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Introduction

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Any Other Comments on the Bill

Do you have any other comments or views on the Criminal Justice (Sentencing etc) Bill?

Yes

Please provide any other comments or views you have on the Criminal Justice (Sentencing etc) Bill here::

"I am writing to express my strong concern that the Criminal Justice (Sentencing etc) Bill, while including welcome provisions like 'Charlotte's Law', currently omits an equivalent to 'Jade's Law'.

In England and Wales, Jade's Law ensures the automatic suspension of parental responsibility for a parent convicted of murdering the other parent. Currently, in Northern Ireland, a parent in prison for such a heinous crime can still legally control their child's life—blocking access to passports, school changes, or essential mental health therapy.

Because justice is devolved, it is the responsibility of this Assembly to ensure our children have the same protections as those in the rest of the UK. I urge the Committee for Justice to introduce an amendment to this Bill that automatically suspends parental responsibility upon sentencing for the murder or manslaughter of the other parent. Our sentencing framework must prioritize the safety and welfare of the child over the rights of a convicted killer."

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