

5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Health Committee,

**Re: Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill**

**I am writing to you as I support the above bill and wish to see its implementation into law.**

**As a retired G.P. and formerly a volunteer with adult learning disability, I found the recently imposed Abortion Regulations were discriminatory and abhorrent.**

**I support the Amendment Bill, as it removes discrimination against those with non-fatal fetal abnormalities after the 24<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. All children within the womb should be subject to the same protections at any given gestation.**

**In my professional and personal experience, I have seen many children and adults with such abnormalities live extremely full and productive lives and the protections that were previously afforded in pregnancy under the old legislation were to be commended and applauded. The current situation is very regrettable.**

**So please protect the rights of the disabled, create a fair and equitable space within the womb, and support the implementation of the Amendment Bill into law.**