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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
Subject: proposed new abortion laws
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To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing in protest to the proposed new abortion laws and in particular for some of the reasons it is being proposed it be allowed for example sex selection.

I am of the belief that each life is precious right from the time of conception. I admit that, due to numerous circumstances, some babies can cause a lot of distress to the mothers to whom they are born. I would encourage these mothers to put their babies up for adoption because there are so many other mothers trying to conceive and having to spend thousands of dollars in order to fulfil their dream of a family. I cannot understand why the adoption process is so difficult now when in the past it was a relatively simple process.

I am very proud of my daughter and son-in-law. They had what they regarded as the perfect family of 2 girls, then 2 boys. Last year they finally purchased a beautiful 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom home to accommodate this family after living in a 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home for many years. The plan was for my daughter to return to part time work this year and then to almost full time work next year when the youngest commenced school. Then they discovered that my daughter was pregnant again, the conception occurring after they had taken the precaution of a vasectomy.

They did not for one second consider an abortion although they knew the baby was going to cause considerable financial and emotional strain for some time.

The baby was born 14 weeks premature, almost causing the death of my daughter. This tiny little baby immediately became the greatest treasure of the family. Once my daughter was allowed to go home, she spent up to 14 hours a day back at the hospital caring for Ezra while we grandparents cared for the other children. Ezra is now 9 months (6 months corrected age) and is a much loved member of the family.

Please do not allow the proposed new abortion laws to proceed. I believe it would be a huge mistake and cause enormous grief for thousands of people each year.

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