

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Act now to protect Scottish women from the abortion industry**

The national pro-life charity LIFE has reacted to news today of the Government's intention to devolve abortion law to Scotland saying it will present a golden opportunity for the Scottish Government to protect women from an out-of-control abortion industry.

LIFE Education Director Anne Scanlan says "Once the necessary changes are made by parliament Scotland will have the legal ability to act in the interest of women and protect them from the rampant abuse of the 1967 abortion act. The Scottish parliament should act to tighten abortion laws to ensure abortion forms are not pre-signed, abortions are not performed because of gender and babies are not aborted because they are disabled. It should act to ensure women receive proper counselling, independent of the abortion provider, before any abortion is performed.

The fact that Scotland recorded over 11,000 abortions last year, at least one every hour, should be a cause for concern amongst its lawmakers. Many women in crisis pregnancies who have abortions regret that decision, especially when they are rushed into it. At LIFE we know that because we counsel them every year at our Care Centres.

English lawmakers have consistently failed in their duty to protect vulnerable women from the excesses of the abortion industry. The failure of an amendment at Westminster that would have stopped women being forced to end the life of their unborn daughters is one such example. Soon it will be over to Holyrood to protect Scottish women. The ball will be in their court."

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**For further media comment please call the LIFE Media Hotline on 07867 744502**

**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.**