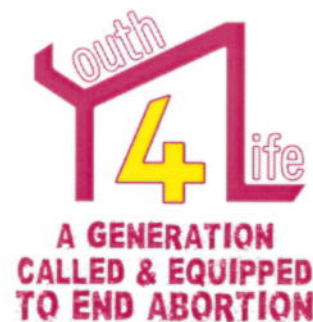


Clerk to the Committee for Justice  
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Dear Justice Committee Clerk,

I am writing to you on behalf of *Youth4Life*. *Youth4Life* is a group of young people between the ages of 16-25 who are active in public squares throughout Northern Ireland every Saturday, educating people on the humanity of the unborn child and the horrific reality of abortion.

*Youth4Life* are passionate about protecting life from conception and giving real care and support to women in crisis pregnancies.

The Northern Ireland Justice Minister, David Ford, has stated that any proposed amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill requires a consultation to ensure that all viewpoints are considered.

Therefore, we are bringing forward our full support of Mr Jim Wells MLA's proposed amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill and its prohibition of commercial provision of abortion 'services' in Northern Ireland.

The individual members of *Youth4Life* all agree that the right to life is unconditional and all children deserve protection from conception, and mothers deserve the best care available and real support.

Northern Ireland has been consistently one of the safest places for pregnant women and their babies, ensuring world-class medical care because both the unborn child and mother are treated as patients. Every life is respected.

In contrast, 'clinics' that provide abortion 'services' make their money primarily from abortions, so it is in their best interest to 'sell' abortions to vulnerable women in order to stay in 'business'. In 2012 *Marie Stopes International* made an income of over £172million, almost £86million of that was fees for abortion. They are not beyond breaking the law in order to make their money, as Paul Cornellisson, former *Marie Stopes*' Programme Director in South Africa, admitted at an abortion conference in London when he proclaimed that Marie Stopes 'do illegal abortions all over the world'.

I urge the Justice Committee to adopt Mr Jim Wells' proposed amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill, and ensure that Marie Stopes or any other private medical centre cannot legally perform abortions in Northern Ireland.

Yours faithfully,

Rachael McEvoy,

Youth4Life