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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 Minister for Health,

I would like to make some comments on the radical move to legislate in favour of abortion on demand up to 22 weeks and at a doctor's discretion for any time after that.

I have read the legislation and also the explanation. I am not impressed by the failure to acknowledge that abortion is death to a viable human life. There is no description of what a doctor might describe as a reasonable cause for the abortion. It seems to be only medical decision that will decide the babies fate.

Many women have had abortions and have been mentally effected for many years after. This cannot always be visible before the decision is made. The whole legislation presentation does not search out the causes for the need for the abortion, but rather just make it happen and everyone will be ok. What we need is more care for the mothers who are abused, overworked, have many children and a drunken husband, poor conditions of housing and the pressures that bring mother's to the end of their capability. Abortion does not help their case.

I would like to see more services who reach out to women and help them live in better situations. Abortion is a one up but not lasting and often dangerous to the women who feel forced to that end. Please reconsider your extreme plan for this health issue.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Giles.

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