1) DEVOLOUTION
The law in Northern Ireland on devolved matters is a matter for the people in Northern Ireland and our elected representatives in the Northern Ireland Assembly. Although the Assembly is temporarily suspended, the outstanding matters will be resolved and the Assembly will be operating once again.

The British Parliament imposing its will on Northern Ireland on a vitally important and sensitive matter is wholly inappropriate and wrong. Recent polling shows that over 60% of our people in Northern Ireland believe that abortion law is a matter for our own elected representatives,

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
Northern Ireland has a distinctive law and culture and it would be cultural imperialism for the British Parliament to impose its values and culture on Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland is one of the safest places in the world to be pregnant and safely deliver a child.

Northern Ireland believes in the inherent right to life and the dignity of all individuals including pre-born human beings in their mother’s womb.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
The dignity of every individual man and woman is protected in Northern Ireland law.

The fundamental Human Right is the right to life without which all other rights are meaningless.

If society decides that a certain category of human beings, in this case pre-born humans, do not have a right to life throughout their life from conception until natural death, what other categories of human beings will be similarly deprived of that right in the future? The elderly? The disabled? Will racists claim that certain races should be denied their right to life?

4) PERSONAL STORIES
Pre-born children, from the moment of their conception, are human beings. They must be protected in law and welcomed in life by the whole of society. The right to life is sacrosanct,

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