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Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill

To whom it may concern:

I would wish to make the following points.

- 1) Surely there are already laws to deal with dangerous or threatening behaviour in public places without introducing more legislation.
- 2) What evidence is there that there has been a real and ongoing problem for women seeking abortion services? Is this a sledgehammer approach to a nut?
- 3) In a free society do we not have right to seek to persuade someone that there are alternative approaches to dealing with unwanted pregnancies...other than seeking an abortion? Could someone be criminalised for seeking to help someone recognise this fact?
- 4) To seek to criminalise someone for legitimate protest on abortion services is a slippery slope – whose right to protest will be targeted next? As already stated, existing legislation is sufficient to deal with the instances of threat or endangerment.