

## **Testimony of Lyn Wood, resident of Colchester, regarding Senate Proposition 5**

I wish to give testimony in opposition to H57 and Senate Proposition 5.

I respect and acknowledge the true nature of a feminist. I am one.

As a mother of seven and a practicing registered architect in Vermont for 30 years, I would like to emphasize the importance of our environment. Specifically, the power of our feminine nature that impacts the environment. Looking at the entire history of human life, the intervention to prevent pregnancy, with a vast array of contraceptive options, is relatively recent and significant, resulting in a sexual revolution with deep implications to our environment. Contraception has failed. It has not reduced poverty. It has not reduced divorce. It has not reduced abortion.

Contraception has stripped women of true power, chemically altering her body at her cost. The significant impact of the quantity of artificial hormones passing through women to our water source is devastating, but rarely discussed.

Contraception has failed, which is the cause for H 57 and Senate Propostion 5.

When contraception fails, the self-gratifying sexual act has resulted in the creation of an innocent life. H 57 and Senate Proposition 5 offer abortion as a solution to this "failure." This is often accomplished with vast amounts of artificial hormones. It divides the nature of women, dividing a mother from child. To take a life. It terminates an innocent life that was created by those who should be responsible for that life.

H 57 and Senate Proposition 5 are unjust. When will this end? When will human self-gratification be satisfied? How many innocents will be laid to rest and where and when will we learn to love?

The seeking of love will never be satisfied by selfish pleasure. Love is an act of giving, not taking. It is not taking life, it is giving life.

I challenge all you who identify as feminist to truly embrace this nature of your feminism and oppose H 57 and Senate Proposition 5 to save our environment and allow life to flourish.