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To the committee, the changes and enshrining in law of the rights and responsibilities of women and healthcare professionals is a step forward in this most important area of women's health. It is never an easy decision on the part of the pregnant women to make the decision to abort. It must be clear that the best form of contraception is abstinence and failing that using contraception. Heavily subsidising all forms of contraception and ensuring venues that serve alcohol are legally mandated to have condom vending machines in their establishments would go a long way in supporting such bills on post coital contraception. The morning after pill is more readily available than ever before. As such, instances of abortion should not reflect a recklessness in failure to access appropriate contraception.

The effects of abortion along with unprotected sex and associated sexually transmitted disease must be taught to adolescents and new parents in order to make a real difference culturally.

Perhaps our ABC could include such programmes as part of a health improvement and maintenance package. So many unnecessary situations arise as a result of a lack of available education and targeted education in our community.

This bill represents an extremely sensitive area of women's health and must encapsulate the entire issue holistically to ensure the bill achieves what it clearly intends.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my submission. Godspeed in producing a determination for our esteemed parliamentarians.

Sincerely,

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