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Senators,

We would like to add our support to the Health Insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013 for the following reasons:

- a. Gender-selective abortion can result in serious social consequences: gender violence, sex trafficking, child abduction, child abandonment, women viewed as an object, a commodity, a 'disposable gender'
- b. The termination of unborn girls deprives the world of future sisters, mothers, leaders, parliamentarians, nurses, doctors, wives and teachers.
- c. Medicare money should not be wasted, squandered, misdirected, or spent irresponsibly on the killing of the unborn child. Unborn girls should not be devalued, de-humanised and discriminated against.
- d. Indeed, aborting a child solely because it is a boy or a girl is NOT a medical procedure and should not receive a Medicare benefit.

We ask for your favourable consideration.

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