

**re: the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill**

**Dear Sir, Madam,**

**I have four adult children, one of whom is disabled. She is 48 years old and still lives with me. my daughter's disability was not identified in the womb... in fact it wasn't identified until she was at school, in spite of numerous checkups. She is a real blessing. I am part of a support group for parents of adult disabled children so i know a lot of people in such a situation. I know two separate families who have adult Downs syndrome children. In both cases, these adults are delightful and a real blessing to their families. A dear friend in New Zealand has a Downs syndrome daughter. She too is so loved by the family.**

**If you were to ask parents of disabled children their opinions, most would say that they would not be without them.**

**I just wanted to have my say.**