

To Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees,

I am writing to implore you to support the **"Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013"**.

I am horrified to recently hear that Medicare is financially supporting 'Gendercide' right here in Australia! This means that our hard earned tax dollars are being spent to financially compensate couples who are clearly operating out of what is not only morally repulsive but certainly well outside Australian values. In Australia, girls are as highly valued and treasured as boys and deserve the right to life. Unborn girls should NOT be dehumanised, devalued and discriminated against. This is one of the highest forms of discrimination. Aborting a child for gender preference is NOT and should not be termed as a 'medical procedure' and it is repulsive to think that Medicare is providing benefits to support this practice. Medicare benefits are required for necessary health procedures and should be made available to all Australians, not for eliminating babies because of their gender for ANY reason whether it be cultural or for "family balancing" convenience. Every child is a blessing and is necessary to our world. Just ask any couple who are desperate for a child of their own but are unable, and they will tell you how precious every human life is. Are babies becoming the next disposable item that we shop for and control, in this disposable society? Surely, there is a boundary here that must be guarded!

The United Nations estimate that as many as 200 million girls are missing in the world today. This is a Gendercide that our Medicare system is supporting. Gender selected abortion has been the major contributor to this figure. This practice should not be permitted in Australia let alone supported by Medicare benefits. We are depriving the world of girls and women who are necessary to human life and our very humanity. This will result in very serious social consequences. Women are essential to a thriving society and to state the obvious, no one would exist without a women in their life! The pure fact remains that despite other non-maternal contributions to our world, human life cannot be made and carried through without women. This is a seriously short-sighted Gendercide taking place that will deprive the world of it's much needed women. Women should NOT be subjected to such blatant discrimination, objectification, disposability and violence especially in the name of convenience or preference. This concept is repugnant to every thing within me, and I am unable to stand by and give the appearance of support through my silence.

Who will speak for these little girls (and in some cases boys) who will never have the opportunity to live? Will you?

My desperate hope is that you will support the **"Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013"** as I do. Please, let's show the world that Australia supports and stands with the United Nations in their stand against Gendercide and declare the value of every human life!