

I am writing in reference to Claire Bailey's "Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill" where Ms Bailey wishes to see those peacefully offering help and support to women considering ending the lives of their unborn children, to be criminalised.

If these 'Zones' are put in place, you will be removing the option and **freedom of choice** for women who are uncertain or who are being coerced by someone else, to end the life of their child, and you will be denying them the opportunity to accept the help of those reaching out to them.

If you criminalise anyone offering help, all you are doing is removing a choice from the mother contemplating abortion, and isn't Claire Bailey all for choice? Vulnerable women may be longing for someone to reach out to them, and if Claire Bailey gets her way, these women shall be denied that choice to change their mind.

You see, if you don't get the right to life right, how can you get any other rights, right?

I implore you to refuse Claire Bailey's Bill to progress to the next stage, and allow broken and wounded women the opportunity to say yes to those offering help, before they make the biggest decision that will alter them as a person, for the rest of their life.

Please give these women the opportunity to accept the offer of help from those who reach out to them at these abortion facilities. Please uphold freedom of speech and freedom to offer help.

Whilst Ms Bailey deems it acceptable to try to criminalise those who are there to try and save the lives of those being led to slaughter, and to offer help and support to the women entering these facilities, the abortionists are deemed as 'heroes' for killing an innocent child, and avoid prosecution because it is now 'legal' to kill a baby in the womb! Just because something is legal, does **not** necessarily make it right.

Abortion not only intentionally ends the life of an innocent human being; it also harms the mother.

Are you aware that after an abortion, women are further at risk as most suffer symptoms of trauma? Death rates are nearly 4 times higher, and in the first year after abortion, suicide rates are 6 times higher.

Those who stand outside these abortion facilities are only offering help, support and another choice, to the women who are about to end the life of her child.

There is no intimidation or harassment, only loving offers of help, and support, to women and their families.

Please consider this very carefully. Abortion minded women need to know there is an alternative to ending the life of their child. They need to know there are people who really do care about them, their child and their situation.