I am writing to you today in relation to your inquiry on abortion law in Northern Ireland. I have lived in Northern Ireland my entire life, and I wish to express my support for the abortion law in NI as it stands.

I am aware, and grieve, the variety of tragic circumstances that pregnant mothers find themselves in. I do not wish for those who have been victims of sexual crime to be exposed to further pain and suffering. I am also aware of a life in the womb; a child who may also be exposed to suffering and pain in the womb.

Sound studies have estimated that 100,000 lives have been saved under the current law. To change the current law would be a direct infringement on the human rights of the most vulnerable lives in our community, an unborn baby. I think it would be an abdication of our civil duty to actively increase the loss of human life.

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