

I am in opposition to the oppressive and blatantly discriminatory Abortion Zones Bill. It only targets pro-life people. Pro-life set ups outside abortions clinics are peaceful and the police already have the necessary authority to deal with any alleged unlawful activity. There is no policy evidence to uphold Claire Bailey's claims of 'harassment' or 'intimidation' outside abortion centres. This bill would make it a crime to do anything outside abortion centres to influence a woman's decision, including the peaceful admission of leaflets or even praying outside the centre. This is clearly in direct violation of freedom of expression and assembly.

As a person who has worked with many women seeking abortions, I have found that in many situations a woman feels forced by either a family member or their partner to have an abortion, and having the support outside the abortion clinic for another option has helped many of those women in those crisis pregnancies get the support and help they needed without having to murder their unborn child against their will.

Please do not pass this bill for the sake of those women in vulnerable situations and for the protection of basic human rights to assembly and freedom of expression.