

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Hi, I'm [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I'm a civil engineer.

Providing healthcare to babies born alive during an abortion is not only ethically imperative but also necessary for upholding the principles of human rights, medical ethics, and the integrity of the healthcare profession. Every newborn deserves a chance at life and should be afforded the necessary medical care to support their health and well-being.

I want to emphasize that protecting the most vulnerable among us is indeed one of the most fundamental responsibilities of the government. In any society, the strength of its moral fabric and the measure of its progress are often judged by how well it safeguards and uplifts those who are most in need of protection and support.

Among the most vulnerable are newborn babies, particularly those born alive during abortion procedures. These infants, having just entered the world, are entirely reliant on others for their care and protection. As such, it falls upon the government to ensure that they receive the necessary support and resources to thrive, regardless of the circumstances surrounding their birth.

Furthermore, prioritizing the protection of the most vulnerable reflects the core values of compassion, justice, and human dignity that underpin our society. It demonstrates a commitment to upholding the rights and welfare of all individuals, regardless of age, status, or circumstance.

Failing to pass legislation aimed at providing healthcare to babies born alive during abortions would have significant ramifications, both morally and practically.

Morally, it would send a distressing message about society's values and priorities, particularly regarding the protection of vulnerable individuals. It would imply that some lives are considered less worthy of protection and care than others, which undermines the foundational principles of equality and human dignity. Such a failure could erode trust in government institutions and lead to increased polarization and division within society.

Practically, the lack of legislation would leave a critical gap in healthcare provision for newborns in need. Babies born alive during abortions require immediate medical attention and support to address any health complications resulting from their premature birth or the abortion procedure. Without legislation mandating healthcare provision for these infants, there may be inconsistencies in how they are treated across different healthcare facilities, leading to disparities in outcomes and avoidable harm.

Additionally, the absence of legislation could leave healthcare providers uncertain about their legal obligations and liabilities in such situations, leading to confusion and delays in providing necessary care. This lack of clarity could also expose healthcare professionals to legal risks and ethical dilemmas, further complicating the provision of care for these vulnerable infants.

Furthermore, the failure to pass legislation could have broader implications for public health and safety. By neglecting the healthcare needs of babies born alive during abortions, there is a risk of exacerbating health disparities and contributing to adverse health outcomes for these infants. Additionally, it could undermine public confidence in the healthcare system's ability to prioritize patient care and uphold ethical standards, ultimately leading to broader implications for healthcare access and quality.

In summary, the failure to pass legislation addressing the healthcare needs of babies born alive during abortions would have far-reaching consequences, both morally and practically. It is essential for the government to recognize its responsibility to protect and care for the most vulnerable members of society and to enact policies that uphold these principles.

By passing this legislation, Parliament would send a clear message that every life is valued and deserving of care, regardless of the circumstances of its birth. It would reaffirm our commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of society and upholding the principles of equality, justice, and compassion.

I urge the committee to recognize the urgency and importance of this issue and to recommend that Parliament pass legislation to provide healthcare to babies born alive during abortions. Doing so is not just a legal or political matter; it is a moral imperative that reflects our commitment to protecting and caring for the most vulnerable members of our society.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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