

I am a long time Vt resident (1975 until the present) I support H 57.

I was a school administrator for 20 years, born 1945 in MA. Pregnant as hs (1963) senior, I had to face arranging for an abortion secretly, illegally, to take place in a clandestine alley using a vacuum extractor, or be placed in a home to deliver the baby. Luckily, I miscarried while in the midst of my AP English exam. I moved on to Brown and graduated in 1967. Thank god for birth control. My roommate didn't enjoy my good fortune but became pregnant senior year. We drove her to Palisades, NJ where she had an abortion. She subsequently almost hemorrhaged to death. I am 100 % behind your effort. I was the Democratic town chair for many years.

Sorry not to be at rallies but I have rheumatoid arthritis and osteo and can't navigate well. I am together otherwise and urge you all forward with the support of pretty much every female friend and relative I have. We need to send this generation of misogynistic patriarchs and their religious supporters a clear message: that no matter our age, American Women will not cede control of our bodies to the state regardless of how it legally attempts to usurp our power. RBG: "The emphasis must be not on the right to abortion but on the right to privacy and reproductive control."

If you need me to testify in hearings I will.

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