

I am writing to you with reference to the upcoming bill relating to the ongoing protests outside establishments offering abortion services.

Our democratic right is the '*right to protest*' and certainly to protest for such a just and worthy cause, that being the preservation of life of the unborn child. I can appreciate that some of the images presented are disturbing (and I personally do not agree with these images being displayed publicly), however unfortunately, this is the grave reality of abortion. Innocent, vulnerable babies are being wilfully destroyed and it is being sanitized as '*legitimate healthcare for women*'.

The recent abortion law that was imposed on us by a Westminster government did not have the support of the people of Northern Ireland, and yet here we are, being told by our elected representatives that we are not even permitted to protest against it. The Northern Ireland that we inhabit today was built on protests and civil rights marches, creating opportunities and equalities for all, yet the most vulnerable in today's society are being marginalised and destroyed, and we are being discouraged from even speaking out.

I cannot begin to imagine the anguish that some women endure when faced with an unplanned pregnancy, however, the ending of that innocent child's life should never be offered as an option and by sanitizing it as '*healthcare*' will not cover up the horrific reality.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I would therefore respectfully request that the legitimate right to protest outside these facilities is permitted and that women can be offered information on alternatives to abortion.

*' First we overlook evil  
Then we permit evil  
Then we legalise evil  
Then we promote evil  
Then we celebrate evil  
Then we persecute those  
Who still call it evil'*