

re surrogacy laws, from Mara Hayler

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Dear Program Manager, I would like to support a careful review of your surrogacy act, as I have been very worried about surrogacy and the issues it involves regarding the child, the surrogate mother, and others involved in that whole issue. Some aspects of surrogacy align with considerations about adoption and children born through assisted technical reproductive methods. The overwhelming consideration should lie with the interests of the child or children who of course have no say in the decisions to create them or organise their care and entire life. Some of my main considerations are that: they have a right to know all aspects of their biological and gestational heritage; they be protected from a fate of possible child trafficking; all their 'parents' be checked and then followed through by proper authorities to see that the child/ren have a safe and happy life; the surrogate mother be considered in a proper way - she might not know how she will feel about the child she carries; any child with disability (or the 'wrong' sex, etc.) be properly considered before any surrogacy is entered into. There are many other aspects for the law to take into account, and I wish you well in that terribly important task. The above are some of my main worries in the surrogacy issue. With best wishes, Marigold Hayler [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I am a (retired) psychologist who did some work, and research, on issues around adoption, after my sister, who lost a child to adoption in 1960, met her daughter 31 years later, and had a very happy reunion for 3 years and then a tragic demise and death at age 54. I came to see that the issues around family separation never stop, and always change, and are complex and often unspoken.