

PETITION TO YOUR LOCAL MLAs AND MP TO:

KEEP NORTHERN IRELAND PRO-LIFE

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I am writing to you with regards to abortion policy in Northern Ireland.

As you will be aware a number of events have taken place in recent months which impact on this. In July The Court of Appeal in Belfast upheld existing law. They found that the law here (which does allow for abortion in limited circumstances) is legitimate and proportional and within the margin of appreciation accorded to member states by the European Court of Human Rights. They reaffirmed that there is no human right to abortion. They also stated that any change to the law would be a decision for the Legislative Assembly. On the same day, the Women's and Equalities Minister announced funding, to cover the cost of abortions for women who travel from Northern Ireland.

1. I am writing to you as my local MP to stand for and safeguard the principle of devolution. Abortion is a devolved issue in Northern Ireland. While the Equalities Minister has not changed the law in NI, her actions have effectively undermined the very principle of devolution. Please confirm that you will respect devolution and oppose any further encroachment into this devolved matter.

In Northern Ireland because of our law there is a reasonable probability that over 100,000 people are alive today who may not otherwise have been. We have an opportunity to show that NI has a life-affirming culture and is supportive of women. This claim has been validated by the ASA and their ruling can be found here.

2. I am writing to you as my local MP asking you to stand for women in pregnancy crisis In line with our pre-election appeal, will you support our proposal that some of the extra money coming to Northern Ireland in this new Parliamentary term, will be used to support women with the provision of much needed perinatal palliative care and maternal mental health care services. And to be fair and equal will you support the call for increased state provision of pregnancy crisis services for women who continue in their pregnancy, to counter the funding from Westminster that risks incentivising abortion.

Please confirm that you will support our campaign to uphold the value, dignity and worth of mothers and unborn children in our society.

I am asking you to stand for devolution, and fair and equal support for women and unborn children who continue in pregnancy because Both Lives Matter.

First name	Last name	Postcode	Address	Email	Phone number	Signature

THANK YOU FOR SIGNING THE PETITION.
IT WILL BE RETURNED TO BOTH LIVES MATTER WHO WILL ENTER YOUR DETAILS INTO THE ONLINE SYSTEM WHICH COUNTS YOU AS A SIGNATORY AND EMAILS THE PETITION TO YOUR LOCAL MP AND MLAS

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Instructions for Both Lives Matter local community coordinators

Once you have collected signatures for this petition, please return it to Both Lives Matter by either of the following means:

1/ Scan or take a clear photo of the petition and send onto info@bothlivematter.org

2/ Send the hard copy of the petition back to Both Lives Matter, 105 Ravenhill Rd, Belfast, BT6 8DR

Once we receive it we will do the following:

If the person who has signed the petition has provided an email address, we will send on their letter via email to their local MP and MLAs and count them towards our total count of signatories for the national petition.

If the person who has signed the petition has not provided an email address, we will send on their letter via post to their local MP and MLAs and count them towards our total count of signatories for the national petition.

As the cost to send physical letters to MPs is higher for the campaign, we ask that you encourage people to provide email addresses if they have them.