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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Michele Marie Delaforce of [REDACTED].

I am writing to you today as I feel compelled to share my thoughts regarding why I believe it should not be a crime to abort. Firstly, I want to add that I am infertile and I desperately wanted a baby or 6 of my own but unfortunately it was not to be. I personally would never have been able to have an abortion but that does not shadow my view of legalising this procedure. I am 48 years old now and even throughout my life I have witnessed terrible results of abortion being illegal. I understand the debate it is about the right to life but my question is "What about the woman or girl's right to life?" If it is an unplanned and unwanted pregnancy then isn't forcing a woman or a girl to have the baby quashing her rights? Why is it that her rights become null and void? It really is her right to chose because it is happening within her body. How can someone else have the right to chose what happens within her body?

I also realise that some unwanted and unplanned pregnancies were the result of people taking silly chances and not using precautions and yes that is frustrating by all accounts but again, having the choice to abort or to bring another unwanted child into the world, I believe abortion is the more responsible choice to make.

In an ideal world, without emotion, where all women and girls who fall pregnant (and want to be pregnant) happily go ahead with their unplanned pregnancies just so they can give the babies to all the infertile women, and where there is no poverty and no wars, then sure there'd be no reason to have an abortion, but that is not real nor realistic is it? It distresses me to think that is this day and age we are still trying to dictate what women can and cannot do. Take the emotion out of this debate and look at it like all other decisions made please? The decision to abort a foetus growing inside a female's body is entirely up to the female who's body it is growing in. It is her right because that foetus will not exist outside the host without medical intervention and in that case the foetus's rights do not come into play as it cannot survive on it's own.

Thank you for receiving my submission.

Yours Faithfully

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