

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **Finally a Bill to stop Sex Selection Abortions**

The pro-life charity LIFE is calling for Members of Parliament to show their commitment to gender equality by supporting a Bill tomorrow aimed at stopping the abortion of girls in the womb because of their gender.

The bill brought by Fiona Bruce MP will clarify the Abortion Act by making it clear that abortion on the ground of sex is against the law. The Bill will also provide the Government with an opportunity to consider what help can be offered to women who are under pressure to abort on the ground of sex.

LIFE spokeswoman Michaela Aston says: "For too long the Abortion Act has been violated, abused and misinterpreted by the all-powerful abortion industry with seeming impunity. We saw the lack of prosecution in the case of abortion doctors offering to carry out sex selection abortions with no questions asked. The country's largest abortion provider BPAS even published a leaflet, suggesting that sex selection abortions were not illegal despite Department of Health advice to the contrary. It is therefore time for Parliament to send a clear message to this out-of-control industry, which claims to have women's best interests at heart, that they will not be allowed to terminate unborn girls because of their gender.

The abortion of girls because of their gender has no place in a modern society which embraces equality and non-discrimination against women. We expect all right-thinking Parliamentarians to show their respect for equality and non-discrimination by supporting Fiona Bruce's Bill tomorrow.

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