

To whom it may concern,

I, a Vermont resident am and will forever be against the H.57 bill. I am a mother to a beautiful 18 month old daughter. She is a person and was a person still inside my womb. I heard her heartbeat, I felt her kicks and jabs. I saw her wiggle and dance around at ultrasounds. She could hear my voice and my heart beat. My body gave her nourishment. I gave birth to a completely helpless and innocent baby girl who made my world a little brighter.

Unborn babies are people. It doesn't matter whether they are wanted or not and whether the mother believes she can care for the baby or not. They deserve the rights that we so freely have as people. Each one of us was born and given the chance to take our first breaths. We were allowed to grow and learn and become a member of society. We were given the opportunity to make decisions and to stand for what we believe in. Each one of us have a beating heart inside our chests. All of these unborn babies do as well. The only difference between us and them is that they haven't yet passed through the birth canal and into this crazy dangerous world. Who are we to decide whether they live or die? We are not God nor do we have the right to act as God.

There are families in this world wishing for children of their own and are not able to biologically reproduce. There are women in this world who can not become pregnant but everything inside of them yearns and groans for a child of their own. These babies never asked to be conceived. It's not their fault they were created. How dare we say that they don't matter. It's unbelievably so bad in this world that even animals have more rights than these babies. Babies who could one day be scientists, teachers, doctors, president, etc. These babies who are being aborted have something that they could very well contribute to our society and maybe make the world a better place. They could grow to solve world hunger, find world peace, cure diseases, etc. And here we are killing them off.

To abort a baby especially up to the 9 month mark is outrageous and I think it should have never been proposed.

Once the heart beat is in existence the mother is carrying a living being! A human being! Please, please do not pass this bill. These babies who can not speak or act out on their behalf need people who can. I am one of those people who can and I know I am not the only one.

Thank you for your time and for listening to what I have to say.

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