Written submission from Sinead Rooney (ANI0429)

I am submitting this email as I feel this is a crucial time for the people of Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland’s laws only permit abortion in cases where a woman’s life is at risk, or where there is a permanent or serious risk to her mental or physical health. I feel strongly as a woman and a mother that this law does not need to change, this law protects the right to life of every child in Northern Ireland and I think it is unthinkable to fast track a change in the law to follow the path taken by the South of Ireland so soon after the referendum.

This is a devolved issue and should remain so.

The law in Northern Ireland should stay as it is and I am proud it exists, there are so many good organisations here in Northern Ireland that offer a woman the right guidance and support needed in pregnancy and long after birth, helping with education, housing, employment and much more. More help should be given to organisations like these.

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