I am writing in response to the request for the public’s views on Abortion law in Northern Ireland. As a resident of the Province and someone who has a genuine interest in our country, I wish to make clear my objection to any attempts to circumvent the democratic will of the people here as already expressed on numerous occasions through elections. My Member of Parliament and MLAs have not got it wrong on this matter. The most recent vote in Stormont (February 2016) made it clear the electorate has no desire to change the status quo. Many in this place (including myself) are proud that we have taken such a stand against abortion on demand as it appears to be the case elsewhere. Our existing stance has meant the salvation of an estimated 100,000 lives. I do not want the deaths of any child on my conscience, if I can help it. The 9 million abortions in Great Britain since the Act was legalised there is a shameful thing in my view. Life is precious from conception and I do not intend to lend my support to anyone who devalues it from that point or until old age. The most vulnerable human beings are those who cannot speak for themselves and it our job to speak for them. Unborn children deserve the right to life too. Please respect the position articulated so frequently by those labelled ‘Pro-Life’ and those views upheld by constant voting patterns and the responsibility of our own Stormont representatives to maintain our wishes in this matter. Under no circumstances should democracy and devolved matters in Northern Ireland be diminished because others disagree with us.

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