

I support this bill as I believe all abortion is murder, but the selective abortion of girl babies is criminal and shows that society believes that girls are of lesser value than boys. Both girls and boys are human beings and they both deserve an equal chance at life. Favouring boys over girls creates shortages of girls, as is currently being demonstrated in China and India.

Aborting girl babies just because they are girls is not a necessary medical procedure. It is saying that boys are worth more than girls. This is wrong. How would the mothers feel if their parents had not wanted them to be a girl? It creates feelings of insecurity and rejection and as if something is wrong with you just because you are a girl.

I am also concerned that this practice could have wider social implications – when girls are treated as less than boys, it feeds the idea that girls can be treated as objects and that men can do whatever they want with them. This is why prostitution and pornography are such lucrative industries – this is men using women to get what they want. I don't believe they would do that if they truly valued women and girls as the precious human beings they are.

Why should Medicare funding be used to allow this practice to continue? I do not see why the taxpayer should be paying for someone to get rid of a girl baby just 'because they wanted a boy instead.'

Thank you for your time.