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Dear Ms Rudd,

I'm writing in reference to your proposed plan to set up buffer zones outside abortion facilities.

People contemplating abortion surely have the right to be offered alternatives to abortion, something they are not given at these clinics. How can people praying and giving out information leaflets be a threat to anyone? They are only there to help these unfortunate women and have no other agenda. I've stood outside one of these centres myself and we were given strict guidelines on treating every woman or man visiting these centres with the utmost respect – something which we upheld.

Abortion destroys life in the womb and no one can disagree with that. Just because it's legal doesn't alter this sad fact. Concentration camps were legal in Hitler's Germany. Many women have decided to spare their babies as a result of these Prayer Vigils. People are praying and fasting more than ever for an end to abortion. Have you ever noticed that all pro legalised abortion people were born?

So please, Ms Rudd, don't deny those contemplating abortion this wonderful facility of prayer and genuine help outside these centres.

Thank you  
Fr Paddy Walsh