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**To:** [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)  
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I have filled out the online submission form with regard to the Late Term Abortion Bill, but for some reason, the last page won't "submit".

The essence of my submission is that I oppose terminations of pregnancy at any stage due to my conviction that life begins at conception.

I believe that a doctor who conscientiously objects to terminating a pregnancy should not be required to perform this procedure and should, in addition, not be required to refer to another agency that will conduct the surgery. This would go against his/her conscientious objection. I am a doctor by training, though I have not worked since I had my first child. Had I to refer a woman to an abortion provider, I would feel personally involved and compromised.

I believe that if a mother's life is deemed to be at risk after 22 weeks gestation (the point considered by the proposed legislation) that the pregnancy should be continued as long as is considered reasonable by the doctor caring for the woman, and treatment should be undergone to deliver and care for the baby to reduce the risk to the child as much as possible. I have personal experience of an aunt who was in this situation in two pregnancies. The first baby died but the second one survived and is a valued member of my extended family.

Thank you for considering my submission. I am willing for my details to be published but am too far away to attend interviews.

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