

I am contacting you regarding the abortion services 'Safe Access Zone' Bill which seeks to silence and censor certain groups of people, specifically those choosing to speak up for the rights of the un-born child outside an abortion facility.

find it disappointing that Claire Bailey would submit this Bill under the pretence of 'safety to access medical care and not to be subjected to anti-abortion harassment and intimidation'.

These gatherings have always been peaceful and dignified with the intention of offering a woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy real choice alongside support, not to 'intimidate and harass' which has been previously stated by Bailey.

What evidence has been submitted to back Bailey's claim of intimidation or harassment?

Freedom of assembly and expression are fundamental human rights – both protected under Articles 10 and 11 of the Human Rights Act.

Abortion was forced on the people of Northern Ireland and our representatives have failed us and this country when they did not take their seats and speak out on our behalf.

Those who choose to gather, speak out against, and offer women an alternative option outside an abortion facility, in a non-threatening manor should not be punished or criminalised, nor should their rights to stand there be stripped from them.

Abortion is not in my name.