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Dear Committee collating submissions,

I am writing to strongly support Senator Madigan's Bill **opposing Medicare funding of sex- selection abortions.**

I cannot but express abhorrence at the state sanctioned destruction of babies due to the whims of adults. It is certainly not a medical issue and should be disassociated with funding that is designed to promote the medical assistance required to support life.

I think much more time, energy and funding should be spent on promoting real choice for women.

34 years ago I was in this predicament. 17 yrs old, pregnant and not wanting my parents to find out. what could I do? I sought an abortion really because I didn't know what to do. I would have done whatever i was advised to do since I was so naive and had no idea back then of consequences.

Thank God I went to a Dr who gave me all the options and asked me had I considered keping this baby. It was all I needed.

I faced the future and went ahead. My daughter is 34 yrs old and a beautiful person caring for many others and having 2 children herself.

With all the controversy down here in Tasmania on abortion it has certainly made me realise that had I not been given this choice of supported pregnancy and keeping my baby I would have caused myself a lifetime of guilt and suffering. I know that.

Please accept this as a submission to support Senator Madigan's Bill against sex-selection abortion.

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