MY BABY'S DEATH Was not an abortion.

"I was so excited when we found out I was pregnant. But the baby had developed in my fallopian tube – it was an ectopic pregnancy. The doctors had to act immediately. They saved my life, but they couldn't save my baby. It was heartbreaking.

Now I hear pro-abortion campaigners claiming that treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is abortion. That's absolutely untrue – and it's so wrong to try to scare women by claiming necessary medical treatments are abortions. I didn't want my baby to die. And it hurts to see his death used to push for abortion." *Rene*

Ireland's ban on abortion means that, according to the UN, we're the safest country in the world for a woman to have a baby.

That's because if conditions such as an ectopic pregnancy or cancer of the uterus arise doctors can ALWAYS treat mothers – even if that means the unintentional death of their babies.

The Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists guides the doctors who care for expectant mothers. The Institute's Chairman told a Dáil Committee in 2000: "It would never cross an obstetrician's mind that intervening in a case of pre-eclampsia, cancer of the cervix or ectopic pregnancy is abortion. They are not abortion as far as the professional is concerned, these are medical treatments that are essential to save the life of the mother."

So let's set the record straight. Abortion never saves a mother's life – it just kills a baby.

And it's absolutely untrue to claim that necessary medical treatments for cancer and other conditions are abortions.

Mothers and babies deserve better. Keep Ireland abortion-free.

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