Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

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## **Dear Committee Members**

## Health Insurance (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013

As a young lawyer who is concerned about the future of our country I urge you to support the abovementioned Bill. The people of Australia place their trust in Parliamentarians to do what is right for Australia. There is no benefit for our nation in Medicare funding abortions performed solely on the basis of sex. Medicare benefits should be for necessary health procedures, not optional procedures performed purely because of personal choice. Given our aging population, the laws of our country should encourage people to have children regardless of the sex.

If Medicare funds abortions based on sex selection, this is a major step backwards in the cause for gender equality. As a young woman with three sisters, I would like to hope that our nation's leaders would consider men and women to be of equal value to society, and to encourage people to cherish the gift of children, regardless of sex.

Yours sincerely