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To the Chairman, Senate Committee for Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion)

The details of this proposed amendment to withdraw funding for sex-selection abortions have recently come to my attention. I very rarely ever pen a letter of a political nature, but in this case, my conscience has been stirred into action. Any abortions are regrettable, but the context of abortions for the purposes of sex selection should be abhorrent to all, reducing as it does, a child to the level of a material commodity. What could be more dehumanising? I do not think this amendment, if passed, will have much effect on the overall number of abortions in this country, but I would at least have the satisfaction of knowing that my taxes were not complicit in such degradation.

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