To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express our support for Senator John Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

We strongly believe that medicare benefits should be for health procedures that are necessary, and that aborting babies based on their gender due to personal or cultural preferences is most certainly not a medically necessary procedure.

In fact aborting a baby for "family balancing" purposes is unthinkable to many Australians. Every child should have the right to a chance at life, and should be welcomed and loved regardless of whether that child is a little boy or a little girl. Anything that denies a child this right should in no way be supported by taxpayer funding.

Aborting a child simply because it is a girl or a boy not only denies that child their rights, but deprives the world of many wonderful people who could have grown to be brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, and contributed to our society in many meaningful ways.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns.

Yours sincerely, Craig and Jade Marshall.