

TESTIMONY AGAINST H.57 ~ February 6, 2019
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I will be able to testify at
the Hearing.
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My name is Kathleen Grange, a legal resident of Graniteville, and I am speaking out against the passage of H.57. With great sadness and dismay, I see that H.57 is sponsored by 90 elected Representatives. Nothing in H.57 protects women or children and would make Vermont the most anti-life state in the Nation. Is this truly who we are? Is this what our State stands for? The answers from myself and many other concerned Vermonters is a resounding NO! We hear the word "bullying" and say we must stop it, but with H.57 I find the elected Legislators giddy with excitement that they have taken over the House and Senate, have taken over the "Peoples' House," and feel empowered to push through such immoral laws as H.57. Stop pandering to the abortion industry.

I went into labor at 30 weeks....10 weeks before my child's due date and delivered a baby boy weighing 3 pounds, 3 ounces. He was rushed to Children's Hospital where he received excellent medical care, and where he was connected to many life saving devices. Yes, he did feel pain and had to be medicated and had to be on a respirator as his lungs were not fully developed. After several weeks, even though he was still medicated, our little 3 pound 3 ounce baby had found the strength to pull out his respirator tube. The doctor said they were monitoring him closely and didn't want to put the tube in right away because of his size and potential trauma and damage to his body. To everyone's amazement, he never went back on the respirator. He responded to the voices of his parents and his older brothers...he loved to be touched while in the incubator....and eventually he started nursing and was able to come home. But at every moment of my pregnancy and at every moment since his premature birth, he was and still is an individual person with rights and dignity.

Have you ever seen the cruel reality of an abortion? Medical instruments are stuck into a woman's body, and many times not guided by a sonogram, and the abortion surgery can even be done by a doctor who is not licensed or done by any other person. Later in a pregnancy when the baby is larger, the child is torn apart limb by limb and the head crushed in the womb for easier removal. Then a nurse or other employee is charged with piecing the child back together, limb by limb, to make sure no parts are remaining in the mother. Or if the child is born alive during an abortion, the child could be left to die or killed by the abortionist after delivery—clearly infanticide. Using surgical scissors to snip the spinal cord of a baby born alive is one way of ending their life. I wanted to bring in some surgical scissors, but I know the State House security would consider them a lethal weapon.....and rightly so.....why I couldn't even bring in my purse while attending this hearing. I have attached a picture of a baby estimated at a gestational age of 28 weeks who survived an abortion and then scissors were plunged into his neck and then his spinal cord was snipped. This murdered baby is about the same age and size of my child born prematurely at 30 weeks; what a sharp contrast between a society that legalizes the murder of children in the womb or killed after being born alive and between a society that welcomes, defends, and protects the lives of unborn babies.

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Several years ago in Vermont there were 215 animals and plants with legal protection, but unborn babies had NO LEGAL PROTECTION. Now for a 2019 legal status update, there is a bill before the Vermont Legislature to protect animals from non-medical experimentation, while another bill would leave the human fetus without any individual rights—including protection from research and experimentation. Unbelievable..... a proposed Vermont law would protect lab rats and mice but **still no protection** seen for human fetuses....for human babies....for our brothers and sisters.

VOTE NO ON H.57.

Kathleen Grange



Photo of Gosnell victim: Baby Boy B
(Evidence from Gosnell murder trial)

Allegedly, the abortionist murdered hundreds of children who survived the abortion and were born alive by plunging scissors into the neck and then "snipping" the spinal cord. The medical examiner told the grand jury that he estimated gestational age of 'Baby Boy B' to be 28 weeks.