

Hello Selene,

I wanted to personally thank you for cosponsoring H57 in this legislative session, which supports a woman's unrestricted right to choose what medical care to receive when terminating a pregnancy, without interference from the government. I am not able to attend today's hearings in Montpelier, but hope that this email can be received into the record as written comments in favor of the bill.

With the current national political climate, and the conservative shift of the federal Supreme Court, a woman's right to abortion is in extreme danger. I am so fortunate to live in a state like Vermont where our state government is determined to protect a woman's right to choose. As a young woman, I had an abortion. I have no regrets about this decision whatsoever. It was the right choice for me at that moment in my life and my life is what it is today because I chose not to have a child when I was not ready. Because I was able to choose to terminate a pregnancy, I have gone on to be a successful working woman with two children of my own.

In today's Vermont Digger newsletter, I read two opinion pieces in opposition to H57 because it does not restrict abortion in any way. Of course these two opinion pieces were both written by men. The government has no business whatsoever in a woman's medical decision making. Those decisions rightly should be left to the woman and her medical provider. Any observer of abortion law since Roe knows that every little restriction written into abortion laws only makes women's access to this critical medical procedure more difficult and cumbersome. I trust women, not the government, to know what choice is the right one for themselves.

On behalf of myself, my daughter and all Vermont women, thank you so much for supporting this bill.

Your neighbor,  
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