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**Subject:** Amendments to the Maltese Criminal Code - Article 243B

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Your Excellency,

We, Members of the European Parliament and national Parliaments, welcome the proposed amendments to the Maltese Criminal Code which will allow for the termination of a pregnancy as a result of a medical intervention aimed at protecting the health of pregnant women suffering from medical complications which may put their life or health in grave jeopardy.

By amending legislation to ensure that women who must endure life-saving terminations are not prosecuted, Malta is taking a step in the right direction when it comes to protecting the fundamental rights of women, and medical practitioners.

This is an important step in Malta and Europe's history. Women must be protected when their life is endangered, and while we feel that the current laws being proposed still are insufficient for ensuring women's full bodily autonomy, this is an important moment for Malta, which will have great and lasting positive effects on Maltese women, Europe and the world.

The European Parliament has long called for the right to abortion to be included in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and we will continue to do so, as we firmly believe that everyone has the right to a safe and legal abortion.

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