1) DEVOLUTION
Local decision making in local issues is a basic tenet of every civilised society and should not be removed at a whim on the strength of the current ideology of others outside that area. The issue of abortion is one which unites most of Northern Irish people from both Protestant and Roman catholic backgrounds, young and old and that support for life from it’s earliest stage comes from a very basic and civilised idea of preserving human life where possible.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
The very idea of discriminating against a child which might be born with a disability and selecting that child for killing on the basis of someone’s opinion of it’s quality of life is deeply offensive. Quality of life has got far more to do with how a child is raised and cared from after birth no matter what it’s health than whether or not it is perfectly healthy at it's birth. My [relative] currently suffers from a [condition] despite this all he enjoys going to school, enjoys his [family] coming to visit and read him stories and he loves to get to church and hear the singing and music along with his [family]. Had he been diagnosed with such a disease before his birth there would have been many recommending he be killed before birth because of his disability.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
The laws around what people think are human rights change from time to time but life is always precious and as we more clearly understand what babies in the womb can feel, hear and sense it is shocking to think that a child can feel it’s tiny body being torn apart and die in agony and all on the altar of convenience. It is not long ago that society treated black slaves from Africa as being sub human and not deserving of human rights and in spite of the enlightenment that all humans should have human rights some people still have not accepted that unborn human have human rights which also need to be respected and protected.

4) PERSONAL STORIES
The sad cases where doctors have given an opinion that a child cannot survive because of some perceived illness are often used as battering rams to push for on demand abortion on the most spurious and limited basis but I will give you an example of where doctors were very wrong indeed. I was born in [year] and inhaled some fluid during the birth and was very ill despite the best efforts of the midwife on duty and was placed in an incubator to assist with breathing. The next day the leading doctor in the hospital came to visit my mum and to tell her the worst news she could hear which was that I would die soon, he then said there was no treatment he could offer to help and left my mum to grieve. My mum prayed for wellbeing and left the hospital a few days later and in answer to her prayers I was able to get about 10 days afterward and from that day until this year I never spent a night in a hospital. The doctor said I couldn’t live, he could offer no treatment but the doctor was completely wrong, I lived and am perfectly healthy as far as I know.

My wife was a young teenager when she was taken into hospital with a [condition] doctors could find no evidence of a problem. A leading specialist was flown over from [location] to seek to diagnose her complaint and came to see her at her hospital bedside along with around 12 student doctors who were keen to hear all they could from this high-ranking specialist who made the very rare trip from [location] to see this young girl with the [condition]. After introducing himself the specialist told her that he was unable to diagnose her problem but told her that in light of [condition] that "medically speaking you should really be dead .... but your not and I will call you the mystery girl". Again, the doctor was wrong, my wife is a perfectly active and healthy [50-60] year old who contributes an awful lot to caring for elderly relatives and friends around our area. Had my wife's condition been diagnosed before her birth it is most likely the medical profession would have
said she could not live after birth and should be killed before birth ... what a travesty of justice and what a loss to society would that have been? A doctor’s opinion on an unborn child can never be taken as justification for ending that life.

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