

Submission by Simon John Taylor in Support of Senator Madigan's "Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013."

I respectfully ask the inquiry to take the following into consideration when dealing with the **Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013**.

First, consider the purely egalitarian financial aspects.

Medicare is, in my opinion, a fantastic part of our welfare system that cares for those who can't afford necessary medical treatment. Medicare funding should be strictly limited to necessary health and life enhancing procedures; taxpayers should not be funding decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference/prejudice.

If the basis of the abortion is a mere preference for one gender over the other, then the procedure cannot in conscience be called a needed procedure and given Medicare benefits: it is an unnecessary, elective surgery.

Second, consider the vastly more important moral aspects.

It is the duty of legislators to ensure that, regardless of gender, every child is afforded the basic human right of life itself. Basic human rights are transcendent rights universally acknowledged by humanity. They are not rights that are given or taken away by government, but are rights that come from God. Therefore, government must acknowledge them. In fact, as members of the United Nations, our laws should protect unborn humans given their vulnerable state, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In conclusion, the provision of Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions must stop. Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions is, *ipso facto*, discriminatory and prejudiced. More importantly, it is contributing to the increase of this abhorrent act that contravenes universally acknowledged basic human rights and so, consequently the government should work to reduce abortions and end this blight on our society.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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