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Greetings,

I am writing to request the removal of abortion from the Criminal Code. Women should have the legal right to determine what happens to and within their own body.

Women who need abortions should have access to safe medical care and post abortion counselling if required. They should not be made to feel like a criminal for doing so.

Medical practitioners who carry out the procedures should be protected by humanist, compassionate laws and should be able to carry out these procedures at a woman's request, not only because there will be a risk to the woman's physical or mental health should the pregnancy continue.

Women should have better access to pharmaceutical abortions up to a certain gestation, under the care of a responsible but non judgemental medical professional.

Its time to update the laws to reflect a woman's rights to body autonomy, safe and legal medical care and the right to terminate a pregnancy should her individual situation make it desirable.

Thank you

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