

I have always considered myself to be pro-choice but am appalled at the introduction of late term abortions- seemingly right up to birth. I oppose this legislation.

This Bill has been introduced, due to the concern of many, that Roe vs. Wade may be overturned at the federal level sometime in the future. H-57 as currently written, goes well beyond Roe vs. Wade by protecting the unrestricted right of abortion up to the point of delivery. Many feel this bill is unnecessary since the right to abortion in Vermont already exists and currently there are no statutes to limit a woman's right to abortion at any stage of development. In addition, this bill affirmatively states that "a fertilized egg, embryo or fetus shall not have independent rights under Vermont law". I am particularly troubled by this portion of the bill, which has one group of society making another group of society as irrelevant and without standing.

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