9 April 2013

To the Senate Committee

Dear Honourable Committee

RE: Health Insurance Amendment

My wife and I object to the above for these reasons:

- 1. It discriminates between sexes and there is a need to encourage our nation to recognise all babies are a great blessing.
- 2. Abortion is an invasive medical process and leads to harm. It kills the baby and hurts the mother physically and psychologically.
- 3. We cannot accept the use of our taxes to fund such an act of terminating a life for the purpose of gender selection.
- 4. Our society needs to encourage population growth and mothers need to be encouraged to deliver even un-wanted babies for adoption. Laws ought to be changed to facilitate adoption.
- 5. Certain cultures and people of some ethnic backgrounds have a great sex imbalance and this has led to social problems and issues within their own communities. Males are favoured and as a result of the greater ratio of males to females, many of the men cannot find spouses.
- 6. Even the UN finds gender selection as being discriminatory.

Our Government must not allow for the practice of gender selection and never to use Medicare to fund this practice at all.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Victor and Crystal Soo