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DEAR REPRESENTATIVE PUGH AND COMMITTEE,

I am writing to you today, in hopes that you will reconsider the proposed bill H.57 and consider the consequences that it will have on Vermonters.

- Many women that have had abortions, later go on to deal with the emotional and physical consequences of their decisions. This is evident by the number of support groups that now exists dealing with post abortion issues. Here are just a couple online resources: Please visit www.silentnomoreawareness.org where Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, is there campaign spokesperson. Visit www.afterabortion.com to view the millions of posts of woman seeking comfort. Clearly, if there exists a need for these groups, abortions have brought on suffering, that many women are trying to cope with. According to Guttmacher Institute research, 92% of abortions in America are purely elective – Done on healthy women to end the lives of healthy babies. Only 7% of women reported their abortion was due to health reasons of the mother or baby, and less than a half a percent was due to rape. There seems to be disconnect between having an abortion and living with the after effects. I would argue that woman are not thoroughly pre abortion educated on the post effects of abortion. This bill does not address the full wellbeing of women.
- Another fault I find with this bill is this section; (c) A fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus shall not have independent rights under Vermont law.
In an amazing age of scientific advances, where we perform pre delivery surgeries on babies for a variety of issues, how do we deny the unborn, the right to life? Babies in the womb can undergo surgeries to correct defects, to then be born and live happy productive lives in our society. They are human in all sense of the word and deserve our protection. This doesn't have to be "baby vs woman." For both parties involved, historical evidence suggests that it is better for both to choose life. If we truly are a caring society and want what's best for woman we need to deny H.57.

Please consider the emotional and physical consequences to what you are proposing.

Woman and child deserve that right!

Thank you for your time,

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