

To Senate Health and Welfare Committee

March 14, 2019

Dear Vermont Senators,

I support H.57. It is imperative we codify VT law and amend the VT Constitution to explicitly protect & preserve a women's fundamental right to control her own reproductive health and her right to choose an abortion with unrestricted access. VT must safeguard a woman's right to choose is not denied, restricted, or infringed by a governmental entity.

Every woman has a natural and unalienable right to choose whether and when to bear children and the complete privacy to do so. Currently, there is a danger of right-wing populism in its religious fundamentalist guise working to erode Roe v. Wade. Other states are regularly attempting to restrict pro-choice options in an attempt to erode Roe vs. Wade in violation of the US constitution. Title X is one such violation.

Government or religion have no business between a woman and her private medical provider. The use of one's body does not belong to society.

Pro life is: 'I know whats best for your body'

Pro choice is: 'I know whats best for my body'

The use of my body is a matter that belongs ONLY to ME and I declare a complete right to privacy and no interference.

I oppose the fact that after 5 decades we are still voting on whether women and doctors are best equipped to make healthcare decisions and whether we should turn back the clock and put women's lives at risk!

Vermont stands strong for equal rights and has an opportunity here to **show the world we value women lives!** Together we must remain a mighty & Brave Little State.

Please pass H.57. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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