27th November 2025

RE: Criminal Law (Sexual Offences, Domestic Violence and International Instruments) Bill 2025

Dear Joint Committee on Justice,

1. Introduction

My Name is Jason Poole I am the brother of the late Jennifer Poole who was murdered at the hands of her ex-partner in April 2021.

Since the untimely death of my sister, I have worked tiredly to campaign for to support victims or potential victims of Domestic Violence by having a public register for those convicted of Domestic Violene as was in the case of Jennifers story.

The work of myself and my family over the last four years in campaigning to which many of you will be aware of has led us to having this proposed bill in front of you.

As a family we are very happy with the work of Government, The Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and Minister Jim O'Callaghan for his belief and commitment to support Victims and given them this added tool in order to keep them safe.

We are very happy with the bill proposed and believe that this bill will make a real difference to the lives of victims and also for the future generations coming behind us. We are extremely proud of our work but it is not something we ever wished to have to do. This bill which will be known as Jennie's Law will never bring Jennifer back but we know it will make a difference to others.

As a family we fully support the bill but we have offered some recommendations which we would hope the committee and the Minster would take on board to make this bill even stronger in supporting victims all while it is hoped to deter preparators in the future.

2. Recommendations

2.1– We would ask the Minister to include in his short and commencement Point 2 include that the Act shell be known as Jennie's Law.

2.2 - That in cases that go before the courts and a conviction is issues I would ask that the minister ensures correct supports for the victim and that the victim would be given as part of the process a barring order or protection order against the convicted person

2.3 - I would ask that the Minister would include and outline relevant supports which would include Domestic abuse court liaison officers and to ensure that the victim has access to legal aid, relevant orders and trauma informed practices

2.4 - I refer to part 3 Section 57 of the Principal Act part 4. “A convicted person my after three years from the date of conviction of the relevant offence” I would ask the Minister to expand the three years to five years. I would also ask the Minister to insert a section into the bill where a person’s conviction requires a prison term that there name only begins its timeframe on the register from the date of release and up to three years following conviction release.

2.5 - I would ask that the Minister under part 3 Section 57 of the Principal Act part 6 “relevant offences” ensure that under these offences where a person has convictions for those outlined offence’s that Family Law courts would have access to that relevant conviction

I would ask the committee to consider the above while also asking for your support in this bill.

I look forward to meeting you in person sometime in the new year.

Yours Faithfully

Jason Poole