

Please add my comments regarding H-0057 to the public record.

I'm Neal Patel, Senior Pastor of Valley Bible Church in White River Junction, Vermont.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

As human beings, we are each "endowed by our Creator" with "certain unalienable rights".  
"Among these are" the rights to "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

The goal of any just law is to protect the rights of each human being, without allowing the rights of other human beings to be infringed.

But when did you or I become a human being, deserving of human rights? When did any of our children become human beings, worthy of human rights?

Surely, we all know that we were already human beings, even before we were born.

The Bible, and science, and logic all agree on this... that an unborn fetus is just as human as a newborn infant. Therefore, contrary to H-0057, "a fetus" ought to have human rights and "protections under Vermont law".

Vermont is a state that cherishes virtue & human rights. Therefore, we urge our elected legislators, and Governor Scott, to reject Bill H.57, because it denies the fundamental humanity of the unborn, and it infringes on our basic human right to life.

We implore you to cherish virtue over politics, and to uphold the rights of all human beings, whether mother or child, whether born or unborn, and this law fails to do that.

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