As a citizen of Northern Ireland, with regard to the existing law on abortion in Northern Ireland I should like to point out the following:

- Abortion is currently available in Northern Ireland on the grounds of women’s health i.e. if the physical or mental health of the mother is seriously endangered, then a termination of the pregnancy is offered as a way to support women’s health.

- This law ought to be upheld, but legislating any additional grounds such as foetal disability or the context of the conception, contradicts the will of the majority of the locally elected representatives and therefore the majority of the population.

- Extending the grounds for abortion will lead to the destruction of pre-birth children, whose right to medical care will be denied at the request of their mother. Figures from 2016 record 98% of abortions in GB were for social reasons and any further amendments to the law in Northern Ireland will pave the way for a similar abuse here.

- The abortion law in NI is a devolved matter and in the absence of a functioning legislative assembly it would be wrong for representatives in Westminster, with no mandate in Northern Ireland, to intervene.

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