
Dear Men and Women,

I certainly support this amendment for several reasons. The Medicare Funding for certain types of abortion is **important** in my view.. Medicare funds to be used irresponsibly to kill unborn children is a practice that is anathema to me (in fact all abortions are!) . In the world, particularly in China and India, baby girls are disposed of to a huge extent. because of cultural or economic or personal reasons. And U.N. estimates have said that 200 *million* less girl babies are born!!!. This leaves a huge imbalance.. not enough girls in the world! Perhaps the lack of girls, because of gender selection abortions, results in such awful things as gender violence, sex trafficking, women viewed as an object, or a commodity, and "disposable"! Also such things as child abduction and abandonment could result. Girls are needed to balance the human race, to **complement** the boys. Together, the males and females marry and have different roles to protect their offspring- the females bear the ensuing children, and nurture them for many years.. until the children themselves grow up and perpetuate the cycle. The males are typically the breadwinners, working to support their family.. (However besides the nurturing role, many women today are also, teachers, doctors, scientists, politicians... prime ministers, governors-general etc)

. The United Nations has been against this gendercide, and this practice also quietly occurs in Great Britain and United States of America and If Australia wanted to do the right thing by the nations, it would perhaps help by giving disincentives for such a practice. **Refuse Medicare support for gender selective abortion.**

To give Medicare funds for parents to choose a girl or a boy by eliminating the unwanted sex by abortion , is something *very wrong*, in my opinion. Its more a moral /personal choice .. NOT A MEDICAL ISSUE, surely.

Quite often, I wonder what is wrong with our society today, and this practice is a case in point.

Every baby in the womb should be protected, whatever its gender, .How vulnerable this unborn human is! Will he or she continue to grow in the womb for 40 weeks, or be induced to die medically or surgically in abortion? In an ideal world, every child is welcomed.... be it boy or girl Its outrageous, that taxpayer \$\$\$ are spent on abortions for "Family Balancing "reasons!!!!

I say, keep Medicare benefits for needed health procedures not abortions. Recent polls have shown that the public overwhelmingly decries sex-selection abortions. eg Tasmania Galaxy poll in Feb this year..

Thanks to Senator Madigan for bringing this issue to our attention . I **support** your amendment.

Yours sincerely, Helen Curtis.