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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to latest Termination of Pregnancy Bill proposal. Firstly I would like to point out that women DO NOT NEED this service. I believe that this bill will open an avenue for further domestic violence, abuse and manipulation for women as this bill allows abortions up to birth for just about any reason. This will further liberate partners, family, employers etc to coerce, manipulate and pressure the pregnant mothers into abortions especially as there is NO safety net for our women and their unborn child. This is not in the best interest of women, this is the "best interest" of everyone else but the mother and child so how is this "Women's Health" and "Women's Rights"? Some may debate "my body my choice" but the reality is that is a completely false statement. They are two separate individuals and science absolutely supports this claim. The mothers body is for nurturing and protecting the unborn baby, it is not a part of the unborn child. Furthermore, there is an abundance of women out there who will testify that their abortions have crippled their lives whether that be physically, mentally or emotionally. Women have suffered and suffered immensely due to abortion. Many women have next to no idea of the potential and highly likely side effects of abortion and they are just about never told, they are scared and they are severely manipulated.

Whether people argue "it's a foetus not a baby" or "it's a embryo not a baby" these are merely technical terms for that particular stage in the human life. Regardless of what stage of gestation, the reality will always remain that abortion is the murder of a human life and this human life will never get that chance again.

Abortion plays no role in the reduction of violence against women, it is of absolutely no health benefit to a woman( in-fact it is a very dangerous procedure), it is violence against our most innocent and it is the most inhumane and unnecessary procedure available to us today. Say no to abortion and not only protect our unborn children but stand up and protect our women!

Regards,

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