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Submission Letter: re Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

Dear Ms McDonald

I support in full, the passage of the Submission on the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013, sponsored by Senator John Madigan.

I am opposed to abortion totally and the restriction of abortions for sex selection is just one step along the way in ending this so called "medical procedure" which ends the life of the unborn child.

I have personally experienced a situation where in late December last year (2012) I had to have an ultrasound. The young sonographer in Melbourne (2012) told me that she was often asked what the sex of the baby was, when she was performing an antenatal ultrasound. You may say that this is because many parents want to know what the sex of the child is so that they can decorate the bedroom! However, the sonographer told me that it was really sad, and that she did not want to tell them (the parent/s) what the baby's sex was, because she knew their reason for asking.

Abortion is a human rights issue. It is not a medical procedure. A medical procedure aims to save, prolong or support life. As an Australian citizen I oppose my medicare levy being used for abortion in any way. Abortion is not like funding cancer treatment, flu injections or broken toes. It is the deliberate taking of a life, which is growing and alive. It is a money making business, for those who are selling abortion like any other product.

A colleague living in India who operates a school for girls told me by email on 7/4/13 that "girls are not given the same place as boys in India and even worse, through ultrasound and finding out whether the life in the womb is a boy or girl, girls are aborted". He said that the national figure is approximately 1000 males to 930 females and in some states worse than that. He also said that the reason there are less girls than boys in class is because girls are not thought to need so much education. This shows that sex selection discriminates against females.

The pro-abortion lobby groups use the mantra that abortion gives women choice, yet it does not give the woman in the womb a choice to live, let alone be educated.

Yours sincerely

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