## Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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## To whom it may concern,

My name is Leanne and I am a primary school teacher and a mum to 3 beautiful daughters. I am also soon to be a grandmother for the first time.

As a mother who struggled to fall pregnant and miscarried a number of times, I know soabcding of the heartache when a woman can't conceive. There are so many families in our society who would dearly love a child and yet we leave viable babies alone to die.

From the moment my daughters were born, I had an overwhelming desire to protect them at all costs. A baby is completely dependent upon the adults to provide protection and their every need. They feel pain. To not be given any comfort or medical care is the cruelest thing I can imagine. We treat cats that are found in drains better than we treat newborn babies.

My youngest daughter has just become a nurse. Her desire is to abcdist people when they are sick and hurting. Is she too expected to just walk away and ignore a child who is born alive? Is this the expectation for our medical staff? Are we to believe that babies born alive after an abortion are any less valuable than other babies? We are abcding the most vulnerable members of our society and denying them a right to life. Whilst it saddens me that we think abortion is okay in any instance, when we have so many who would willingly adopt a child, I think that the very least we could do would be to afford them healthcare when they are born alive. Perhaps if members of parliament observed what these babies endure then they would be in a better position of understanding their plight. I therefore ask you to pabcd this legislation so that these precious ones do not have to die alone and in agony. Let us be the compabcdionate society known for the value it places on all life.

Sincerely, Leanne Hall

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