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To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Subject: Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

Date: Wednesday, 5 September 2018 10:07:20 AM

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a registered voter in the state of Queensland, I welcome this opportunity to voice my opposition to this Bill which was tabled before Parliament on 22nd August, 2018.

My opinion is that I do not see abortion as a health issue but as a moral one. Doctors take an oath to treat and protect human life to the best of their ability. When a woman with an unborn child presents herself to a doctor, then that doctor has two patients – the woman and the unborn child. Both lives matter and both are equally important.

Life brings challenges to most of us at one time or another. When facing any challenge, it is important to consider all the aspects of the challenge. Any woman considering abortion has the right to consider all the different aspects and possible outcomes of her decision. If a woman, after receiving all relevant information both for and against, decides to continue with abortion, I would respect her decision. However, I feel that it is her right, as a citizen, to have access to all the information. The establishment of safe access zones breaches that right. The Government should establish agencies where both aspects of abortion are delivered to any potential client in a calm and considered manner.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my viewpoint. I look forward to the outcome of this legislation.

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