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Dear Committee Members,

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

This submission is to support the bill by Senator John Madigan

It is very disturbing to think that our government would even contemplate the funding of selective gender abortions. It is reminiscent of more primitive societies or culturally foreign practices that have no place in our modern society with a sense of gender equality.

In the longer term, it could have ramifications of changing the demographics of gender distribution with an imbalance in favour of the male gender. This would cause similar problems as experienced in China where gender abortions have caused a shortage some 70 million of marriageable age women. This has caused unnecessary traumatic situations for the entire population.

I oppose the misuse of Medicare funds for gender-type abortions and consider it to be a waste of much needed funds for genuine medical support for the rest of the community.

I trust that you will vote in favor of Senator Madigan's Bill to prevent the senseless bleeding of funds for such a controversial purpose.

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