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Dear Committee

Thank you for reviewing the bill introduced by Rob Pyne MP. I appreciate that our current abortion laws should be reviewed and assessed. However, I wish to oppose the bill introduced by Mr Pyne.

I believe that a woman's right to choose must be considered alongside a child's right to life. Modern medicine has shown us that life begins very early within the womb. Hospitals are able to keep babies alive who are born after 20 weeks gestation, while this bill would allow abortions beyond this gestation period. Any bill needs to consider a child's right to life alongside a woman's right to choose.

I believe a better outcome from your committee would be the exploration of alternate solutions when babies are not wanted for psychosocial reasons. This could include increased support for mothers and fathers and/or streamlining the local adoption process to enable those desiring children to have the opportunity to become parents.

Thank you for taking my submission into consideration. Sincerely

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