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