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Dear Senator Madigan,

I wish to express my support for the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013 because I don't want my tax to be used to provide gender selection abortions.

Every child should be welcomed and valued simply because it is a human, not based on its gender. It is abhorrent to me to think that Australia would violate the human rights of any person based on gender, and I think that this is the view of the majority of Australians.

It is apparent to even a casual observer that the majority of gender selective abortions around the world select against girls. As a woman, and mother of daughters, I view this practice as extreme discrimination against women which can result in serious social consequences such as violence against women, sex trafficking, child abduction, child abandonment, and women viewed as objects, or commodities, a 'disposable gender'.

I wish you success in the passage of this amendment.

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