

I make this submission to the Committee in support of the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill.

The Northern Ireland Assembly made it perfectly clear that it opposed a law change that would single out people with non-fatal disabilities.

The UK Government ignored the view of the Assembly and imposed a regime that effectively introduced abortion up to birth for babies with disabilities including those with Down's syndrome, cleft lip and club foot.

The current abortion regulations undermine 30 years of disability protection.

The Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill will foster equality by upholding the rights of the unborn with disabilities and reinforcing the understanding that every person in Northern Ireland deserves equality and protection under the law.