

To Whom it May Concern

The Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill is essential to prevent the terrible injustice of babies being aborted because they have a disability.

- Abortion law is discriminatory, it does not afford the same legal protection to unborn babies deemed to have a disability as it does to those babies who don't.
- Allowing disability abortion sends the message to people living with disabilities that their lives are less valuable than those without. Disability campaigner Heidi Crowter, who has Down's syndrome, has said that the law makes her feel unloved, unwanted and like she should never have been born.
- Allowing unborn babies to be aborted on the ground of disability is incompatible with the very basis of a civilised and inclusive society.
- Northern Ireland must not be a place where people are discarded just because they are different.
- The current law encourages negative stereotypes about people with disabilities.
- Denying unborn children the right to life just because of their disability makes a mockery of disability discrimination laws.