

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

Life is a gift. Life isn't something that you can just throw away into a bin and retrieve again in a matter of moments. Life once lost is lost forever. There is no going back.

Can any of us say that we chose to live? That we chose to be born? No. We cannot say that because it wasn't our choice to live. Therefore, why must children suffer and be aborted for a choice that they had no ability to make? Why must their own mothers who are given a duty to love and protect them from the world turn their backs away from their children and hurt them?

I understand that some mothers out there didn't have a choice themselves and had injustice done to them, but aborting their child doesn't help the situation. Aborting their own child no matter the circumstance makes them just as much to blame.

What right do humans have to abort small babies? Babies who need protection and love.

I do not care if the child has a cleft lip or down syndrome. The fact is is that they are still humans. They still have feelings, they still have emotions. No matter what 'disabilities' they have, they can still smile, cry, laugh, mourn, joke, feel happiness and pain.

Does a cleft lip seriously make someone not a human? This is what we are saying. If you agree to aborting a child with a cleft lip or other 'disabilities' your denying their own rights. They may be small, but they are still a life.

Let me put it this way.

If you were to take a man and kill him saying it was because of his 'disabilities' then wouldn't there be uproars and shouts?

Well, when you abort a baby you are killing them. No matter how you try to look upon it, it is still taking someone's life.

The only difference is, is that a baby cannot stand up for itself. It cannot defend itself, so if its mother abandons him how can he live?

I have a friend who has a cleft lip. And yes, she does struggle and feel sad, but not because of the lip itself, but because of judgmental people. However, I can tell you that she is one of the most selfless, kind and giving person that I have ever met. She's one of those people who upon seeing I find myself smiling and she has the most funny and beautiful laugh that makes you laugh only because she is. She's special to me and a true gift.

If she had been aborted due to her cleft lip I never would have realised just what had been stolen from me and everyone else who is her friend and family.

So please, please do not abort children who cannot defend themselves.

A person may have 'disabilities' but because of this they need to be protected and loved, not left alone without a choice. All people deserve a chance to live.

So before I finish this letter I want to ask you this one question.

What if this was you?

What if it was you who had 'disabilities' and because of that you were aborted.

Think about your loved ones, your job, your happy memories along with your painful ones too.
Aborting a child no matter for what reason is stealing their lives and their future from them.