

I am writing in opposition to bill H.57.

The Vermont House's attempt to guarantee in perpetuity the barbaric act of legalizing the killing of babies, up to and including just prior to birth: has shown how deep in depravity they have sunk.

The further evidence of this slow fade is that the most important item of business for our legislators in 2019 is to make sure babies can still be killed in Vermont should Roe v Wade be overturned on a Federal level.

In the 2018 legislative session , citizens were told that their rights needed to be stripped to protect children in schools. Our politicians were "shaken to their cores", over potential school shootings. H.57 is a proclamation that babies ( children) will have no protection afforded them and in fact that those involved in killing them will have complete protection.

It would appear to me that the same politicians who were devastated enough last year by these potential school shootings to enact laws that do nothing to actually stop violence, have decided this year to make sure the violent act of killing babies is legally protected.

In 2018 the legislature passed laws to raise the age of an individual to purchase firearms and required background checks for a family member to gift a firearm to another family member. Yet H.57 would continue to protect the right for abortion by a minor without parental knowledge or consent and furthermore performed by a "non-physician" without medical credentials.

The term "shall not be infringed upon" meant nothing to the legislators when they enacted gun laws that violated Constitutional rights, yet are used in the wording of H.57 to "guarantee" abortion's protection. Disgusting.

In closing it is clear to me a very alarming direction the VT Legislature is heading. There is little regard for the Articles laid out in our VT Constitution, the first of which is inalienable ( God given), right to defend life, liberty and property. Instead of our elected representatives defending those liberties they choose to introduce Bills like H.57 that remove the right to life.

No matter how you slice it, abortion is the termination of life, human life. To end that life is wrong and barbaric. To quote Dr. Suess' character Horton, "A person's a person no matter how small"

.To protect abortion and all those involved in it through H.57 shows me our politicians are truly hypocritical as they cry "save our children from guns" one year and " protect the right to kill our children " in the next.

Sincerely,  
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