

The Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill

I am writing to you in support of the above Bill.

Surely in this day and age all unborn babies have a right to be treated equally and given the same protection whether they have a disability or not? Why is this not happening? I firmly believe that the current abortion law discriminates against babies/ people with disabilities.

My understanding is that if an unborn baby has signs of a cleft lip, club foot or Down's syndrome then their life is thought worthless. No one's life is worthless, all life is of value and worth, all life is sacred. All lives matter.

My grandson was born with Down's syndrome, he is a fantastic young boy who enjoys and loves life and is bursting with energy. What joy and love he has brought to our whole family and we do not think that his life is worthless. As you can imagine I find this Bill hurtful and offensive literally insinuating that because a baby is born with a disability then he/she is discarded along with all the other worthless rubbish in our lives.

I have 9 grandchildren and believe me as I held each one in my arms shortly after birth, I felt the same rush of love for each and everyone of them. I fear for the future of my wee grandson, or other children with any sort of disability, as society labels them worthless. Today's world wants and expects "100% perfection" with no imperfections, how sad. None of us are perfect and that's what makes us all unique and different.