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Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to show our support for Senator Madigan's bill that seeks to stop Medicare funding gender selective abortions.

We have seen just how much damage Gendercide can do in places such as China, where one in every six girls are aborted because of the restrictive one child policy and the cultural preference to have sons. This has led to there being 914 girls born to every 1000 boys, which if allowed to continue would see the country struggle to populate itself.

These types of abortions generally discriminate against girls, and we don't believe this is right. Boys and girls are created equal and both deserve equal chances at life. Killing a baby just because of its gender is wrong and needs to stop.

In terms of funding, Medicare is meant to be used for medical procedures. Aborting a baby for gender purposes is not a medical procedure, and therefore should not receive Medicare funding

Unborn girls should not be treated as disposable. In doing so, nations around the world including Australia are robbing these girls of a future. They could be anything, but will not get the chance if this abhorrent practice continues.

We believe parents should love their children no matter what gender they are, and the practice of gendercide has to stop. We urge the federal government to support initiatives from the United Nations which create disincentives for gender selective abortions. Refusing to allow this practice to be funded by Medicare is one such initiative, and is a good place to start.

Kind regards

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