Written submission from a member of the public (ANI0426)

I have recently learned that your commission is challenging the abortion laws of Northern Ireland (NI).

I am from NI and believe that our laws protect both mothers and their children.

My mother got pregnant at [40-45] and discovered that her unborn child had Down’s Syndrome. Mum was offered an abortion by both her GP and a Consultant Paediatrician though thankfully declined.

My [sibling] is now [20-25] years old and in [their] third year at college. [Name] has [their] work placement in a [school] also.

[Name] does [dancing]. [Name] also attends the gym twice weekly and attends a youth club also. [Name] has many other weekly activities and lives a fulfilling life.

My brother’s [former partner] also threatened to abort their child who is now [5-10] years old and he has access to her very regularly. My brother who has lived in [location] for fifteen years contacted me here in NI and I sought the help of a local pro-life group. Thankfully my brother supported his [former partner] who decided for life and not death.

I ask that you pleas reconsider your position.

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