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Dear Committee

The principal reason I want to support reform of this law is because it is a law that only applies to the poorer members of society. Rich women can legally travel to an other state or an other country to obtain an abortion at any time during pregnancy and that is in fact what they do. Only poor women who don't have that means to travel are made criminals under this law.

Any law that adds hardship for a women already facing one of the most distressing decisions in her life can not be good. This law only perpetuates disadvantage and hardship on people already in distress.

The government needs to work more on preventing unintended pregnancies through better education and free availability of the best contraceptive technologies. They can better resource the counselling services to support these women in what ever way they need to be supported, whether they choose to continue or to terminate the pregnancy. Turning the poorest most vulnerable women in our society into criminals just because they don't have the money to travel is not acceptable.

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