

FEBRUARY 7th 2019

TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE VT HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
CONCERNING H. 57

I ARRIVED AT THE STATEHOUSE YESTERDAY AT 4:15 AFTER WORK, HOPING TO TESTIFY IN PERSON. BY THEN THE LISTS, AS WELL AS THE BUILDING, WERE FULL. I'M SO GLAD WE THE PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK/WRITE TO YOU ABOUT THIS BILL. PLEASE DON'T PASS IT. EVEN IF YOU DO NOTHING VERMONT WILL STILL HAVE UNRESTRICTED ABORTION THROUGH ALL 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY FOR ANY REASON, PERFORMED BASICALLY BY ANYONE IN ANY WAY AT ANY TIME.

BUT IF YOU PASS THIS BILL YOU WILL BE DECLARING THAT THE UNBORN ARE NON-PERSONS, ACTUALLY CODIFYING THAT INTO LAW. THIS WOULD BE A HEINOUS ACT ON PAR WITH THE GERMAN NATIONAL SOCIALISTS' "LEBENSUNWERTES LEBEN," LIVES UNWORTHY OF LIFE, OR "UNTERMENSCH," SUBHUMANS, DESIGNATIONS WHICH WERE SUCCESSFULLY AND LEGALLY IMPLEMENTED IN ORDER TO KILL CERTAIN PEOPLE.

THE UNBORN ARE PEOPLE. THERE ARE SOME WHO MAY THINK OF THEM AS "3/5s OF A PERSON," AS WAS CODIFIED BY LAW AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE IN AMERICAN HISTORY — WRONGLY AND SHAMEFULLY — BUT PEOPLE NONETHELESS. A PERSON IS CREATED AT HUMAN CONCEPTION, THE VERY MOMENT THAT THEIR OWN FOREVER—

UNIQUE D.N.A. COMES INTO EXISTENCE.
 THEN THAT PERSON HAS HIS OR HER OWN
 BLOODTYPE, BRAIN, HEART, LUNGS,
 ARMS, LEGS, HAIR, FACIAL EXPRESSIONS,
 ETC. ONCE CONCEIVED A PERSON ONLY
 NEEDS TO GROW TO BECOME JUST
 LIKE YOU, THE PERSON NOW READING
 THESE WORDS. THIS IS SUCH BASIC
 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE THAT IT TAKES
 A STRONG DECEPTION TO OVERCOME IT.

I WAS DECEIVED ONCE BY THE LIES OF
 PLANNED PARENTHOOD. I WAS LED TO
 BELIEVE THAT THE LIFE INSIDE ME
 WAS "JUST A CLUMP OF CELLS." THEY
 TOLD ME I COULD "ALWAYS HAVE ANOTHER
 BABY." I COULD NOT HAVE BEEN LED TO
 CONTINUINGLY, HOWEVER, UNLESS I HAD
 WANTED TO BELIEVE AGAINST THE VERY
 EVIDENCE OF MY CHANGING BODY, INCLUDING
 THE FUTTERING I FELT IN MY ABDOMEN.
 I WANTED TO BELIEVE HAVING AN ABORTION
 WAS MERELY A "CHOICE" BECAUSE THE
 MAN I LOVED AND LIVED WITH AT THE TIME,
 UPON HEARING I WAS PREGNANT, SAID
 1) "THERE GOES THE NEXT 18 YEARS OF MY LIFE;
 2) "IF YOU KEEP IT, YOU CAN'T LIVE HERE"; and
 3) "I WILL PAY FOR AN ABORTION."

HE DROVE ME TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN BURL-
 INGTON IN 1984 WHERE I ABORTED MY FIRST
 CHILD. IT FOREVER CHANGED MY LIFE IN
 WAYS NO ONE - ESPECIALLY PLANNED
 PARENTHOOD - DARED ME OF BEFOREHAND.
 THE WOMAN WHO STOOD BETWEEN MY LEGS
 UP IN STIRUPS, WHO HELD THE TUBE OF
 THE VACUUM-LIKE MACHINE, WAS BEING
 TRAINED ON ME, TRICKED THROUGH THE

PROCEDURE BY A SECOND WOMAN. A THIRD WOMAN STOOD BY MY HEAD TELLING ME, "DON'T LOOK DOWN, LOOK AT THE POSTER ON THE CEILING." WHEN THEY WERE DONE THEY TOLD ME I HAD BEEN "FURTHER ALONG" THAN THEY HAD THOUGHT: IT DID NOT OCCUR TO ME UNTIL YEARS AFTERWARD THAT THEY COULD ONLY KNOW THAT BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF MY BABY.

IN THE ROOM FULL OF COTS THEY CALLED THE RECOVERY ROOM WAS A GIRL ABOUT MY AGE (19) WHO WAS SOBBING IN AGONY. I WAS SO NAIVE TO ACTUALLY WONDER WHY. TWO YEARS LATER, AFTER AN OVARIAN CYST FULL OF "HUMAN DETRITUS" SUCH AS "EYEBROWS" ACCORDING TO THE DOCTOR, AND A TUBAL PREGNANCY THAT COULD NOT MAKE IT TO MY WOMB BECAUSE OF SCAR TISSUE, I FOUND OUT I WOULD BE BARREN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE BECAUSE OF THAT ONE CHOICE TO HAVE AN ABORTION.

AT AGE 29 MY EYES WERE OPENED TO SEE THAT THE LIFE IN THE WOMB I HAD ABORTED HAD ACTUALLY BEEN MY OWN CHILD. THE GRIEF OF THAT AWARENESS BROUGHT ME CLOSE TO SUICIDE. I HAVE RECEIVED HEALING, BUT I URGE YOU TO UNDERSTAND ME: THIS IS NOT SOMETHING I WILL EVER GET OVER. ABORTION RUINED MY OPPORTUNITY TO EVER GIVE BIRTH TO A LIVING CHILD. JUST A CHOICE. BUT IT CHANGED MY LIFE IN HORRIBLE WAYS FOREVER.

PLEASE DO NOT TREAT ABORTION LIGHTLY.
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SINCERELY, Lisa Fortó.