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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortions) Bill 2013

I strongly disagree with gender selection terminations, along with 92% of Australians surveyed in a Galaxy Research poll earlier this year. Gender selection termination is a terrible practice that encourages discrimination and sexism, as well as denying the basic right of a child to be born, based upon their gender.

Various United Nations organisations also support a curbing of this practice, and calls instead for understanding and appreciation of the equality of the sexes.

Continuing to allow Medicare funding for abortions based upon gender sends the message that Australia allows discrimination based upon gender, and that one gender has more value than another.

I fully support Senator Madigan's move to stand up for equality and the rights of our unborn children by removing tax-payer funding of gender selection terminations.

Yours Sincerely,

Madeleine Swart.