

Dear Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees,

RE: Senate the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill

I strongly support the above Bill proposed by Senator John Madigan to remove Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions.

I work with young adults in the area of Health education and I notice that when there is Government funding of any procedure it is always viewed by young people as giving permission and approval.

Medicare funding, provided by taxpayers, should be limited to health procedures and should not be funding decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference. Aborting an unborn child because of their gender is not a medical procedure. Instead, it aligns us with the practice of third world countries, not a civilised society.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that the law should protect vulnerable, unborn children. It is the duty of legislators to remove government funding that encourages gender selective abortions.

Yours sincerely,