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Submission regarding “Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

We wish to communicate our support for this bill. In the context of increasingly common stories of the devaluing of females around the world, and in Australia (January 2011) it is pleasing to see that here in Australia Federal Parliament is about to make a stand against the notion that respectful treatment due to all persons will may yet tolerate the excuse - "but it's a female".

We wish to add our submission to those asserting that Medicare funding should not be available for S17 (1) (b) "the termination is carried out solely because of the gender of the foetus." It is perplexing that anyone could be thinking of refusing to support this. We have to question the motives of those who say that their reason for opposition is due to the lack of evidence of sex selection abortions in Australia.

In Britain until recently, there was no great evidence of sex selection abortions – but there is now. And many of the changes that Britain has undergone are happening here too. We are very hopeful that those without mixed motives will not by accident find themselves drifting along on the undercurrent of unspoken motives of others who are refusing this act of defense of female dignity.

Further, we look forward to Australia giving moral support through this bill to people in such places as India, who are suffering the results of the delay of action in defense of female dignity.

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