

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen

I come to you humbly, acknowledging your role as enforcers of law and justice as detailed in Romans 13:1-7. My name is James McGrath and I am a servant of Jesus Christ and a resident of the town of Bakersfield.

Vermont has a rich tradition of defending life. In article one of the Vermont Constitution which was written in 1793 states "That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty..."

The article also goes on to outlaw slavery which for the time was highly progressive. Even in recent history, Vermont has been a destination for many of the world's refugees to experience protection and the promise of the American dream.

We have now come to a crossroads where we feel like we have the right to sign into legislation whether we can allow the termination of an innocent life for whatever reason or no reason at all. At the moment when we are created and "knit in our mother's womb..." we have all the material we need to be human. All building material, DNA, and genes are in us. The only difference is we are small. It is biblical and biological fact that we are human at this point. To question otherwise would be ignorant to the facts.

We take great strides in this state to enhance life through social net programs to ensure that people who need help can have it so it would be very contradictory to allow this bill to pass.

Please carefully consider these facts before deciding this overreaching and murderous legislation. You are