As a resident of Northern Ireland I wish to object to abortion being made legal.

Abortion is wrong on all levels. It kills one and harms the other. It is not in the best interest of any woman to abort their child.

If a woman was to kill a child outside the womb, it would be murder. It is still murder if a child inside the womb is aborted.

Did you know that a child’s heart begins beating 21 days after conception?

At 8 weeks a child is perfectly formed. By week 11 a baby’s fingerprints and toenails begin to form.

Life starts at the time of conception, the moment when their sex, eye colour, potential height and even personality traits are defined!

Foestus is a Latin term meaning ‘offspring’ or ‘young one’

According to the Rape Crises Network, as many as 3 out of 4 women made pregnant through rape, do Not abort their child!

According to a study, most women felt that abortion would be another violation. They also see the baby as an innocent party – a child who was not guilty of the crimes of rape. Some gave the baby up for adoption.

Abortion can cause further trauma to a woman who is already distressed and traumatised. We need to offer support to both mother and child.

‘fatal foetal abnormality’ a misleading term. No Doctor knows exactly when a foetus is going to die. We are all ‘fatal’. A life of a few minutes can be as perfect as a life of 60 years. Some babies diagnosed with a condition which means they may not live for long after birth. These are babies with severe disability, they are not a ‘fatal foetal abnormality’ these babies are alive and kicking at the time of diagnosis and have the same right to life as every child. Even in the most severe cases, most of the babies live beyond birth and at that time with their families leads to great love and healing. There is no condition where a doctor can say with certainty that a child will not live until birth. The time the parents have with their baby, however short, is precious, and we need better support, like perinatal hospice care, not abortion. Abortion would have robbed the parents and the child, of that time together.

Britain permits abortion for disabilities right up to birth. Disgracefully, 90% of all babies diagnosed with Down Syndrome before birth are killed by abortion. In Iceland this figure is 100%.

We cannot allow such atrocities to take place in Northern Ireland.

I urge everyone to research exactly what happens during an abortion. Research the anxiety and pain a child goes through when being killed.

We should be moving forward, not backwards. With all our technology when you can clearly see this tiny life living in the womb, abortion should be illegal and treated as murder of an innocent life.

We should be fighting to save lives, not take them. Doctors swear an oath to preserve life, how then can then be taking life? This goes against everything they have sworn to.
I want Northern Ireland to remain a safe haven for all unborn children, and it is what I will fight for in verbal and written communications.

It is time we respect all life, disabled or not, and show compassion and love to both mother and child.

To legalise abortion means a cruel and violent procedure that ends the life of a preborn baby. Please do not let this happen in Northern Ireland.

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