
Dear Senate Committee,

As a General Practitioner seeking to provide holistic care for all of my patients, I find the issue of sex-selective termination deeply concerning. I work with many patients from different ethnic backgrounds and I can speak from my own experience that such terminations are requested, for a variety of reasons. Even this week I had a lady requesting a termination in the even that her foetus was female, but quite open to the possibility of continuing with the pregnancy should it be a male foetus.

That simply the gender of a foetus be the determining factor in its fate is discrimination of the most abhorrent kind and that currently there is provision under Medicare to fund such a practice is entirely unacceptable.

I ask that you facilitate passage of the amended legislation in order to provide at least some type of barrier to such a discriminatory and unethical practice.

Yours Sincerely,

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