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Ottawa, ON – “It’s impossible to escape the thought that Canada’s MPs are afraid of a vote on sex selection abortion and have resorted to a parliamentary trick to avoid declaring themselves,” said LifeCanada President Lisa Smith following the news that a parliamentary committee had declared Motion 408 non-votable.

Since the Private Member’s Motion, brought forward by BC MP Mark Warawa, would not change any laws or impose any penalties on anyone, it is ridiculous to pretend it is outside parliamentary jurisdiction.

“MPs know that the vast, vast majority of Canadians, 92% according to a 2011 Environics poll, oppose sex selection abortions which almost always target girls. They know they should support Mark Warawa’s motion and condemn the practice,” said Smith.

“On the other hand, all the party leaders have declared they won’t support it so MPs feel they are in an impossible position. It’s particularly galling when those same leaders all condemned the practice after a CBC investigation reported that clinics were telling women the sex of the baby even when they knew it would lead to the deaths of the girl babies,” said Smith.

“Somehow, it was condemnable in response to the TV show but now when it comes to saying it in response to a motion in Parliament, the leaders, by default, support the practice of aborting girl babies.”

“It’s appalling,” said Smith, “and so disappointing. Democracy doesn’t work when the government plays games like this. I hope Canadians will inundate the Prime Minister’s office and their local MPs offices to tell them what they think about this shabby performance.”

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