

H-57 represents the death knell for "The Brave Little State."
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Dear Members of the Committee,

President Calvin Coolidge waxed poetic about the people of Vermont and famously called our shared home, "The Brave Little State of Vermont."
Coolidge held firm ideas about the character of the people of Vermont and believed they shared values he held dear.

During his 1924 acceptance speech at the Republican Convention, Coolidge courted the female vote: "I know the influence of womanhood will guard the home, which is the citadel of the nation. I know it will be a protector of childhood, I know it will be on the side of humanity. I welcome it as a great instrument of mercy and a mighty agency of peace. I want every woman to vote."

H-57 represents the death knell for "The Brave Little State" reflecting the decency of Coolidge's Vermont, and would usher in "The Blue Little State" of a people who would deny a child life on his or her birthday.
This extreme interpretation of a "woman's right to choose" would tragically codify into Vermont's Constitution the belief that unborn, full-term babies have no value, worth, protection or rights under the law.

In a recent editorial, Attorney Deb Bucknam shared her legal analysis of what the H 57 bill (as written) will permit, "...the unrestricted right to kill a child for any reason, up to the moment of birth. Abortion for sex selection purposes, organ harvesting, medical research or experimentation, or even for eugenics will all be beyond the reach of the law." (<http://truenorthreports.com/the-ugly-face-of-progressivism>)

Dr. David McKnight, a board certified OB/GYN for 30 years, stated in the wake of New York's abortion law that there is never a medical reason to kill a baby at term. "The decision to kill an unborn baby at term is purely for convenience. It is murder." (<https://www.liveaction.org/news/new-york-abortion-medical-evil/>).

Due to the zeal of 91 Legislators to protect a "woman's right to choose," your committee is considering altering the Vermont Constitution to permit the unrestricted right to kill an unborn child. The push for Late-Term Abortion goes beyond a choice, it takes our entire society into the realm of accepting Infanticide.

The H-57 Bill is an extreme misrepresentation of the people of Vermont.

With great regret that there even exists a need for this letter to be written,

Eileen Foster