May I please strongly request that the Woman and Equalities Committee respect the Devolution Settlement and the lives of unborn children."

As an individual member of the Public I feel very strongly that this whole issue is being railroaded through the political process by the very strong abortion lobby and its allies – against both the will of the elected representatives of Northern Ireland of their people.

I feel passionately that the current should not be ‘reformed’.

This is a devolved issue which should be decided by politicians in Northern Ireland, not Westminster. Not a single member of the Women and Equalities Committee represents a seat in Northern Ireland.

I really cannot understand the argument of the pro-abortion lobby. How can abortion ever be considered a human right? Abortion – by definition, always results in the termination of another human life. The call for abortion reform in Northern Ireland distorts actual human rights instruments, which are founded on the equal right of all persons to be protected by the law.

The law on abortion in Northern Ireland has been proven to save lives. Research conducted by Both Lives Matter in 2017 found that an estimated 100,000 individuals are alive today who otherwise would not be had Northern Ireland followed England, Scotland and Wales in adopting the 1967 Abortion Act. How can the committee justify ‘reforming’ this law when it will lead to the deaths of thousands of its unborn citizens?

Please, I urge you with all my heart not to change these laws. I understand that the voice of the pro-abortion lobby is very loud but please remember that the voice of the unborn is the quietest; surely it is our duty in law to continue to protect them.

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