

This proposed Bill will discriminate against peaceful pro-life people, as there is no evidence to support Claire Bailey's claim of harassment. It is the right of pro-life people in attendance outside abortion centres to be able to pray and express their views, display posters, hand out leaflets, as to do otherwise would be contrary to their Human Rights under Articles 10 and 11.

In addition this proposed legislation is discriminatory. Other groups who wish to express their views on a range of subjects including those outside of abortion services, are permitted to do so. This Bill will "...make it a CRIME to DO ANYTHING..." outside an abortion centre "...which might influence a person in their decision to attend..." an abortion centre. Simply holding a sign; distributing information leaflets; talking to a woman to offer her help, or even praying outside an abortion centre will be "...punishable on conviction by fines..." up to £2500. To enact legislation against the pro-life voice, is therefore discriminatory and an inequality.

The financial burden of imposing similar zones in England cost the taxpayer pprox £150,000 and £250,000. Neither this proposed legislation, nor the financial burden on the taxpayers of NI is welcome nor necessary. We do not want it. As our elected representatives it is your responsibility to take account of our views.