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I support Senator John Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

Gender selective abortion is a form of discrimination against women. An unborn girl is killed simply because she is of the wrong gender. It is equally true that an unborn boy is killed for being who he is, a boy. Public funding should not foster such discrimination against a particular gender. I therefore ask you to remove Medicare funding for gender selective abortion as proposed by Senator Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

Besides, many countries have already taken legislative steps to reduce the gender-selective abortion. At the International Conference on Population and Development 1994, more than 180 states agreed to eliminate "all forms of discrimination against the girl child and the root causes of son preference." I request you to do the same for Australia by removing Medicare funding when "the termination is carried out solely because of the gender of the foetus" section 17A (1) (b)". Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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