I am writing about the proposal to change existing abortion laws in Northern Ireland.

The Equalities Committee, as I would understand it, is all about protecting 'human rights' - a cause that is much needed and should be valued in many contexts.

I therefore wish to record my opinion that the Westminster Government is seriously risking and flouting Human Rights laws by seeking to impose a liberal abortion regime in Northern Ireland.

Around 100,000 lives have been saved to date since the 1967 Abortion Act, all because it was not applied to N Ireland, a truly staggering number.

Changing abortion laws in my country would now undervalue the lives of those people who were saved from this Act, as it in effect, nullifies their right to be here, and means that lives in similar situations to their own, may now no longer to be preserved.

What gives Westminster, in fact ANYONE, the right to choose if a life is to be continued or snuffed out? God alone has this call, as the Ultimate Authority over all things living. Ending a life because it is inconvenient, socially unacceptable or economically difficult is tantamount to me, as a mother, murdering my 9 year old son because the annoyed me, caused me social difficulties or embarrassment or put a strain on my finances. I would rightly be condemned by society for this, and punished in the court of law. And yet, this is so often what is happening to our unborn sons and daughters, undoubtedly our most vulnerable in society.

How have we become so corrupted that we do not protect the basic human rights of these little ones - the right to life. Just because they cannot talk, campaign, vote or shout loudly about their rights, doesn't mean that they should be denied this right. The UK Government's wicked and self-serving, humanistic laws need to be stopped and I am delighted that I still live in a country where unborn children are protected. Yet with our devolved government, I feel this is under threat, despite the will of the Northern Ireland people to not have this law changed, as recently as 2016.

I do not wish to undermine the rights of mothers in any way, and yes, unwanted pregnancies can cause heartbreak, turmoil, mental illness and a host of other problems, some of which I have seen first hand within my own family. And yet, none of these are reason enough to take another life, and so I am writing to let you know that I wish the current law in NI to be preserved, and I will continue to pray that the unborn children in our Province may get to live the lives that they deserve.

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