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Baroness Tonge's Dangerous Proposal to Amend Abortion Act

The pro-life charity LIFE is vehemently opposed to an attempt by Baroness Jenny Tonge to liberalise the abortion law, with a bill introduced last week which would allow abortions to be authorised by only one doctor instead of two.

Baroness Tonge's claim that the present system is "offensive to women" exposes how completely out of touch she is with what women really want. A recent poll revealed that 80% of women felt that women's health would be put at risk if women seeking abortions are not seen by two doctors.

LIFE spokesman Michaela Aston said: "The very idea that we should loosen restrictions on abortion, just after a series of revelations about lax practice and serious law-breaking in abortion clinics, is both absurd and disturbing. The discovery that abortion for gender was being offered in abortion clinics was swiftly followed by the scandal of the General Medical Council covering up pre-signing of abortion authorisation forms on a vast scale. Then there was the admission by the Department of Health that the official abortion statistics are completely failing to record the true number of abortions for Down's Syndrome. That Baroness Tonge can describe such illegal practices as "filling out paperwork incorrectly" shows she has little understanding of, or respect for, the law and merely wants to twist it to accommodate her own blatantly pro-abortion agenda.

"Any attempt to reward the abortion industry for its flagrant disregard for the law must be resisted. If we are to safeguard women's health and uphold the integrity of the law, it is vital that there is tighter and better regulation of how abortion clinics work, and how they obey the Abortion Act. Whatever people think about abortion, the law is the law and should not tampered with to advance the agenda of an out-of-touch liberal minority. The Abortion Act does need reform, but reform which will promote respect and compassion for both women and their unborn children, not mere thoughtless liberalisation which would further entrench our culture of abortion on demand."

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LIFE is a pro-life charity that supports anyone facing a crisis pregnancy, pregnancy loss or after an abortion, and strives to engage, inspire and inform the next generation.