1) DEVOLUTION
In response to the consultation on Abortion in Northern Ireland may I point out that this is an issue solely for the elected representatives of the Province. I appreciate that our NI Assembly is currently suspended but we do not have direct rule from Westminster so it would be constitutionally inappropriate for the committee to pass judgment and would set a worrying precedent.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
Many individuals are alive today who might well have been aborted/killed had they had the misfortune to have been conceived and carried in wombs resident on the mainland. This is particularly true of disabled children. I understand 90% of foetuses diagnosed with Down’s Syndrome were aborted in England, Scotland and Wales in 2016 whereas 90% of those identified in NI were born.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
While the committee wish to accept the dubious idea that women can only be equal when they have an absolute right to abortion, there is no doubt that foetuses do have an absolute right to life - and half of them are female!

4) PERSONAL STORIES

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