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Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees
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Dear Senators

I urge you to support the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill that would remove Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions, introduced into the Senate last month by Senator John Madigan.

As these abortions are done primarily because of a cultural preference for boys or to “balance” a family where previous children have been of one gender, these cannot be described as medical procedures and therefore they should not receive Medicare benefits.

Medicare funding should be strictly limited to health procedures; taxpayers should not be funding decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference.

It is the duty of legislators to ensure every child, regardless of gender, is afforded the basic human right of life. The law should protect the unborn given their vulnerable state, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Finally, providing Medicare funding of sex-selection abortions is contributing to the increase of this abhorrent act. The Government should work to see a reduction in abortion.

Kind regards

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