24/04/13 To the Committee

RE Health Insurance Amendment(Medicare Funding for certain types of abortion) Bill 2013

I support the above bill. I am opposed to Medicare funding for all abortions, let alone gender selection. I have three daughters and to think that I could have killed my third daughter before birth if I chose to with the help of the Government, horrifies me.

Abortions performed solely because the sex of a child is wrong and should not be supported by the Government. As a mother of only girls, I am grieved by the abortions of girls in many countries, especially India and China.

I was also grieved by the story of the mother who decided to abort her son because she already had other sons and wanted a girl.

Abortion based on gender selection is not a medical procedure and should not be afforded funding. As a tax payer, I object to having my taxes used for this purpose. Medicare benefits should be availed for genuine health issues.

Thank you for considering this submission

Yours sincerely

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