

Dear Committee Members,

I write to express my general support for the intentions of the *Abortion Law Reform (Women's Right to Choose) Amendment Bill 2016*.

In addition, I respectfully ask the Committee to consider recommending an amendment similar to the *Public Health and Wellbeing Amendment (Safe Access Zones) Act 2015* (No. 66 of 2015) that was recently passed by the Victorian Parliament.

A common problem exists where 'pro-life' advocates picket abortion clinics and harass or intimidate women entering and leaving these places. The Victorian legislation makes it illegal to do so within a 150 metre 'buffer zone' around any place where abortions are performed.

I thank the Committee for its time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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