1) DEVOLUTION
I find this disturbing that an issue that impacts local people is being addressed by politicians outside of Northern Ireland. Yes, granted our NI Assembly is 'on hold' at present but in reality local people should be determining the outcome of a local issue. I have a question: on such a sensitive subject why, then, is not a single member of the Women & Equalities Committee from Northern Ireland. Does local opinion not count?
If the matter is taken away from the people of Northern Ireland, I ask what other important and sensitive subjects will follow the same decision making path?

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
As a supporter of the work of Both Lives Matter, I was wholeheartedly encouraged by the fact that an estimated 100,000 lives have been saved due to Northern's Law on abortion. When the Advertising Standards Authority looked into the statistics, the figures were found to be accurate. Our distinctive law means that protection is offered to the disabled. Currently, in the rest of the UK, unborn children can be aborted if a disability is observed. For a life to be terminated in the womb is unjustified discrimination and should be prevented. One of the UK’s peers Lord Shinkwin has said publicly that "Northern Ireland is the safest place in our UK to be diagnosed with a disability before birth."
Please have mercy upon the unborn life in the womb, especially the diagnosed disabled.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
In reality, Women’s and Equalities Committee are in danger of accepting and promoting the lie that women can only be equal when they have the absolute right to abortion in any circumstance for any reason. This, then, pits a mother against her unborn child. It also then horribly measures a mother’s right to freedom and equality by their ability to end the life of their own child.
How can anyone seen to be loving in such circumstances, God have mercy upon us!
There must be a more humane way of progressing the discussion and debate that prioritises health, life & dignity of both the unborn child and their mother.

4) PERSONAL STORIES

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