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Thank you for inviting comment regarding this important issue.

Abortion of any kind is unnecessary as there are many families who would welcome the presence of another's child in their lives.

It would also be fair to say there are measures that can be taken by way of preventing conception, to ensure that unwanted children are not brought into the world.

It is particularly disturbing that abortions are taking place simply because of gender choices available to women; outstanding in this is that Medicare funds such procedures.

Therefore, the proposal for Medicare to abandon support for gender-based abortions (or any other form) should be considered in light of the serious nature of this practice. This is the public purse.

I am sure many submissions will be forwarded requesting same, so please note the alternatives to abortion i.e. education to promote loving families, and adoption processes where this is not possible.

For your endorsement.

regards,

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