

I am pro-life and have supported the pro-life cause for over twenty years now. And during that time, I have taken part in demonstrations, marches, church services etc. etc. to support the cause. Simply holding a sign; distributing information leaflets; talking to a woman to offer her help, or even praying outside an abortion centre will be '...punishable on conviction by fines' up to £2500

I have now reached my 76th year and on reflection I feel proud to live in a country which allows free speech and legitimate protest. But now I am in a state of shock to hear your proposals to block 'us' from those freedoms. I can vouch for pro-life as consisting of 'Well Meaning Mostly Christian people' showing our distaste of Abortion and attempting to offer Women and Girls an alternative to killing their own flesh and blood. There is no Police evidence to substantiate Claire Bailey's claims of 'harassment' and 'intimidation' outside abortion centres.

Freedom of assembly and freedom of expression are fundamental human rights. These 'Abortion Zones' will rob vulnerable women of an alternative to abortion. Pro-Life groups have evidence of many women offered help and support outside abortion centres, who decided to keep their babies.

Therefore, in writing this appeal, I know that in your hearts you will know that this draconian Bill is wrong and making a decision to bring it to fruition is a dreadful mistake.

I have faith you will come to the right decision and reject it...