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Your/Our Ref. WH/w/A

Date 11/10/96

Rt Hon Malcolm Moss M.P
Minister for Health
Dundonald House
Upper Newtownards Road
BELFAST

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Dear Minister,

Re: Abortion Act

Sincere Regards. As Member of Parliament for Mid Ulster, I wish to give my wholehearted support to the views of my constituents concerning the Government's intention to extend the British Abortion Act to Northern Ireland.

My constituents are totally opposed to this Act and I trust that you will fully consider their objections.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Rev Dr R.T. William McCrea M.P., D.C.

IMPORTANT : Please quote our reference on all future correspondence

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From: W B SMITH
Health and Social Policy Unit

cc: Secretary
Dr Harbison

Mr Lindsay *MR ROBINSON*

Date: 21 October 1996

22 OCT 1996

PS/Mr Moss

ABORTION

1. The Rev William McCrea MP has written to Mr Moss to say that his constituents are opposed to the extension of the Abortion Act to Northern Ireland.

2. I attach a draft reply following the line we have used previously, for Minister's signature.



BILL SMITH

WALDOUGH MOSS

Minister for Health and Social Services

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Rev Dr R T William McCrea MP DC
10 Highfield Road
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October 1996

Dear Rev McCrea

You wrote to me on 11 October on behalf of your constituents who would oppose any extension of the Abortion Act 1967 to Northern Ireland.

I can assure you that the Government has no intention of extending the Act to Northern Ireland. While there is a body of opinion which would support a change in the law, local political representatives and the majority of comments received by Ministers on this subject have consistently opposed such an extension.

In its 19th Annual Report, published in June 1994, the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights (SACHR) recommended that the Government should bring forward options for clearer abortion law in the Province. After thorough and careful consideration of SACHR's recommendations, the Secretary of State decided in May 1995 not to propose any changes to the law.

MALCOLM MOSS

Minister for Health and Social Services