Written submission from Robert Davidson (ANI0080)

I live in Northern Ireland and oppose any change in the law in Northern Ireland relating to Abortion for the following reasons:

1. Northern Ireland's law must be respected. Westminster should not set out to bypass the will of our elected representatives, which was last made clear in February 2016.
2. It is estimated 100,000 lives have been saved because of the existing law.
3. In the rest of the UK there have been almost 9 million abortions since the 1967 Abortion Act came into force, far more than envisaged when the Act was being introduced.
4. In 2016, 98% of abortions in Great Britain were carried out for social reasons.
5. Abortion fundamentally undermines human rights – above all the right to life of the most vulnerable in our society.
6. I believe that human life starts at conception and therefore abortion is murder and therefore should only be carried out when there is actual threat to the life of the mother from the pregnancy.

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