

Dear Sir/Madame,

RE: Submission for Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013

I am writing to make known my support for Senator John Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

The killing of innocent life is an abhorrent practice, ^{especially} as the young are defenseless and will remain so unless those of us who have been given the chance to live, and vote speak up for them.

To have a child killed because he or she is precisely that a 'he' 'she' does not make any sense if we are to claim that as humans we are rational, intelligent and loving.

As a citizen who opposes the killing of unborn life for no legitimate (as there is no legitimate reason) I am opposed to abortions being funded by Medicare, especially when "the termination is carried out solely because of the gender of the foetus"

All would agree that to 'select' a child or eliminate a child merely on the grounds of gender is both dangerous to the balance of nature (see for example what has happened in countries such as China who now have a HUGE proportion of men and few women), and is a way of thinking that encourages great selfishness on part of parents. Children are NOT "goods" to be acquired and destroyed at the whim of "consumers". These are people who would be able to make a valuable contribution to our society. May they live!

(Jacqueline Ramsey)