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Dear Senate Committee members,

As you consider the Bill regarding the removal of funding by Medicare for gender selective abortions , as tabled by Senator Madigan, I ask that you take into consideration my comments as follows:

Abortion is to be considered the most serious of crimes committed against humanity, in this case the killing of the innocent and voiceless and defenceless. No humane society can carry out the killing of its' unborn children without breaking fundamental human rights.

The abortion of children by gender selection is not a medical procedure and it is outrageous that funding from the public purse be made available for this " act of convenience ".

Government is to protect its' citizens from abuse and harm. The unborn child is a living human being with rights the same as all of us. The decision of the mother to choose to kill this child is an act of extreme violence. Abortion does not take into account the rights of the child. There is no doubt that life begins at conception. Ultrasound and modern photography have confirmed this without a shadow of doubt.

We rightly feel shock and horror when innocent people are killed by terrorists, but there is no similar reaction to the mainly unpublished fact of hundreds of thousands of abortions each year world wide.

I ask that this Bill to remove Medicare funding for gender selective abortions receive a fair hearing and I trust my remarks may assist in having this Bill passed.

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