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Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

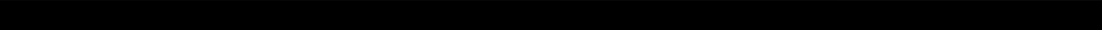
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Dear Committee Secretary

I refer to the submission by Young Queenslanders for the Right to Choose and I write to you in full support of that submission.

The Queensland Law Reform Commission made it clear that our abortion laws need reform and I support the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 in its current form.

I volunteered with Pro Choice Queensland assisting patients enter the clinic because there are people who verbally abuse and sometimes physically touch and grab patients as they enter. An example of the verbal abuse is seen here: 

These people are not “sidewalk counsellors”. Just for being there to assist patients, I was told I would spend eternity in hell and that I was a murderer by association. In my last few years of advocating for abortion reform, I have heard so many stories and the decision to get an abortion is never an easy one. It is one that a woman should be able to discuss with her trusted medical adviser and no one else should offer any judgment on that, particularly as they enter a medical facility.

Please listen to the stories of the brave women who have shared their abortion experiences and understand why we need abortion law reform.

If you require anything further, please feel free to contact me.

Regards  
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