

Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013

I am writing to express my strong support for the “Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill” as introduced by Senator John Madigan. Underpinning my support for this bill is my firm belief that Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions should be completely removed for five reasons:

1. To fund sex-selection abortions would be to not only encourage such abortions, but it would amount to a legalised form of government-funded murder. Rather than promoting these abortions, the government should instead be acting to prevent them.
2. Life is a gift from God. It is not for us to take that gift away because a child is not of a certain gender. I am confident that the many people that cannot have children would be most grateful for any child (whether male or female). This is the way that I believe children should be accepted: with thanksgiving.
3. The mere decision to abort a child based on their gender is unrelated to the Medicare scheme.
4. Taxpayers should not be forced to fund such a sensitive issue. To allow Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions would mean many taxpayers would be involuntarily funding abortions based on the personal decisions of others.
5. The unborn cannot speak for themselves. Accordingly, it is up to us as a community to protect them. Such protection would be consistent with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.