

To Whom It May Concern

I am opposed to Bill H.57 currently being debated in the Vermont House. I am pro-life and believe ALL life is valuable from the point of conception through LIVE birth. I believe an unborn baby with a heartbeat is a VIABLE life, and not just a fetus. I believe a baby should have the right to life outside the womb and if a mother cannot care for the baby, then give families who desire children but cannot have their own, to have an opportunity to adopt and raise children as opposed to ending an innocent life at the hands of abortion (murder).

In Jeremiah 1:5 the word of the Lord stated - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." I believe all humans are created in the image of God, created by God, and life and death are ordained according to God's plan and timetable, not that of man.

I believe a baby (in late stages of pregnancy) SHOULD BE SAVED in any instance and in the case where a mother's life allegedly may be threatened, there is ALWAYS a way to safely deliver a baby without harm to the mother and afford the opportunity for that baby to have his/her chance at quality of life with a loving family.

I believe any abortion, at any stage of gestation, for purposes of harvesting baby parts for sale, research, etc. is DESPICABLE and should be processed as a criminal offense.

It is not my place to judge the actions of those who involve themselves with abortion. God is the ONLY JUDGE to whom we ALL will face one day and answer for our own individual actions and resulting consequences.

Please do NOT allow the passage of H.57.

Respectfully submitted,
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