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Dear Representatives

I write out of deep concern about the possible further relaxing of the State's Abortion laws.

There are countless moral and scientific arguments that establish clearly that the unborn child is a unique human being as human as any person capable of breathing for themselves.

Seeing however as you seem to be primarily concerned with law, I simply wish to point out that the law already recognises the human value of a preterm child and in fact a <u>dependent child of any age</u>.

A premature child (once separated from it's mother) has full legal protection from being murdered and attracts intense medical support from our health system

Any person other than the mother who kills a child in utero is immediately liable to murder charges.

Even a mother is treated as a murderer if she kills a child who has been delivered alive.... this applies to a premature baby as much as to any older child.

The above legal rulings apparently apply <u>regardless of any possible health</u> <u>problems</u> that the child may have.

Abortion is already legal up to 22 weeks for various reasons. and while there are often difficult circumstances leading to abortion it is quite clear that many many abortions are carried out for 'lifestyle' reasons.

To suggest that children might conveniently be killed because they are 'unwanted' is to blatantly ignore the long waiting lists of aspiring adoptive parents.

How then can this legal lunacy persist?!?!

In effect what the law is saying is that a mother is entitled to kill her own child for the crime of <u>daring to be dependent</u>.

Apparently the one human that an unborn child should fear the most is it's MOTHER! Nature itself demonstrates that a mother should be a child's fiercest advocate!... with a father right beside her.

We have banned the death penalty for hardened criminals and given free rein to kill the most innocent!

I would urge you to not only reject any laws that make it easier to carry out abortions, but to encourage strategies to support and encourage women to carry and support their children or to carry them until they can be adopted by others.

Abortion is an ongoing that blights our society with unspeakable suffering both physical and psychological.

Yours faithfully

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