

18th April, 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, Michael & Anneliese, support Senator John Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for certain types of abortion) Bill 2013, The current Bill discriminates against the unborn child based on his or her gender. This surely amounts to GENDERCIDE.

Medicare funding should not be available when "the termination is carried out solely because of the gender of the foetus" section 17A (1) (b). The very thought of this happening is totally abhorrent to us. We just can't believe that anyone could or would have an abortion (the intentional murder of an unborn baby) based solely on the gender of the baby and because it doesn't suit the mother's wants or interests. We had not idea that this was happening in our country Australia and that this practice is actually funded by MEDICARE. We are shocked, horrified and outraged. Section 17A (1) (b) should be deleted as soon as possible.

This practice of gender-selective abortions must surely be unacceptable to all Australians as it is to us. IF THIS INFORMATION WERE TO BE MADE PUBLIC we are sure that most of our fellow Australians would agree with us.

We have researched this issue and found that there is much concern from medical associations in all first world countries such as Canada, USA and the UK on the matter of gender-selective abortions.

If this funding is allowed to continue serious social consequences could ensue for our nation in the form of child abductions, women viewed as objects (which is largely already the case in the form of pornographic advertisements on in the media, on billboards, magazines etc.), gender violence, sex trafficking and so on.

Of course other social consequences detrimental to society would also follow - such as in China where there is a larger population of males as opposed to females. As such there are not enough women for men to marry.

Further - to use Medicare money (basically taxpayers' money - and one of the writers is a taxpayer) to fund this procedure is totally irresponsible and wasteful to say the least. Surely taxpayers' money should be used to preserve and save life but certainly not to kill life (particularly in the womb).

PLEASE STOP THIS FUNDING NOW AND AMEND THIS SECTION OF THE CURRENT BILL!!

Yours sincerely,
Michael & Anneliese Sullivan,