

Greetings,

I am writing this to ask you **not** to vote in favor of bill H.57. Our laws allow for abortion, but this bill goes too far.

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT 6 The General Assembly intends this act to safeguard the right to abortion in Vermont by ensuring that right is not denied, restricted, or infringed by a governmental entity.

It seems to me that this places no limit on the time in which an abortion could be committed.

I do not think that unrestricted abortion through all nine months of pregnancy is something which would benefit the people of Vermont. It is unfortunate that our society does not value human life enough to protect children in the womb, but to kill children who are able to live outside the womb is unconscionable.

It would be better if we did more to help families who struggle with the care of a baby, or provide places where children might be cared for with love. Perhaps making adoption a more affordable process would open the door to loving homes.

As a society we need to care for the most vulnerable in our society-including mothers and children. Your time would be better spent creating bills that would provide this type of aid.

Thank you for your consideration,

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