I am a 69yr old married man living in Northern Ireland and am aware of the general debates around the existing abortion laws both here and in GB where they are unfortunately, in my view, too liberal. In 2016 Northern Ireland MLA’s clearly voted to support pro-life laws. It has been estimated that as a result of the legal frameworks in existence here, around 100,000 people are alive today who would have been aborted if the 1967 Abortion Act had been applied to this part of the UK as in other regions.

I believe that the law here in N Ireland has to be respected and that the UK Government should not attempt to weaken or bypass the will of our elected MLA’s and their wishes as evidenced in 2016 voting. It is abhorrent to me that in 2016 alone, 98% of abortions in Great Britain were carried out for social reasons, in many cases proper planning and preventative measures would have prevented so many lives being lost. Abortion, by its very nature undermines the most basic and fundamental human right, the right to life as set out in Article 2 ECHR where it states - Everyone's right to life shall be protected by law. No one shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of a sentence of a court following his conviction of a crime for which the penalty is provided by law.

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