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Dear Sir/Madam,

**as an abortion survivor\*** I do not want to see people made into criminals (especially in the rare instances where it may be medically advised) for what is to me a most heinous act, that usually brings with it its own emotional if not karmic punishment . That said I even more fervently do not wish "the sate", any state to effectively encourage what amounts to murder or attempted murder depending upon the outcome. While I cannot blame all my troubles on this single even as there were other traumas in my development and up bringing it has had a profound effect upon me and yes I knew about it at some level despite my lack of development; there was no surprise when I was told. I have had an overwhelming deep seated mistrust of relationships and huge lack of self-worth (I absolutely knew I was not wanted, to my core) which has affected my health, working life and relationships (or should that be paucity of relationships). To this day I remain effectively "disabled" compared to many of my friends having had one date in the last 22 years despite huge amounts of therapy and my ability to "do a passable version of normal". And I have been forced into early retirement through ill health having not been able to work full time since the early nineties.

And I regard myself as among the lucky ones; I survived.

I would rather see a lot more time, effort and money going into prevention strategies; it would be far more effective on so many levels.

And to those who claim it is a females right to control her body I beg to differ, I suggest that upon conception there is a spiritual covenant with the newly resident soul implying a moral responsibility even if there was no conscious desire to bring a life into being. The room/womb is let and a souls agreement has been struck between landlady and tenant/un-born. And for those who do go through with an abortion I believe the breaking of this agreement gives rise to the many of the depressions felt by those women which are not discussed in our society.

yours sincerely,

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\* As to proof of the attempt I do not have any direct evidence other than the word of my biological mother she told me some years ago (~10) and my own feelings described above. I am not aware that any other family members are aware (Mum did not want to tell me) of it and given that it happened in early 1961 I doubt any record of her visit to the hospital/clinic exist. There is ample evidence on the public record of my adoption, work history and years spent on the dole. As to my lack of success in relationships... why would I make up something like a 22 year absence of relationship?