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Dear Senators,

I wish to present a submission on the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013 and ask you to give your support to this Bill to prevent Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions.

The death of any baby is a tragedy, but the deliberate killing of a baby based solely on whether he is a boy or a girl surely is unconscionable. This bill will not completely prevent this abhorrent practice, but it will prevent the government funding it, and will send a message that the Australian government finds it unacceptable.

This is not only my view, but surveys have shown that Australians overwhelmingly support such a ban (<http://newsroom.melbourne.edu/news/n-436>).

I hope the committee will consider these points in scrutinising this Bill and help enact the wishes of the vast majority of Australians by recommending that it be made into law.

Yours sincerely,

Mr David Forster