

With respect to N.I. Assembly call for Evidence I note in the submissions made a lot of concern is expressed about human rights but there is no more fundamental human right than the right to life itself. Similarly a lot of concern is expressed about how distasteful is the publicity material and brochures used by Prolife groups but this comes down to open sharing of information about what abortion means and the horrors of what it entails. Pre-born babies at threat of abortion deserve some protection and this spurs Pro-lifers to take an active stand to protect these pre-born babies. Advocating for protection of such young lives spurs people onto desperate measures to put across their concerns and standing outside abortion centres can be a desperate attempt to inform parents about offer support and help to any mothers who are willing to reconsider their plans and let their babies have a life. Plans to criminalise Pro-lifers who advocate for pre-born babies outside abortion centres is an overly harsh way of treating people who are expressing their heartfelt concerns to save the lives of little pre-born babies and denies them the right to free speech. It is important also to bear in mind the trauma many parents who choose abortion subsequently suffer and their rights to be better informed and prepared for what abortion actually means both in terms of the horrendous loss of lives and the pain of loss experienced by many people who have chosen abortion in a desperate state of anguish..

I call on you as public representatives to truly represent the wishes of the people of N.I. and speak against the passing of this Bill.