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Dear Senate Committee members,

I urge the committee to recommend that the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013 should be made law.

It is bad enough that 100,000 unborn babies are killed annually in Australia by abortion; it is unforgiveable that some are killed simply for being male or, in most cases, for being female.

There are very entrenched prejudices against female children in some of our immigrant communities and frequently many are aborted if the mother finds out that she is carrying a female child.

Current surveys and polls of the Australian public consistently show very strong support for banning sex-selection abortion completely (<http://newsroom.melbourne.edu/news/n-436>) and this Bill at least partially reflects these views by disallowing government funding via Medicare for these abortions.

It is therefore necessary that the Australian government legislate in-line with the values of the vast majority of Australians to at least ban government funding via Medicare of sex-selection abortion.

Yours sincerely,

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