Written submission from Cathryn Lockington (ANI0244)

As a woman living in Northern Ireland, I would like to respond to the Woman and Equalities Committee, asking that our existing law regarding abortion be preserved in Northern Ireland. I feel strongly that our law should be respected and that people in Northern Ireland, through their elected representatives, should be solely responsible for this, without Westminster or Dublin undermining it. The argument that women should have the right to choose abortion at will, and that their right trumps the right of the unborn child, our most vulnerable in society, concerns me greatly. A huge percentage of abortions are carried out for social reasons and I believe that women in crisis pregnancies should be shown love, compassion and respect, as should their unborn child. I wonder do those women who push for liberal abortion laws also consider the female unborn children and their fundamental right to life. Please uphold our pro-life law in Northern Ireland.

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