As a Northern Ireland resident I should like to take opportunity to respond to the upcoming inquiry on the Northern Ireland Abortion law. Firstly as a Christian I seek to uphold the right to life of an individual, noting that abortion fundamentally undermines the human rights of an individual and above all the right to life of the most vulnerable in our society.

Secondly I would strongly contest that Northern Ireland’s law must be respected. I cannot agree that Westminster should set out to bypass the will of our elected representatives which was last made clear in February 2016.

I further offer for your consideration the following statistics that an estimated 100,000 lives have been saved in Northern Ireland because of the existing law. Therefore I can scarcely comprehend that in the rest of the UK there have been almost 9 million abortions since the 1967 Abortion Act came into force. To learn that in 2016 some 98% of abortions in Great Britain were carried out for social reasons must be a shameful indictment on any society.

In light of the God given sanctity of life for all human beings together with the Existing laws of our province of Northern Ireland, I wish to record my strong opposition to any change being made to the current abortion law for social reasons and the further breech of God’s law.

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