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To Whom It May Concern

Health Insurance (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013

I am writing to voice my support for the Health Insurance (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013.

It is my strong belief that Medicare benefits should be for needed health procedures, not for the elimination of unwanted pregnancies, especially the elimination of unwanted pregnancies due to gender of a child.

Life inside the womb is precious and we as a society do not value it in the way that we should.

I understand that abortion is a highly emotive issue and I do not want to minimise the pain and suffering of mothers and fathers who have been faced with difficult decisions in regards to their future of their unborn child. Nor do I want to minimise the impact that abortion can have on mothers and fathers who have chosen the abortion path. However, I do believe that we as a society should be doing all we can to minimise the number of abortions that happen in this county. As a result, I am strongly in favour of this amendment.

Aborting a child for 'family balancing' reasons is hideous. The Government of this country should not be financially supporting this practice. We are shocked when we hear of the new born child that is dumped at a hospital, at a front door or in a garbage bin because they are unwanted. We should also be shocked at the news that the Government financially supports the elimination of children in the womb who are unwanted because of their gender.

I thank Senator Madigan for introducing this amendment; I strongly encourage our parliamentary representatives to support its passing.

Yours Sincerely

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