
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to submit my support for the proposed Amendment bill submitted by Senator John Madigan, to withdraw Medicare funding from abortions for the purpose of gender selection.

I fully support this bill, as I believe there is no basis for the government to provide funds for this procedure. Sex selection is an abhorrent reason to take the life of an unborn child. It perpetrates sexism (worldwide, it is by far female fetuses which are aborted) and violates the human rights of the child in a vulnerable state. This procedure is undertaken on no sound medical basis, but rather on personal and cultural bias, and therefore should not be funded by Medicare.

I have many friends and family who have given birth to children who may not have been the gender they originally desired. However, each of these children are now loved and appreciated for who they are, an opportunity that may be denied to them if such a practice as this is endorsed by government legislation.

While some may argue that the potential number of abortions represented by this issue are slim, I would respond by saying that it is then "no big deal" to pass the amendment and ensure that the few children whose lives are endangered by such funding are kept safe.

I feel very strongly about this issue, and am pleased to see Senator Madigan take a stand against such an unnecessary violence being perpetrated in our culture.

Thank you,

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Mother of two