TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I support the "Health Insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013" because of the following reasons.

1. Aborting an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is not a medical procedure, and should not, therefore, be afforded Medicare benefits.

2. Taxpayers should not be funding decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference. Medicare should only fund health procedures.

3. Legislators need to ensure that every child, regardless of gender, is afforded the basic human right to life.

4. The Law should protect the unborn, given their vulnerable state in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the "Rights of the Child."

5. Medicare funding of sex-selection abortions is contributing to the increase of this abhorrent act. The Government should be working to see a bigger reduction in abortion.

Sincerely, Mrs Marian F Watson