

## Submission to Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

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I would like to submit that abortion after 22 weeks is not right.

Personally, I think that an abortion after conception is not right either, as I believe that life has entered the unborn child at conception, but that's not the platform of this proposed bill. I agree that the matter should not be a criminal matter or the matter of an offence, but yes, a matter of health for the woman and no less important or critical, the health and life of the innocent unborn child.

It was never the fault of the unborn child to be alive in a womb, unable to defend itself, but alive nonetheless.

I agree that no matter what, anyone who is not medically capable of performing an abortion should most certainly not do so and I believe that government and society in general should definitely discourage this, but that also they should also encourage and promote the opposite of abortion, but encourage and promote help and assistance to the mother or those directly involved, so that the mother and those involved are helped up to and beyond the birth, so that the child is not killed, but has a chance at life, as it already has life in the womb.

Would it not be a better and more right use of public funds, to change abortion clinics to life clinics where the health and life of the mother and child are championed and assisted and encouraged, and where the possibility of the future of the mother and child are assisted, rather than damaged and killed.

Would it not be a better and more right use of public funds, where those in society who are unable to have children but so desperately want them, could have the ability to take home an unwanted child to take care of, and have the help and assistance from government and others.

It's a fact that babies of 22 weeks have survived birth, albeit with great medical assistance, but survive nevertheless.

So, if a 22 week baby lives out of the womb, then it's living in the womb, the simple change of position from inside to outside the womb does not change the state that the baby is a living being.

If a 22 week baby was born, then as far as I understand and know, the hospital does everything in its power to ensure that baby lives. They take the greatest of care not to hurt or damage that child. So why does one thing it's then okay to kill a baby if it remains inside the womb even if the child is not wanted.

I would call this barbaric! And, as a believer in God, a Christian believer, I would also call this murder, as it is premeditated and the life of the baby is taken against its will!

The Bible, the principles and instructions of which our parliament and nation is founded upon, states that God knits us together in the womb, so if He does this, what right do we have to pull apart in the womb.

If God forms in the womb and consecrates us before we are born, then what right do we have to kill and destroy in the womb.

This is a moral and righteous principle of life and I don't believe we have the right to choose or not to choose if a child lives or dies.

Thanks.