

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees  
P.O. Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra  
ACT 2600.

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Dear Sir / Madam;

R.E : Submission for Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

I strongly support Senator John Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment Bill, fighting to stop Medicare funding for gender-selection abortion. Medicare funding should not be used for S17 (1)(b): "the termination is carried out solely because of the gender of the foetus". I have 3 objections, amongst many, to what is sumptuous gendercide.

First: Abortion always deprives humans of the right to live and gender-selection abortion deprives them of the right to live just because they're male or female. It's already evident that females are the target of this odious practice and are we taxpayers, through Medicare, now asked to fund this blatant sex-discrimination before birth? We thought we would never have to face again, the slogan: "life not worthy of life", but now we see Medicare funding it!

Second: We all thought that the function of Medicare was to provide medical care for the unfortunate. And how does the murder of humans because they're either male or female equal medical care? And why should tax payers fund this kind of non-medical care?

Third: Gender-selection abortion will affect society's perception of men and women living. Is anyone so naive as to think that men and women will be valued as persons and essential contributors to society, if they can be bumped off in the womb; just because of their sex? If disposable before birth, why not after?

I urge you to support Senator Madigan's Amendment  
and stop the horrid practice of gender-selection abortion.

Yours Faithfully,

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