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**The Secretary  
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee  
Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600**

**Subject: Medicare funding of late abortions**

- I strongly disagree with funding of any abortions with Medicare, much less the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Abortions!!!
- Abortion is just another name for killing of human beings, since the life in the womb of a human mother is neither a monkey nor an elephant – it is the human being.
- Life doesn't begin with birth, nor does it begin one day, one week, one month, or any arbitrary number of months before birth – it begins at conception.
- Medicare should not be used to pay for abortions because of “gross foetal abnormality”, which can be arbitrarily interpreted as anything, including cleft palate, short stature or Down syndrome. I know many people with such ‘gross abnormalities’ who live a happy life and contribute to the welfare of the society.
- Medicare should not be used to pay for abortions because of “Life-threatening maternal disease”, which can be arbitrarily interpreted as anything. Full Stop. Often quoted ‘Psycho-Social’ reasons as falling into this category is nothing short of ‘murder on demand’.
- Abortions in the second trimester are cruel. The unborn child is well-developed and it takes a painful act of violence to kill the baby. This is not what Medicare is for.
- Abortion has adverse effects on women's health. It doesn't make sense for Medicare to fund a procedure that kills a baby and harms its mother.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Kingston".

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