

**Submission in support of:**

***Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013***

I wish to advise that I strongly support the *Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013* as per the following reasons:

- Whilst I find the thought of any abortion distressing, the killing of precious unborn babies for discriminatory gender selection purposes must surely leave any fair-minded and rational person utterly shocked and appalled. That such a purpose should also be considered appropriate for Medicare Funding is even more outrageous.
- Aborting an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is simply not a medical procedure and therefore should certainly not be afforded Medical Benefits. Medicare funding should be strictly limited to health procedures only and taxpayers should not be funding decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference.
- Governments have a moral obligation to ensure every child, regardless of gender, is afforded the basic human right of life. Given their vulnerable state, laws should be protective of the unborn in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Given that tens of thousands of abortions occur in this nation each year, which is indeed a national disgrace, a responsible and caring Government should be working towards seeking a considerable reduction in such a vast number of abortions, not an increase.
- I also understand that internationally, millions of baby girls are, in fact, being killed in the womb and after birth for just being girls! This dreadful situation must categorically not be allowed to happen in our country.

Finally, on behalf of the endangered unborn babies in this nation, I would greatly appreciate your favourable consideration of this submission.

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