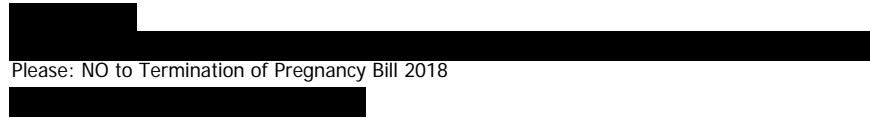



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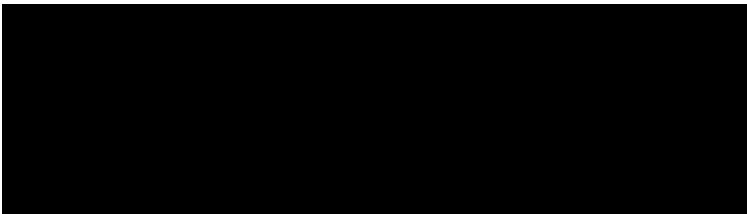
To whom it may concern,

Dear members of the Health Commission, I would like to urge you to **vote down** the Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 for the following reasons:

- The bill allows for DIY abortions - this is so dangerous!!!
- The bill allows for abortion **up until birth for any reason.**
- The second doctor who needs to sign off on the procedure after 22 weeks need not see the woman requesting termination [Part 2, S6]
- The bill **compels** complicity from medical practitioners with a **conscientious objection** [Part 2, S8]. This is a lack of respect for the Freedom of the practitioners.
- Under Part 4 [Safe Access Zones] it may be considered legitimate to **report** a heavily pregnant woman walking past a termination clinic, or a mother with her baby walking past a termination clinic, as they may deter a woman from entering the premises. This is an extreme measurement and can lead into Discrimination issues.
- The bill says nothing about informed consent - women need to know the possible impacts, and what the process actually involves. This new law does not offer any penalties for **clinics that do not follow proper informed consent recommendations.**

I work with counselling of young teenagers, and what they need is support, not "easy" access to terminate pregnancies. They want to be mothers and care for their child, not have traumas that will last a lifetime: **Post-Abortion Stress Syndrome** is no joke!

There is a need to consider the **dignity** of all people, including the mothers, the fathers and the child. We will regret what this Bill will do for the future of our people.



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