

To whom it may concern:

I am making this submission to the Committee in support of the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill as currently drafted and in response to the call for evidence in relation to this. As the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill is remarkably brief, so I will also be brief in my remarks.

I have read the evidence given by Ms Heidi Crowter on Thursday 11th March, whereupon she stated *“The law makes me feel very sad. It is saying that I and people like me may as well have not been born.”*

I am a huge admirer of Ms Heidi Crowter for her honesty, courage and eloquence. She sets a fine example for many of us. I cannot do better than to endorse her own words and plead that others who are committed to equality and justice should demonstrate both reason and compassion by heeding what she says.