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## **URGENT: UK ABORTION LAW COULD BE CHANGED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 18 YEARS THIS TUESDAY**

*On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May it is likely that politicians will debate amendments to the current abortion law. Several amendments have been tabled by MPs seeking to restrict the current law and it is probable that at least one of these amendments will be debated for three hours in the House of Commons from 15:30 GMT.*

**LIFE spokespeople** are available for comment and interviews throughout the weekend and next week [[contact details below](#)].

LIFE spokesperson Michaela Aston said: “The politicians of our country are at a crossroads having to choose between helping and supporting or inflicting further damage upon women. For over thirty-seven years LIFE has counselled thousands of women who have suffered harm and regret as a result of their choice to abort. Given that no woman wants an abortion and that most people in Britain think there are too many, surely we have a responsibility to give hope by taking the crisis out of pregnancy. By changing the law to protect, inform and support we can help empower women to make a better choice than abortion.”

For comments on the issue of reducing the upper time limit for abortions and informed consent for women, see **Appendix A** (page 2).

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## **APPENDIX A**

### *Reducing the upper time limit*

LIFE spokeswoman Michaela Aston said:

“How can we, as a compassionate society, continue to support aborting smiling, thumb-sucking babies that we can see are fully human?”

### *Informed consent for women who seek abortion*

LIFE spokeswoman Michaela Aston said:

“From LIFE’s experience in helping women after abortion, we know that what seems like a simple choice can have devastating effects. It is essential, therefore, that women are fully informed of all the possible risks to their health and the alternatives to abortion. We would urge all MPs, whatever their position on abortion, to support a woman’s right to know”