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Dear Senate Committee

I support the bill of Victorian DLP Senator John Madigan on removing Medicare funding for sex-selective abortions.

In fact I am implacably opposed to abortion-on-demand for any "demanded" reason!

Our society sanctions the taking of life in only the most extreme situations, for example in self-defence when facing a life-threatening situation or when defending our country in a time of war. To take an innocent life for a matter of convenience is abhorrent. Even for some more serious reasons like pressures from a partner or family this is still completely unacceptable. Women in the first of these cases should be warned that this is a criminal as well as moral offence, and in these other situations they should be offered improved support for the pregnancy and child rearing as a constructive life-affirming approach rather to simply throw away an innocent life like it is too much trouble. As adults how does that sit that we too could have been too much trouble for our mother or society to be bothered with! If the mother's life is at severe risk to continue with a pregnancy or in the case of a profoundly malformed foetus with zero prospect of survival then human intervention is an agonisingly difficult choice even in this extreme situation but can be justified on moral grounds, especially in the former case. However, abortion-on-demand is, stripping away the deception that it is a matter of "reproductive health", nothing but legalised murder since the law recognises stillbirths past 20 weeks since they have to be notified to Births, Deaths and Marriages.

yours sincerely

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