I am [50-60] years of age and have lived all my life in Northern Ireland. While the impasse at Stormont regrettably still continues those at Westminster should not use this impasse as an excuse to impose its will to change the abortion laws of Northern Ireland. If devolution means anything then those in Westminster should respect the laws of Northern Ireland and allow our local elected representatives to make or not to make changes to the abortion law.

The latest statistics of abortions carried out in UK clearly reveal reality of abortion, that 98% of abortions are carried out for social reasons, that 39% of the women who had abortions have had one or more.

I am opposed to abortion. I believe in the right to life and that life begins at conception. The abortion laws of Northern Ireland protect the most vulnerable in our society. An estimated 100,000 lives have been saved because of the existing law. I have become a grandfather for the first time this year and have a beautiful [granddaughter]. My daughter shared with my wife and I the picture of her first 12 week scan. I clearly saw a head, body, arms and legs a human life and all human life needs protected and current law clearly protects the life of the unborn in Northern Ireland.

Please do not impose a change to Northern Ireland abortion laws which will undermine democracy and protect the human life of the unborn the most vulnerable of our society

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