

11 Apr 2013

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Submission for Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

I write to inform you that as a community, we support Senator John Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for certain types of Abortion) Bill 2013 as this hard-earned money should not be wasted on senseless, irresponsible killing of any unborn child, much more if it is based on gender-selected abortion. In a time like this when discrimination is spoken against, how can we accept gender selective abortion in this day and age, and abortion itself? The unborn do not choose whether they are born male or female, why should we devalue and dehumanise them because we think it's okay?

We must not forget nor ignore the very serious social consequences this will have - it is already evident in countries like China, Korea, Japan who in choosing male babies only to be born, now face social consequences like inter-country marriages because the ratio of male to female is out of proportion. Many other consequences such as women being viewed as objects, sex trafficking are just some of the many social problems we will have to face. Let us learn from history that as long as we do not respect God and His plan for life, it is us who will suffer, without a mother, no child can be conceived or born, why should we deprive our future generation of future mothers? This will happen if we selfishly continue to choose this way, ignoring that God is the author of all life, and of all babies to be born in the future - male or female.

Medicare funding should be removed when the termination is carried out solely because of the gender of the foetus - section 17A (1)(b) as it is very wrong and immoral, discriminatory, unjust & unfair because taxpayers pay even if they didn't agree to this, unhealthy to the future of our society. It is unacceptable to use taxpayers money to selectively kill unborn children based on their gender. Think about the future of our people. We were not made to decide who has a right to be born or not - funding is there to look after people and not to fund termination of any life, much more based on gender.

Yours sincerely,

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