As a citizen of the UK living in Northern Ireland, I reject any interference by the Westminster parliament in current Northern Ireland legislation in relation to the existing laws governing abortion. This is clearly a matter devolved to the Northern Ireland Assembly, and should not be changed without the proper democratic input of those of us residing in Northern Ireland.

I believe that the current legislation in England and Wales shows that there is a high level of abortions being carried out for social reasons. This is supported by the evidence that there have been a large number of repeat abortions. To impose on Northern Ireland the 1967 Abortion Act would be in contravention of and undermine the human rights of unborn children.

In Northern Ireland there are existing safeguards for circumstances were terminations can occur on medical grounds and there may need to be changes to the legislation, in the light of future developments in medicine. Due to the political situation here a sizable number of the electorate here have no direct representation at Westminster and it follows that it would be unwise to legislate on the Northern Ireland abortion laws in London, and it could result in the rights of people here being disregarded.

I believe that until the restoration of the Northern Ireland Assembly, the existing laws should remain and it would be wrong for Westminster to legislate on such a fundamental and sensitive matter.

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