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Confidential Submission on Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018  
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Dear Committee

The following is my submission on the *Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018*.

*I am writing as a woman, mother and wife in simple English and from the heart.*

*Basically, to me I consider the termination of the life of an unborn child at any stage of pregnancy as:*

*cruel - this is a degradation of development of an advance society, where human life is treated in a sense not even comparable that of our pets.*

*criminal-kill & murder ( terminating a helpless fetus that is a miniature human being is no difference from killing a human being outside the womb - child, man or woman)*

*violating the basic human right of survival, of life for a human being who has no voice and helpless!*

*discrimination of women rights as a mother, men as father ( many were pressured by family or partner to terminate the pregnancy without given adequate information and proper counseling. This is especially true in teenage pregnancy and unstable pre-marriage relationships)*

*detrimental to the physical , emotional , psychological and mentally health of the women ( Many are traumatised and wounded due to not knowing what to expect and the consequences of their actions .Many carrying guilt and grief. Again not being properly educated and informed)*

*Gender discrimination as sexual selection being a ground of termination ( in long term, this will affect the whole society)*

*Discrimination of doctors with conscientious objection to act. ( Good doctors may force to quite their profession)*

*Abortion coercion is another form of domestic violence against women. (Women are threatened by partners to terminate pregnancy against their will)*

*Hospital fundings:*

*Tax payers money are to use for the betterment of the society & community and not to finance drugs, equipment, doctors, nurses, mid wives, hospital beds and so on for killing. The money should be used to save life, give better qualify of life to the sick & disabled in the community.*

*The money definitely is not going to pay for the salary of the politicians who are not acted in the will of majority of people who voted them!*

*Any woman, if you ever carry a baby in your womb, and experience that physical and emotional connections the baby has with you, will never ever wish not being able to meet the baby face to face. And wish every woman has that same chance to experience the*

*same.*

*Motherhood is a special privilege given to all women, no one, nor the law nor any politician can take that away.*

*Any man, if you ever journey with your wife or partner from pregnancy to child birth with love will know that the joy and the change in you as a better man that little being impacted you as a father*

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