

**Clear Statement:**

As Faithful Catholics, we oppose HR57 and unrestricted access to abortion at any stage of pregnancy.

**Stated Legislative Intent:**

The General Assembly intends this act to safeguard the right to abortion in Vermont by ensuring that right is not denied, restricted or infringed by a government entity.

**Comment:**

There is nothing in this proposed Legislative Intent that even recognizes that there is another important point of view that states that Life is indeed, even unborn infants, something very precious & that the State of Vermont even values Life at all. This proposed Vermont Law is very contrary to our Country's Declaration of Independence as restated below.

**Our Declaration of Independence states:**

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are LIFE, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.** — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

In other words this law & Legislative Intent is all about the Vermont General Assembly legislating the abortion, one sided, "Pro Death" belief upon all of the citizens of Vermont. The State of Vermont is attempting to become an all-in "Pro Death" (not Pro Choice") State and in many regions of Vermont Law our State is already a "Pro Death" State. This is indeed a very sad state of affairs showing how far the State of Vermont has descended in caring for its most vulnerable citizens, the unborn and nearly born citizens. These unborn & nearly born citizens are deemed to have no value to anyone and can be discarded at the whim of any individual. There is no unalienable Right to Life proposed in this Vermont Law at all only an unalienable Right to Death is provided.

This proposed Vermont Law directly contradicts the certain unalienable Rights of LIFE, LIBERTY & pursuit of Happiness guaranteed by our Declaration of Independence.

Sincerely,  
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