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I completely support this Bill to the Federal Parliament that will remove taxpayer-funded Medicare benefits for gender-selective abortion.

While extremely modest in scope, this is the first pro-life Bill to be tabled in the Federal Parliament in 23 years.

The proposed Bill does not affect availability of any abortion procedure in Australia, including for gender-selection purposes, but only removes public *funding* for gender-selective abortion.

While this is the smallest possible incremental change, it is a vitally strategic one as it highlights the inconsistencies in the pro-abortion position, and especially among pro-abortion feminists since gender-selective abortion is overwhelmingly used to eliminate baby *girls*.

It also highlights the lack of statistical data on abortion in Australia, and provides a litmus test of federal politicians: with up to 92% of Australians opposed to gender-selective abortion (and presumably even less in favour of paying for it) only the most rusted on of pro-abortion politicians would vote against a measure so moderate, popular and essentially pro-woman as the one now under consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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