

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

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I write to give my thoughts about this proposed Bill which I believe is against the basic human rights of women and the unborn babies they carry.

I submit that more abortions would hurt more women.

I'm the mother of four wonderful adult offspring. In 1983 I had a 30 week old baby daughter by emergency caesarian section. She had anencephaly and lived for about 45 minutes. Later I had two miscarried babies. The grief is overwhelming at the loss of these little ones. Even now so many years later an anniversary date triggers feelings of pain and regret that these babies did not have the opportunity for a long life.

A side note: I find it interesting indeed that recently a man received two sentences, one for the death of his partner, and one for the death of the unborn baby she was carrying.

I submit also that there is a need for increased Government funding to include pregnancy counselling services.

Women need opportunities for real choice and support. The potential loss of a baby is a very fraught experience. Every support and encouragement needs to be offered.

Thank you for putting my submission forward to be taken into account.

Yours faithfully,

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