

We are Richard and Claudette Kettinger. We're writing this to inform you of our opposition to H.57.

Those legislators who intend to vote on and see that this bill is passed, should be forced to personally witness an abortion of a fully viable baby. If you vote for this you will have the blood of every baby that is aborted on your hands and will stand before God just as guilty of murder as those that are performing the abortions.

We were sickened when our local representative, Scott Beck stated that he supports the bill and that Roe v. Wade and that Planned Parenthood are a "benefit." He stated that according to the data and analysis he's seen, that since the 1970's the number of abortions performed in the U.S. has decreased from 3 million to 1.2 million (per year). To put that into perspective, 1.2 million is approximately double the estimated 2019 Vermont population of 624,263. According to CDC, in 2015 the total number of abortions reported was 638,169. Just imagine every resident of Vermont being killed in the period of one year. There would be an outcry yet this is what is taking place in our nation to the most vulnerable, the unborn.

"Between 1970 and 2015, CDC reports nearly 45.7 million legal induced abortions. Note that there is a large decrease in reported abortions between 1997 and 1998. This is because CDC's reporting areas were reduced from 52 in 1997 to 47 in 1998. The actual decline from 1997 to 1998 in those 47 reporting areas was only 2%." (taken from Wikipedia - Abortions Statistics in the United States)

Before and during WWII, the Nazis killed over 6 million innocent Jews. They had no say in their deaths. They were considered of no value. For a long time the world stood by and did nothing. That's exactly what we have done here in the United States since Roe v. Wade. The number of innocent babies killed, who had no say in their deaths, is almost 8 times greater. Where is the outrage?

H.57 "proposes to recognize as a fundamental right the freedom of reproductive choice and to prohibit public entities from interfering with or restricting the right of an individual to terminate the individual's pregnancy."

No matter what you call it, abortion is the taking of a human life and is murder.

God have mercy on our state and our nation.

Sincerely,
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