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It is highly concerning that women diagnosed with mental illness need a doctor to support them as being suicidal in order to have an abortion rather than make a decision that will reduce the load on them with impunity.

We need to be aware that many and (we are only sure of 80%+) are child abuse/sexual abuse survivors. It is known that pregnancies may not be intentional or decided upon and agreed to . As adults the power imbalances often remain and as we know women with disabilities are many times more likely to be victims of assault and violence.

In order to allow a change of circumstances it is important this health decision is removed from the criminal code while finding assault of the most vulnerable to receive appropriate responses from the justice system.

Warm Regards,  
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I acknowledge those giants amongst us we have lost and remain, upon whose shoulders we stand seeking to reclaim our human rights as citizens