

I am pleased to have the opportunity to support the second reading of the above bill by consultation, I have previously worked in Health Service for 43 years, and carried out tests to determine some of the conditions mentioned and indeed some conditions such as anencephaly are not compatible with life, using current technology most conditions may be detected in the first 2 months of foetal development, it would seem somewhat incredible that a human life can be aborted almost up to birth. Also whilst recognising the rights of women in general in relation to abort in certain conditions by no stretch of the imagination can a cleft lip or club foot be considered a severe foetal abnormality, so giving what may amount to a carte blanche in relation to using abortion as just another form of birth control. In addition in worse case scenarios what is happening in a few countries is an attempt to sex the foetus at an early stage and they abort if the child is going to be female. How does that sit with women's rights?

I urge members not to be swayed by either being ridiculed for not being modern in outlook or arguments that we are not in line with the majority of others, keep your eyes on the right to life and so I commend the support of this amendment !