

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013

Dear Senate Committee,

As a Greek Orthodox Christian, a godparent, an aunt and a sparent I am opposed to all abortions, but that abortions would occur because of gender is deeply upsetting. Every child is a gift and a blessing from God.

According to the Greek Orthodox Church and specifically our Parish priest, Father Dimitri Kokkinos, I regard all abortions as an act of murder, indeed murder of individuals who cannot even defend themselves. I support the removing of Medicare funding for such abortions, and would encourage Government bodies to do anything else in their power to limit the current “slippery slope” which is affecting the dignity of human life.

Yours faithfully,

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