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**To:** [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)  
**Subject:** SUBMISSION to Committee re: legislation on abortion bill  
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To whom it may concern, fellow human beings,

I am writing to show deep concern, disapproval and fear of the proposed change in legislation: Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

What concerns me is that in a society that seeks to prolong life we are considering to allow a procedure to intentionally kill one life and potentially wound another life either physically or psychologically. What we must always remember is that there is always MORE than one human involved here and this is the only voice that is being considered. The small voice within the womb is ignored. We are trivializing a decision that is morally wrong.

We enjoy a society that respects our right to seek safe medication so we recover from illness and prolong life. We trust in safe treatment of humans and animals and to seek justice when offenses are committed. What we humans have always endeavoured to do is to seek to prolong life and making it more comfortable. In the womb the foetus is comfortable enough, getting nourished and prepared for the life outside. Perhaps if a woman cannot cope with a newborn, the laws of adoption should be made more attractive and accessible to couples who can't conceive.

Additions to the law can be made for the women (and men) to be well informed and counselled about the dangerous risks towards the mother both during and after the procedure. Have we forgotten that this foetus is alive and only thrives inside a woman's womb because it is meant to be protected and nourished for a whole 9 months with no extra effort? What right have we to consider removing this developing life with no voice to call for help? Isn't the sanctity of life valued any more? If this legislation allows the choice to abort based on gender selection, what is our society heading for? What precedent are we about to set?!

Another major concern is that of the convictions of our health carers.....doctors, assistants, nurses etc. In denying doctors' right to full conscientious objection to perform the procedure, this would put so much pressure on their decisions. I understand that a second doctor's opinion/referral does not even require that doctor to see the mother in question. This would not happen in many other procedures....what would the opinion be based upon? The circumstances should be fully reviewed and consulted face to face especially when it concerns the death of a human being. I would not be surprised if this would see health carers cease work and potential young students change their careers. Is the government in favour of foreign practitioners replacing our staff? Are the moral standards of the majority of OUR society, the taxpayers who trust in their representatives, not worth consideration?

If any changes can be made to law, then it should be about promoting good counselling and reviewing the adoption laws.

It is a tragedy when a voiceless victim has no choice to live. Complacency and intolerance will become the norm.

If the sanctity of life is not valued from its very beginnings, then humans are on their way to becoming a selfish and arrogant species of animal.

Thanking you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely

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