I understand that your committee is seeking the views of people who live in Northern Ireland in relation to a proposed change in abortion law.

I write as an individual to express my own personal views.

I welcome the fact that Northern Ireland has one of the most pro-life legal frameworks in the world. So often we hear about human rights and indeed Article 3 on the UN Declaration on Human Rights states that everyone has the right to life. If that is the case then why are you trying to impose on Northern Ireland a law which will end and terminate life in an unnatural way. Liberating the law to allow abortion and to make it acceptable is wrong. Furthermore, to impose this on Northern Ireland when it was upheld last year by the Court of Appeal that we have our right to determine our abortion legislation is undemocratic.

Whilst I have every sympathy for woman who are subjected to non-consensual sex and who end up pregnant the easy option to abort and take that life is a further wrong. The solution should be a more robust and punitive regime for those who abuse and mis-use woman and girls. I understand that almost 100,000 lives have been saved due to the fact that NI has no implemented liberal abortion laws. That is a fact which should be welcomed.

I do not want NI society to become one where we do not value human life.

Please do not try to impose laws on this part of the UK when it is a devolved matter.

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