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Dear honourable Senators,

I am writing to state my support for the "Health Insurance Amendment Bill 2013 as regarding the ending of medicare support for gender selection abortions.

The three deadliest words in many parts of the world, and in some cases in Australia, are "it's a girl". We can change that here in Australia. Surveys here consistently show that Australians are overwhelmingly opposed to Gendercide and the practice of gender selective abortions. In a recent Galaxy Poll for instance in Tasmania, 9 February 2013, it showed that 92% of people opposed gender selected abortion. The United Nations condemned gender selected abortion in a 2011 report as "gender discrimination against girls and women and a violation of their human rights."

My reasons include:

Doctors have disclosed informally that gender selection abortions are occurring - with a preference for a male child - amongst some ethnic groups present in Australia and as a result Medicare funding is being used to terminate the life of female children.

Aborting a child solely because it is a boy or a girl is NOT a medical procedure and should not receive a Medicare benefit.

Our Government should support campaigns by United Nations agencies to end the discriminatory practice of gender-selection through implementing disincentives for gender-selection abortions. One way the Australian government could support the United Nations in their mission against Gendercide is by refusing Medicare support for Gender Selective abortion.

This is a vital matter especially for unborn females in our world.

Yours sincerely,

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