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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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Dear Minister for Health

RE: TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY BILL 2018

Please do not allow this Bill to go forward. This will dramatically change our society for the worse.

I personally know three women who in their earlier years had abortions in their first or second trimester. All three women have suffered deep guilt, depression and anxiety. One friend has attempted suicide three times even though she has gone on to have her own lovely family. They are haunted by their young and uneducated and ill-informed decision.

This Bill allows for abortion up to birth. I have two children now 15 and 18 who were potential abortions. We are forever grateful that their birth mothers chose life or we would not have our two gorgeous almost adults!

This Bill mentions nothing about informed consent. Women considering terminating a pregnancy no matter how far in, must be made aware of the possible ramifications of their decision. They need to be fully informed about the process and what it really involves. They need to have a thorough understanding of both sides of their decision.

There are way too many families desperately wanting to have children and rather than us concentrating on giving life and having a solid adoption legislation in place as they do in other countries such as the USA we focus on the rights of a woman to kill her unborn child. This is simply wrong no matter what reason or justification a person has.

I urge you not to allow this Bill to pass and to vote down the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018.

I am a mother and a daughter and hopefully one day a grandmother. Please let us to continue to choose LIFE not DEATH.

Yours sincerely

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