

Good morning Jim

I appreciate the fact that you are in Montpelier representing our town, the Town of Chittenden. I am concerned regarding the abortion issue and the direction the State of Vermont is headed with this issue. I would be at the State house tonight but due to the impending sleet storm tonight I am fairly sure that I will not be there. The storm may not be as I understand it might be, and then I will wish that I had attended.

I would like to state my position. An unborn is a human. There are rare cases where I would agree to take the life of any human. Just because we cannot see an unborn, is no reason to say that this form is not a human, it breathes, has heart beat, and can feel emotion. I cannot speak with certainty in every case, I have read when the life of an unborn is taken, the unborn is in pain due to the method, which results in torture. On the other hand, I have read of a person in the electric chair or receiving the fatal injection and not dying immediately and there is a great uproar due to being inhuman. The difference between the unborn and the person in the electric chair or receiving the fatal injection is great. The unborn cannot stand up for himself (herself). Who is going to defend the unborn? For the person that supposedly committed a serious crime has the legal system defending him, if he cannot afford legal defense, one will be provided for this person at the tax payers expense.

I would cite the Terry King case from Rutland. I was working with her husband the day this tragedy happened. Consider the cost to the public these trials have cost. Consider the emotional & physical suffering that Terry went through before she died! The emotional trauma the family has been through as a result of the court system to make sure that the perpetrator is given his full rights.

The unborn has no rights nor is there any legal system to protect him. If the State of Vermont does not protect the unborn, who will?

Thank you for listening.

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