

Dear Human Services committee member,  
I'm writing to you regarding H.57, I am writing to express my opposition to this bill for many reasons. Abortion in VT is already legal in any situation without restrictions, to codify it into statute is an affront to me and MANY Vermonters. The language in this bill is rife with problems, constitutional and moral. The thought of writing into statute that a human fetus up until birth has "no independent rights" is as depraved as it gets. That there is NO protection for anyone (Dr., nurse, counselor, employee) who may be opposed to this on grounds of conscience is a Constitutional deprivation. Meanwhile Tim Ashe proposes S.16 to protect rodents...rodents protected, unwanted humans discarded for any reason. Seriously? Could you try looking in the mirror and saying "human fetuses deserve no protection, but rodents do" and let me know how that goes down? How is it that if a child growing in its mother's womb depending upon her for everything to live, but is unwanted for whatever reason is just tissue to be discarded, but if it is wanted and manages to exit the womb and draw its first breath is magically human and deserving of rights and protection. And what of a child being carried within its mother's womb who is killed by an assailant or drunk driver, will that child's rights be protected and the assailant prosecuted for murder or does he/she just skip off into the sunset. NO this bill is wrong, it is heartless and cold, do not vote yes, this should die in committee.

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