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To the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

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

The United Nations condemned gender selected abortion in a 2011 report as “gender discrimination against girls and women and a violation of their human rights.” The Australian government should support the United Nations agencies who are working to end this gender discrimination and refuse Medicare support for gender selection abortions. Precious Medicare funds are for the nation’s health and should not be used to kill foetuses because their gender does not meet cultural or personal preferences. Girl babies are of value to our nation – the role of female employees of hospitals and schools, to name but a few roles, confirms this.

Yours sincerely  
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