1) DEVOLUTION
The place for this matter as regards Northern Ireland on its stance to legislation on when and if abortion should take place belongs firmly with the rest of such devolved issues in Northern Ireland. Do not presume to usurp that given devolved power. It could potentially harm the unity of our Nation.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
Life is so precious as the Both Lives Matter research has proven with over 100,000 people alive to-day who otherwise would have been eliminated through no choice of theirs or through no fault of theirs either. The current climate of fear against disability in the rest of our country is rightly challenged by the up holding of life that rather than condemn those in Northern Ireland for making such a stand we should surely be considering our own consumer convenience approach to the wonderful gift of life in the rest of the country. Shame on us for not listening and attempting to shout down opposing views. Is this also evidence of a continuing cavalier attitude towards anything Irish?

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
I have been deeply saddened over the last 50 years to see both the nurturing role of Motherhood undermined and the entwined irresponsible attitude towards procreation given an increasing rein in our society and culture. It cannot be a positive development and the increasing mental health issues arising from childhood neglect and family breakdown are evidence that such killing is beneficial to neither the woman nor the child. Indeed the whole mistaken concept at the heart of this matter is that a woman should be legally entitled to abort her child at will rather than in extreme circumstances. Life is a gift not a commodity. That said there are those of some influence who try to imply otherwise. One such is the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) an unelected group with the UN making a report. That report neither reflects the view of the United Nations as a body and they are a non judicial body so as Lord Wilson has commented the authority of their recommendations are slight.

4) PERSONAL STORIES
My youngest daughter enjoyed excellent child care from one lady who had she not been adopted when she was born may well have been aborted. Indeed she has gone on to have a good life and to raise a happy family. Both lives matter without doubt.

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