

## **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Template Letter to MP Opposing Abortion Decriminalisation Amendment**

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[MP's Name]  
House of Commons  
London, SW1A 0AA

Dear [MP's Name],

I am writing to express my extreme concerns about amendments on abortion tabled to the Crime and Policing Bill, which is due to be debated in the next few weeks.

New Clause 1, tabled by Tonia Antoniazzi MP, seeks to change criminal law so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would not commit a crime.

New Clause 17, tabled by Stella Creasy MP, is even more extreme. It completely repeals the laws that form the legal underpinning of the current abortion law, meaning that there'd be no way to bring an abusive partner who causes the death of an unborn baby to justice.

I am horrified at these amendments. It is unconscionable that an unborn baby could be aborted at any time, even up to birth. It would also open the gates to sex-selective abortion.

I am also very worried about the impact such a change would have on women. There is nothing compassionate about encouraging dangerous late term abortions at home. In the case of NC17, repealing the relevant provisions in the criminal law would leave no law under which to charge another party, often an abusive partner, who causes the death of an unborn child. There are very recent examples of these laws being used to bring perpetrators to justice. In December 2024, Norfolk man Stuart Worby was jailed for 12 years (later increased by five years) for giving his pregnant partner abortion pills, resulting in the death of her 15-week-old baby. Nueza Cepeda, a friend of Worby's, obtained the pills by lying about being pregnant in a telemedicine consultation. She was sentenced to 22

months in prison (suspended). Both Worby and Cepeda were convicted under sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Persons Act, which NC17 seeks to repeal.

Please oppose these amendments, and vote against them if they are pushed to a vote.

I also urge you to attend an important briefing event on the subject by SPUC. They are holding a drop-in event on Thursday 5 June between 2pm -4pm. This is a chance to pick up a briefing pack on these amendments and discuss the issues with SPUC staff.

The details are:

Time: Thursday 5 June between 2pm -4pm

Location: HoL, Committee Room 1 RSVP: [monikauzkalnyte@spuc.org.uk](mailto:monikauzkalnyte@spuc.org.uk)

Please attend this event if at all possible.

Kind regards,  
[Your Full Name]