

To whom it may concern,

My name is Nicole Carrier from Barre and I am about to be 21 at the end of the month. I attend college at Northern Vermont University-Lyndon studying Applied Psychology and Human Services along with Criminal Justice. I am engaged to be married in June to Zachary Shaw.

I am writing to express my views because I want my voice to be heard on behalf of the babies whose voices can't be. I think it is incredibly sick that any life isn't treated equally. We live in an extremely progressive era, which I am super proud to be a part of in terms of social and racial equality, and I believe EVERY life should be valued the same- including the unborn. The way I see it is that if we wouldn't do something to a baby on the outside of the womb, why is it okay or justifiable to do it when they are on the inside of the womb? They have the same identity, feelings, emotions, and features on the inside as they do after they are born, and that is what breaks my heart that it is even considered to perform abortions, especially late term for any reason. Being pro-life means that I value the life of the baby and the mother/family involved equally, which doesn't give anyone the upper hand in deciding who dies and who gets to live. The whole idea of "my body my choice" has never made sense to me, because if it was "your body" you would be the one dying, not the baby whose life is ripped away for convenience or any other reason permitted.

I hope that the voices of these precious lives are heard and that their lives are valued as much as they should be- as much as we all are. I thank you for taking the time to read my view and values regarding this bill.

Sincerely,

Nicole Carrier