

**DOCTORS SAY
THEY DON'T NEED
ABORTION TO SAVE
A WOMAN'S LIFE.**

**SO WHY HAS
THE GOVERNMENT
BROUGHT FORWARD
THIS CRUEL & HORRIFIC
ABORTION BILL?**



ABORTION DOESN'T **SAVE LIVES**

Irish doctors are ALWAYS obliged to intervene to save a mother's life - even if that treatment results in the death of her baby.

Top Obstetricians, such as Prof. John Bonnar, confirm that these interventions are NOT abortions, since there is no intent to kill the baby.

Savita Halappanavar died from a severe and resistant E.coli infection. It would have been legal and ethical to deliver her baby earlier but unfortunately some hospital failures meant her diagnosis was delayed and therefore not acted upon. The Coroner ruled medical misadventure. The law would have allowed doctors to act if they knew how unwell she was.

The Government knows this, but instead of making sure that doctors have clarity, they want to legalise abortion on suicide grounds.

This Abortion Bill will not make pregnancy safer. **It will just kill babies.**

ABORTION DOESN'T **TREAT SUICIDE**

The government is ignoring the evidence that abortion does not help women who are suicidal - and, in fact, it can hurt them.

Ireland's leading Psychiatrists agree that abortion is NOT a treatment for threatened suicide. They have pointed out that women in crisis need support, medication and psychological treatment.

And they have warned that abortion may INCREASE the risk of suicide for women. Dr Kevin Malone, a leading expert on suicide, says that this abortion legislation may 'normalise suicide', putting more lives in danger.

Legalising abortion on mental health grounds in Britain has led to almost **200,000 abortions a year** - 36% of them being repeat abortions.



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THIS BILL IS **HORRIFIC**

The Minister for Health, James Reilly, has confirmed there is **no time limit** in the Abortion Bill.

That's abortion until birth - through all nine months of pregnancy - where a woman says she is suicidal.

This is truly horrific. Unborn babies are perfectly formed at 8 weeks. How can the Government support this cruel and heartless Bill?



UNBORN BABY @ 5 MONTHS

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THIS BILL IS **INHUMAN**



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The Government wants to distract attention from the horror of late-term abortion.

So they claim that if a woman wants an abortion after 24 weeks, babies could be delivered prematurely and kept alive.

That means a doctor would be forced to inflict all the serious problems of extreme prematurity on a healthy baby, being born to a physically healthy mother.

Those problems include: brain damage, cerebral palsy, blindness, and even death.

Top obstetrician, Dr Sam Coulter Smith, has said the Bill creates **serious moral and ethical dilemmas** for him and his colleagues.

LET THE **PEOPLE VOTE**

The Government says the European Court is forcing it to legalise abortion.
That's simply not true. The European Court simply said clarity was needed.

A recent poll by Amárach Consulting found that an enormous 86% of the public preferred the issue be decided by the people. Some TDs are now asking that the Abortion Bill be put to a referendum. **We have an autocratic Taoiseach, Enda Kenny, who wants to whip this legislation through, regardless of the evidence. The Government should let the people vote.**

You can STOP this horrific Bill - and demand YOUR right to VOTE.

Please call your local politicians and tell them to **VOTE NO** to the Abortion Bill - and that you want your **RIGHT to VOTE** in a referendum.



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