I would like to register my opposition to the proposed 'Abortion Zones'.

They are criminalising the most peaceful and life loving people I know. In a part of the world synonymous with demonstrating and demanding the civil right to protest, the actions being taken in Stormont to deny an act essentially of love, to protect our weakest, and affirm the most important civil right of all, are quite shocking.

The right of people to stand in opposition to the culture of death and stand ready to assist others who desire their help must be upheld.

This really is a Martin Niemöller moment. Whose right to peacefully oppose will be withdrawn next?

The police already have legitimate powers to intervene if there is any behaviour contravening the law. In my experience its unlikely for a Franciscan Friar to breach the peace. They usually preach peace.

Claire Bailey's proposal is seriously misjudged at best and unspeakably oppressive and fascist at worst.