow in their self-esteem, nurture their dignity, know that they are *truly* loved. To understand that sex does not equal love. That their unique being is precious and special. That they have the right to be treated with respect.

Please do the right thing by voting against H57. Please do everything you can to protect our youth from the very beginning of their rightful existence.

Respectfully,
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