I am writing to make a submission to the Women and Equalities Committee ‘Abortion in Northern Ireland’ Inquiry. I am a British voter who is alarmed at the way that pressure is being brought to bear by London on the people of Northern Ireland. I have three main points to submit:-

1. I believe that a radical feminist agenda is being foisted on Northern Ireland in order to bypass the constitutional Assembly which is currently not sitting at Stormont. Direct Rule has not been introduced, so it is completely inappropriate for Westminster to impose this on Northern Ireland. I also understand that the Women and Equalities Committee doesn't have any representation in Northern Ireland itself, so it is hardly democratic: why not instruct the Northern Ireland Affairs Select Committee to consider the matter?

2. I have read that 100,000 children’s lives have been saved Northern Ireland as abortion is not legal there. 100,000. I am also deeply concerned about the rights of disabled babies whose lives are ended before their mothers give birth to them. That is moving in a very disturbing direction, and the word “eugenics” comes to mind.

3. I also understand that Human Rights legislation is being cited to argue for abortion to be legalised in Northern Ireland. Apparently only 2% of abortions are carried out as a result of sexual crime. Abortion in the UK is moving towards become an equivalent to contraception. The difference is, of course, that a small pre-born life is brought to an end often violently and with the child feeling the pain of its limbs being torn apart (in second trimester abortions). What human rights do these small individuals have?

In conclusion, I would urge the Committee to respect the democratic right of the people of Northern Ireland through their elected representatives to decide what the law on abortion should be. The law in Northern Ireland protects life, especially the lives of the disabled, and I do not want a change on abortion law to be imposed on Northern Ireland. It appears that there is little demand for this change in Northern Ireland itself, so London should not set the agenda in this overbearing, pressurised way.

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