Dear Sir

I support the "Health Insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013" for the following reasons:

- Abortions performed solely because of the sex of the child are a form of Gendercide usually targeted at eliminating girl babies. In China and India this has led to a massive shortage of girls. The <u>United Nations estimates</u> that as many as 200 million girls are missing in the world today. Gender selected abortion has been the major contributor to this figure. This practice should not be supported in Australia by Medicare benefits
- Doctors have disclosed informally that gender selection abortions are occurring

   with a preference for a male child amongst some ethnic groups present in
   Australia and as a result Medicare funding is being used to terminate the life of female children
- Gender-selective abortion can result in serious social consequences: gender violence, sex trafficking, child abduction, child abandonment, women viewed as an object, a commodity, a 'disposable gender'
- Aborting an unborn female child is **murder.**

Please consider the serious implications of this abominable practice and consider the above points seriously

Kind regards

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