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To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this email to urge you to vote down this bill. It allows for DIY abortions (Part 3, S10). I am appalled. Where are we going to end up and what's the cost going to be in terms of mental and physical health, never mind the sheer cost to the health system budget

The second doctor who needs to sign off on the procedure after 22 weeks need not see the woman requesting the termination. (Part 2, S6). How can this be allowed? How will the medical professional even know what the woman's actual state is? Do we allow consultations over the phone or prescribe medication without seeing the patient? Not that I have experienced that!!

The bill says nothing about informed consent. Women need to know the possible impacts, and what the process involves [REDACTED]. The proposed new law does not allow for any penalties for clinics that do not follow proper informed consent recommendations.

On a more personal note: I became a qualified midwife and that only long after a decision to have an abortion in the late seventies. It is a decision that I regret to this day. There was no counselling available or even alternative solutions to a so-called unwanted pregnancy. The doctor even told me that the baby had been a boy. Abortion is such a final act - you can't change your mind. There is no going back - once it is done you can shove it to the back of your mind and pretend it never happened.

But there comes a day when memories come flooding back and you are haunted for the rest of your life; by a decision made when opting for an "easy way out" Was it actually easy? I think not as I find myself wondering: "what if..."

Then as a midwife after taking the Florence Nightingale oath and taking such special care to see babies born in a safe & healthy environment - I can't understand that we now want to introduce laws that FORCE (the ones that fight so hard to preserve life) medical staff to take a life?! A healthy life at that - where is the justice for the child? Where is the justice for the father?

If this Bill is passed it will have ramifications for generations to come.

Yours sincerely

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