
Re: **"Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013"**

To the committee members that this may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Bill mentioned above.

Medicare is designed to be used for medical procedures. Choosing to abort a baby girl simply because the gender is not the parent's preference, is not a medical procedure. It is a repulsive bias against women which will inevitably lead to further discrimination against females. Financially supporting abortions of female babies is obviously unjust discrimination against females. Australian taxpayer's money should not be used to support such a thing.

The world needs females. Choosing to abort female babies means we have fewer mothers, sisters, nurses, teachers, wives, successful professionals, parliamentarians etc. If we have support for any 'gendercide' we will be joining other countries in the world that now have a massive shortage of females due to favouring male babies. This affects our societies as a whole. The UN estimates that there are approximately 200 million females missing in the world today. Gender selective abortions have been the major contributor to this figure. Australian Medicare should not support gendercide.

Please consider carefully what our government supports through Medicare. Give both male and female babies equality and a right to live.

Yours sincerely,

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