

Dear Senator John Madigan,

I am writing to say that I support this Bill to remove funding for the purpose of sex selection abortions, for the following reasons

- 1.The unacceptability to Australians of the use of Medicare funding for the purpose of gender selection abortions;
- 2.The prevalence of gender selection - with preference for a male child - amongst some ethnic groups present in Australia and the recourse to Medicare funded abortions to terminate female children;
- 3.The use of Medicare funded gender-selection abortions for the purpose of 'family-balancing';
- 4.Support for campaigns by United Nations agencies to end the discriminatory practice of gender-selection through implementing disincentives for gender-selection abortions';
- 5.Concern from medical associations in first world countries about the practice of gender-selection abortion, viz. Canada, USA, UK.

Thank you for your time,

Kind Regards,

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