To, Mr Edward O'Donohue MLC, Chairperson, Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee
It has come to our attention that your committee is to present a review of the Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities Act 2006 to the Parliament. When you are considering Section 44(2) of the Act we strongly urge that you include the following rights which have to date been omitted.

1. **The right of every unborn child to life;**
   - an unborn child is a Human Being without the ability to speak for or to defend itself; the most vulnerable of lives. You have the ability to act to protect these completely innocent lives. We strongly believe to do anything less is gross negligence.
   - there are grown adults, young adults, children who have survived an abortion attempt & lived to tell their story. Their opinions on the rights of unborn children are powerful & valid & must be considered.

2. **The right of a baby born alive after a failed abortion to full medical attention & care aimed at preserving the life of the baby;**
   - a baby that survives an attempt to end his/her life through the inhumane ‘acceptable’ methods of abortion deserves to receive the medical attention any other Human Being is afforded. The alternative cannot be considered anything other than (at the very least) wilful negligence & at the most, murder.

3. **The right of women to be fully informed of the medical risks of abortion;**
   - in any other medical procedure or with the administration of any medication, all the possible side-effects have to be covered, whether verbally &/or in the form of written information &/or through a form requiring the signature of the patient.
   - anything less is extremely negligent & deprives the woman of the right to make a truly balanced, fully ‘knowing’ decision
   - once performed an abortion cannot be undone
   - a woman considering abortion should also be given accurate statistics/information on the emotional & psychological side-effects

4. **The right of freedom of conscience for doctors to make professional decisions & not to be forced to refer for abortion.**
   - abortion ends a life & for this reason alone anyone involved in influencing a woman in any way in this direction should have the right to be conscience led & not under pressure/forced to refer for such an absolute procedure.
   - doctors are people with consciences. They are also in a profession committed to preserving lives. Abortion goes against everything they are trained to do/be.
- in truth few abortions are performed to preserve the life of the pregnant woman. How can a doctor be forced to judge whether the pregnant woman's 'right' to abort the child is more valid than the unborn child's right to life?

There is much more we would like to say on this subject but time pressure does not allow us to. We did not want to miss communicating our concerns & convictions with your committee prior to your review. You have an awesome responsibility. Please take our & others input seriously in your decision making.

Thankyou
Sincerely
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