

I write on behalf of the Ann Devlin Derry Cumann, Aontú. As a pro-life party, we value the life of the unborn and believe life begins at conception and ends in natural death.

It is our considered view that this Bill, and other efforts at Council level to limit the rights of individuals to protest is in violation of unalienable rights enshrined in the ECHR. Much has been made of references to 'harassment' in commentary around this issue, yet no evidence has been referred to in the justification for the measures proposed.

The right to protest is sacrosanct, regardless of the reason for it, indeed we are of the belief that no restrictions should apply even in relation to those who are pro-abortion, because the law must respect universality in this regard.

We oppose the Bill in its entirety as a precedent to further restrictions in the right to free expression.

Sincerely,

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