Written submission from Mrs Mary Leahy (ANI0356)

I am writing to this Committee to state that I as a Northern Ireland Citizen do not want a Change in Our Pro-Life Laws.

I am Horrified at the Prospect of Abortion being forced onto the people of Northern Ireland by yourselves, George Soros or Amnesty International.

Our Current Legislation Protects the Mother as well as the Unborn Child Sections 58/59 of the Offences against the Persons act 1861 & Section 25 of the Criminal Justice Act NI 1945. These together recognise that the Unborn Child at any & every Stage of Development of a Human being a person deserving of Protection under the Law. Currently Equality is present in our Legislation it is the Protection of both Mother & Child.

1. In the case of Rape both Mother & Child deserve compassion, support & protection Abortion is just further Trauma & Violence. Punish Rapist increase their Prison Sentences but do not Punish an Innocent Baby.
2. In the case of Disability, in 2018 with advanced Medical Care 4D Ultra Sounds and Compassionate alternatives Abortion is never the Answer. Lord Shinkwin is a Strong Advocate of this reasoning, Abortion Discriminates against Disability. There are over 100 000 people alive today in Northern Ireland Thanks to our Existing Pro-Life Laws and we one of the safest places for Pregnant Women. Our Laws safe guard the Human Right to Life.
3. This enquiry disregards the principal of Democracy and the Reality that Northern Ireland has Voted on this issue and has said NO. If we can afford Abortion, we can Afford Funding for Perinatal Hospice Care and Pregnancy Help Centres.
4. Gender Selection. Abortion is not Compassionate or a Women’s Reproductive Right!!!! As a Majority of Babies are Aborted due to being Female. How can this be perceived as Protecting Women?

Reality is Abortion Kills Babies and Hurts Women, Parents never say they are Expecting a Foetus they say they are expecting a Baby.

Please, please safeguard our Existing Pro-Life Laws.

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