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To Whom It May Concern,

I write in regards the **“Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013”**:

As an Australian citizen, I find it unacceptable ethically to use taxpayer money to fund the abortion of an unborn child for the practice of gender selection. Particularly where this practice is used:

- in some ethnic groups in Australia where there is a preference for a male child as a way of terminating female children.
- for the purpose of ‘family balancing’.

The proposed Amendment to this Bill would provide a disincentive for gender-selective abortions and result in a reduction in its practice. In so doing, Australia would be actively supporting campaigns by the United Nations agencies to end the discriminatory practice of gender selection, and concern from medical associations in first world countries about the practice of gender-selection abortion, viz. Canada, USA, UK.

Yours Sincerely,

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