

We have read H.57 and am in full support of it as written.

Few, if any, women want to have an abortion. However, it sometimes is the best and only option for an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy. No one but the woman herself (with the help of trained professionals) has the right to decide what is the best for her to do.

Many of the most vocal opponents of abortion are not supportive of government assistance for children in poverty. Women also need affordable (for their income level) ways to obtain their choice of contraception--again, not usually supported by anti-abortionists. Restricting access to abortions, only causes women to seek dangerous ways to end their pregnancy which increases mortality for these women. Decisions about whether to proceed or terminate a pregnancy should be made by the woman herself with the aid of a healthcare provider.

Thank you and I hope this bill gets the support it deserves.

Sincerely,
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