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Dear Committee members,

I wish to submit my strong opposition to include funding for the following reasons.

Aborting an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is not a medical procedure and should not be afforded Medicare benefits. Just because medical science has advanced so much that we are able pick and choose a gender of a child, does not mean that is the right thing to do. We are overstepping our boundaries into God's role.

Therefore:

- 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;
- By 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.

Thank you for considering my views,

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