

## **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],

### **Subject: Opposition to New Clause 1 and New Clause 20 in the Crime and Policing Bill**

I am writing to urge you to oppose New Clause 1, tabled by Tonia Antoniazzi MP, and New Clause 20, tabled by Stella Creasy MP, in the Crime and Policing Bill, which seek to decriminalise abortion by removing criminal penalties under the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 and the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929. These amendments, if passed, would allow abortions up to birth for any reason, undermining protections for unborn children and posing risks to vulnerable women.

The Abortion Act 1967 provides a balanced framework, permitting abortions up to 24 weeks under medical supervision, with exceptions for severe foetal abnormalities or risks to the mother's life. New Clause 1 would remove all criminal liability for women performing self-abortions at any stage, even just before birth, potentially increasing unsafe late-term abortions facilitated by the "pills-by-post" scheme. This scheme, introduced in 2020, has already raised concerns about coercion, with a 2023 investigation highlighting vulnerabilities in telemedicine that enable abusers to obtain abortion pills under false pretences.

New Clause 20 goes further, repealing foundational laws that underpin current abortion regulations, which could prevent justice for cases involving coerced abortions or harm to viable fetuses. A BBC poll indicated that 15% of British women have experienced pressure to abort, underscoring the need for safeguards to protect women from coercion, not their removal. Additionally, decriminalization risks normalizing late-term abortions, including for non-lethal conditions like Down syndrome, where 90% of diagnosed

fetuses are currently aborted, often late in pregnancy. This perpetuates discriminatory attitudes, as highlighted by the 2013 Parliamentary Inquiry into Abortion for Disability, which called for reviewing such provisions.

I am deeply concerned that these amendments prioritise individual autonomy over the sanctity of life and the safety of women, potentially eroding the ethical balance established by existing laws. Polling by ComRes shows only 1% of women support abortion up to birth, and 91% favour banning sex-selective abortions, which these amendments would permit.

Please vote against New Clause 1 and New Clause 20 to protect unborn children, support vulnerable women, and uphold life-affirming values. I encourage you to support initiatives like reinstating in-person medical consultations to ensure safe and informed abortion decisions.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I look forward to your response on this critical issue.

Yours sincerely,  
[Your Full Name]