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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
Subject: Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018
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To whomever it may concern,

I am writing to you to implore you to stand against the 'Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018'.

Human life is precious. We, as a global community, fight against injustices such as the mistreatment of refugees, war crimes, torturing and wrongful imprisonment, etc.

Why is the issue of abortion any different? Human lives are being lost and they are the most vulnerable and helpless people group - unborn children.

Despite this fact, the process of termination has been shown to be detrimental to the short/medium/long term physical and mental health of the mother. Termination only solves the 'acute' problem, but will cause greater problems down the line.

Furthermore, in regards to forcing medical practitioners to conduct terminations against their will in emergencies; I fear that forcing someone to do something against their own values would harm the doctor, and may even cause them to cease practising. When we are already in a great need for more doctors, this will make the situation worse. Doctors may even fear dealing with pregnant patients, in case they do end up choosing to terminate. An emergency could be defined by the mother as severe mental trauma, possibly leading to self-harm or suicide, as an example, in order to force the hand of an unwilling practitioner.

Abortion is never the answer. There are foster/adoption avenues that exist right now, and the focus, efforts and funds that are going toward this 'termination' bill should be redirected into how to care for and facilitate the connection of unwanted births with wanting parents.

We need to rethink how we are approaching this issue because - life is life.

Regards,
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