My name is [name] and I am writing to submit my views on why we should not change the law on abortion in Northern Ireland.

My great grandmother adopted a relative of hers and we grew up calling him uncle. My granny would often share stories with us as young children about [name's] life. She often thanked God for [name's] life and was thankful he was alive.

When [name's] mother was expecting him she already had a few other young children and was finding life very difficult, and as well as this her husband was called to war. When [name] was a small baby she gave him to our family who vowed to take care of him.

Looking back our lives could have been so very different if we hadn't of had the opportunity to have [name] in our lives. He gave us so much love, care and he brought so much joy to our family. He was the kindest, funniest and most beautiful and loving person I have ever had the privilege to have ever known. He was a man of great faith who inspired me to be the person I am today. I thank God for his life and for having the opportunity to have been part of his life, to love him and for him to love us. He brought nothing but pure joy and unconditional love to us, I will be forever grateful for his life. He sadly passed away a few years ago and all we have of him is precious memories - memories I will hold in my heart forever. This is why I am making a submission to the committee because the pro-life laws in Northern Ireland are
important. Many of our loved ones would possibly not be alive today if it wasn't for our laws that cherish life.

I want NI to continue to protect and cherish the lives of unborn children, and I believe there should be better support for women with unexpected pregnancies. Adoption should be made more readily available for women and families.

I urge the Women’s Equality Committee to promote the protection of life for every human being, born and unborn.

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