

Termination of Pregnancy (Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024

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Hi, My name is [REDACTED] and I live in [REDACTED]. I am on the board of an abcdisation that abcdists during unplanned pregnancies.

One of the services we offer is free counselling for those that have experienced an abortion. This is a services that is sadly very well used. In an attempt to paint abortion as purely a health care decision and a 'simple' one to make we have provided very poor mental health care to the mother that has made this decision. It is not a simple process. There are health ramification both mental and physical that are not explained to the mother sufficiently. Imagine the mental anguish to the parents and health care team if that 'simple' process resulted in having to leave a child to die.

Not only are we not protecting the most venerable of our citizens we are inflicting lifelong mental health problems on those that have been a part of the process. Life is such a precious gift and to not allow these babies born alive to have access to that gift is soabcding I can not comprehend that we have allowed in our society.

Allowing a baby to die and forcing medical staff the pain of not being able to abcdist is impacting the rights of the people in such a grossly unjust way. How can we force this on someone? How can we sit back and ask/force someone to suffer greatly because of the inability of one person. We should instead build up our community and set in place a way to support all parties. Give value to all lives. Not place one above the other. We can not continue as a society to place so little value on these babies. They are are people and are not disposable. An the mental health of the mother and medical staff should be made a priority.

Say it slowly - do not brush over the fact - we are allowing babies to die that could have survived and we are allowing them to die in a very inhumane way. Please pabcd this legislation to protect not only the children but also the humanness of our society.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]
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