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Dear Queensland Parliamentary Review Committee

I am deeply concerned by the new Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 (i.e. 'Abortion Bill') that Jackie Trad has currently tabled in Queensland Parliament.

I do not believe that any person has the right to take your life from you. As I also do not believe any person has the right to take my life from me.

Life is a fundamental right that should not be taken for granted. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

I have grave doubts about the key issues pushed for in this legislation including:

- Unrestricted term for an abortion, no matter the age of the unborn child
- The ability for doctors and parents to gender select and discriminate against their unborn child on a gender basis alone by undertaking an abortion
- The possible recrimination against any doctor, nurse, mother or right-to-life advocate who has a conscious and ethical responsibility **NOT** to promote or undertake an abortion
- The lack of regard for a dignified approach to society's most vulnerable – an unborn child. Babies must be protected. They are not just objects to be killed on the whim of a parent.

I plead with you earnestly that you reject the Abortion Bill in its entirety!

Every human life deserves dignity, protection and support, no matter whether it is born or unborn.

I believe that we should **INCREASE the penalties for causing the death of an unborn baby**, as it is a mother's responsibility to nurture her own offspring until born, at the very least. If the baby is still not wanted then, the mother can offer her full-term-born baby to others who can't have any children at all for adoption. And the baby's life is spared, wanted and cared for as a valuable human life.

The reasons why I ask for such increased penalties against abortion are expressed below:

- This Abortion Bill makes it too easy for a pregnant woman or a doctor to undertake an abortion and kill an unborn innocent human beyond 22 weeks of life, right up to full term of pregnancy.

Currently, if someone causes an unborn baby to be aborted by even kicking or mistreating a pregnant mother, it is considered in the courts as a manslaughter act and the person receives an appropriate penalty. If a baby is born but then left on a table to die on its own accord, or hurt sufficiently to cause death, it is called murder. Under this Abortion Bill, an unborn baby may be made to die in a most cruel, and painful way if either a doctor or mother decides to abort the unborn child, right up to the final hours before it is born!

- Our babies, whether unborn or born at any age or stage of their development, are our most vulnerable, voiceless people in our society. This Abortion Bill seeks to treat our unborn children as dispensable or non-valuable inconveniences or a mistake, resulting in a manner of forced abortion with the sole purpose to kill and discard a human life.

Moreover, with this bill requiring all doctors and nurses to practice hardened consciences and turn a blind eye to the practice of abortion, then this bill demands that all medical practitioners, who are practicing their specialised services to SAVE lives, must now act unethically, immorally and unconscionably if to hold their jobs and reputations. In fact, the bill requires that all medical staff are to encourage the act of abortion!

- Also, of great concern, is the stipulation that mothers do not need to receive counselling before undergoing an abortion, or have all the emotional, psychological, spiritual and medical risks explained to them before undertaking such a procedure. There are many suffering women and men in our societies world-wide today who never expected to suffer the grief they must live with for the rest of their lives – their death of their own child by their own hands. Many abortion procedures have hurt the women, messed up their hormones and not supported them at all through abortion grief, which may last for the **rest of their lives**. If any woman is caused to think about the long-term consequences of an abortion, by either a pro-life protester, doctor, nurse, midwife, counsellor, church, family psychologist or even a friend, then this is far better for her to do so **BEFORE** she undertakes an abortion rather than after she does so.
- Men also have psychological issues and can be affected in the same way as women with counselling often needed. Many men have no say and feel absolutely powerless to stop their partner or wife having an abortion leading to resentment and anger issues affecting them and their future relationships.

Thanking you so much for reading this submission. I understand that this proposed “Bill” is emotional and a very difficult, topic. We spend a fortune on keeping people alive and now this “Bill” wants to destroy human lives at the most vulnerable end of the scale. I Plead with you. Do not allow this “Bill” to proceed in any form.

With kind regards
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