I am writing to make a formal request for a review and commission to be undertaken with regards to the most scientifically and precautionary appropriate window for the abortion of human foetuses in order to mitigate the chance of aborting a conscious being.

I believe it is eminently reasonable to continually review this topic as our scientific ability advances, in order to ensure that we are not permitting the deaths of foetuses that are conscious in as much as it is ‘something it is like to be a foetus’. Moreover, I believe that we must be additionally pragmatic in the further development of any such abortion window so that, in the absence of a complete body of evidence, we are protecting those who most need to be protected by the laws of this great country.

Therefore I would like to see a review and commission with a call for additional evidence, as well as for a more precautionary approach.

Furthermore, I champion the advances we have seen and continue to see in social justice and Human Rights, including the excellent advances we have seen under a Conservative government.

In particular, the advances we are seeing with regards to women’s rights are I believe absolutely meritorious and good public policy. However, I believe that foetuses have been left out of this equation of advancing social justice and Human Rights for all. In particular, I believe there may need to be a more considered and mature approach to social justice and Human Rights were justice and rights for the foetuses are further protected and championed. In particular, given their linked nature to the bodies, health, lives, freedoms and rights of women, I believe a mature and sophisticated approach is needed, with further developments where two or more lives are linked.

We have gone through social justice reforms whereby women are no longer the property of men, and people of various races are no longer the property of another, alongside other advances in protections and freedoms. However, foetuses are currently, in many ways, still effectively the property of women. If they are indeed conscious beings that it is ‘like something to be a foetus’, effectively being property that one can dispose of with the ending of their life, this I believe is a grave injustice.

I also believe there must be advanced legislation relating to the responsibilities of women in relation to foetuses – whereby any abortion of a foetus it is considered is conscious or could very well be conscious, should carry a serious criminal penalty.

Clearly, there are particular scenarios such as the foetus endangering the life of the mother, and conception without consensus has occurred, however even in these cases, I believe that legislation should make it clear that the foetus should be attempted to be saved where possible and that how a citizen is conceived, with or without consensus says nothing as to the rights of that
foetus to be carried to term and being able to be given a good life, through adoption or otherwise, if they are past the window where it is believed they are conscious.

I believe there is an opportunity to do what is good and right, and that satisfies a great number of citizens with regards to their interests in this matter and as part of the development of the social justice and Human Rights for all.

I believe that social justice and Human Rights should not be a device that is utilisable by only certain groups of persons for gaining power and advantage for themselves and for others whom they see fit, but that social justice and Human Rights should be developed in a comprehensive, ethical and eminently reasonable manner towards protections and freedoms for all.

It is important to note that we were all foetuses at one point, as were all of our citizens, and therefore the matter is one of universal importance.

I also believe it is especially important to advocate for this matter and request formal review and commission of it, as the group in question do not have a voice with which to advocate for themselves, much like persons in comas and potentially other states of minimal consciousnesses or stasis. Any review might also wish to contain within it other groups who cannot advocate for themselves.

Finally, I believe this is an opportunity to lead internationally on social justice and Human Rights as part of Global Britain.

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