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Dear Member of the Legislative Council.

As Chairman of the Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship I write in concern about the current Bill before Parliament known as Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 because it is predicted to lead to late-term abortions which will raise the invidious possibility of the coincidence of iatrogenic death of viable unborn babies in one part of the hospital, while staff are trying to save the lives of similar babies in another. Such a culture will challenge many people who value life. It is one thing if the health of the mother is genuinely challenged. It is another if a baby's life is taken as a form of birth control. There will, for example, be few controls on abortion of viable babies because they are simply of the undesired sex. The ramifications of the practice will be widespread on staff morale, and they will cause difficulties in the training processes of young doctors who want no part of the process. The Bill has no provision for conscience, let alone provision for the welfare of the innocent. We hope the Bill will be rejected.

Sincerely,

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