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I wish to make a submission regarding the **Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018**.

Part 1 Section 3 (a) states that: The purposes of this Act are— (a) to enable reasonable and safe access by women to terminations.

I believe that due consideration should be given to the effect on a woman that a termination of pregnancy has. Often women are affected emotionally and psychologically in a negative way. Many women feel guilt and regret for many years, if not for the rest of their lives.

I believe a better way to support the health of a woman and her baby would be to offer support this woman with counselling and if necessary physical support to bring her baby to term and be supported to either keep the baby or offer the baby for adoption. Indeed in Part 1 Section 6. 1. (a and b) it states that: (2) In considering whether a termination should be performed on a woman, a medical practitioner must consider— (a) all relevant medical circumstances; and (b) the woman's current and future physical, psychological and social circumstances. It is imperative that future **psychological** circumstances be considered, not just the social considerations.

In providing **good** health care a medical health practitioner should, and would, consider the effect that allowing her baby's life to be terminated would have on her. I have personally known women that have been affected right throughout their lives by not being able to forgive themselves for having a pregnancy termination.

The whole of society suffers as a result,

Thank you for your consideration,

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