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Dear Senate Committee,

Please accept our submission for the Senate Enquiry into the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

We are writing to ask that the committee would support Victorian Senator John Madigan's bill to end Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions.

Abortion itself is always a heinous crime, but marking a baby for death based solely on his gender and then being reimbursed by the government for the costs of the killing stretches the imagination to conceive of such evil. What has Australia come to when this sort of thing goes unchecked?

In this case, fortunately, public opinion is very strongly in favour of the government acting to prevent this practice. A recent survey conducted by Melbourne University, for instance, showed 80% of people in favour of banning sex-selection abortions (<http://newsroom.melbourne.edu/news/n-436>). But it is sad to reflect that of the 20% opposing, no doubt many would endorse the feminist line of abortion on demand, perhaps without realising that in sex-selection abortions it is overwhelmingly girl babies who are targeted for death.

We pray that the committee would give this bill its full support.

Yours sincerely,

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