I live in Northern Ireland and I deeply appreciate our conservative abortion law framework. I would like to make two points:

- Abortion is not the quick-fix it is often made out to be. There are two casualties – the baby is murdered and the mother is wounded. Many women who have had abortions suffer from guilt, depression and other consequences and their lives are ruined.

- It has been established by statisticians that 100,000 lives have been saved in Northern Ireland because the 1967 Abortion Act was not accepted 50 years ago. An independent statistician agreed the figures on behalf of the Advertising Standards Agency and the later stated, “on balance, we concluded that the evidence indicated that there was a reasonable probability that around 100,000 people were alive in Northern Ireland today who would have otherwise been aborted had it been legal to do so.” Imagine, Windsor Park football ground in Belfast could be filled five times over with the number of individuals whose lives were saved because we did not accept the 1967 Abortion Act.

I feel strongly that the law on abortion in the Provence should not be changed.

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