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To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill – I feel this is essential to prevent the terrible injustice of babies being aborted because they have a disability.

I have recently become a grandmother again. About two weeks before her birth her parents were given bad news regarding the baby, I have seen firsthand what getting bad news looks like and how distraught the parents were. They were not thinking straight due to the shock and stress. I was thinking if this had been a disability and the baby under current law could be aborted up to birth this would have been denying the unborn baby the right to life, surely all babies with a disability have a right to life the same as other babies. I have a cousin who has downs syndrome and to think that he could have been killed before birth is unbearable, this law makes him feel worthless and unwanted.

Please do not make Northern Ireland known as the country which discriminates against those babies with a disability, the place where babies are discarded because they are different.