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Dear committee:

I want to support the Bill introduced by John Madigan (Health Insurance Amendment Bill) that would remove Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions.

From my very personal point of view, I consider abortion as a crime and sex-selection abortion is not just discriminatory but also an aberration for our Nation.

Australia is a country where we can find not just freedom but protection to human rights, culture, religion and so on.

If we support sex-selection abortion as a Nation (through Medicare funding), we are failing to our loved Country and to our future generations. It is a contradiction in our primary bases where all of us suppose to be equal (Equality in Australia: There are a number of laws in Australia that make sure a person is not treated differently to others because of their gender, race, disability or age. From the Australian Citizenship booklet).

By law, government should protect the unborn given their vulnerable state, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

By providing Medicare funding of sex-selection abortion, Australia government is contributing to treat differently an unborn Australian Citizen due to his/her parents prejudices and promoting or encouraging the assassination of an unborn Australian Citizen.

Sex-selection abortion is not a medical procedure and should therefore not be considered as part of the Medicare benefits.

Medicare funding should be strictly limited to health procedures and taxpayers should not be funding decisions or being part of a crime (sex-selection abortion) based purely on cultural or personal preference.

It is the duty of legislator to ensure every unborn or born Australian Citizen, regardless of gender, is afforded the basic human right of life.

Please consider my point of view to support the Bill and let's make together a better Nation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Elinora Fragoso.