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Child Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

Dear members of the Community Safety Committee,

I understand that you will give adoption a lift from 4th on the list to 3rd on the list.
That is why I am writing this letter.

For years I have been trying to follow messages about Adoption via social media.
I am interested in this because in 1969, under duress, by church and government, I had to give my son up for adoption because I was pregnant unmarried.
This has been such a traumatic experience for me that I have required years of therapy to be able to function to some extent and it has been such a traumatic experience for my son that my son became heavily drug addicted at a young age and passed away at the age of 39.

So you will understand that I (and many with me) am (are) convinced that adoption is not a solution, that adoption is traumatic for mother and child.
You will be sure to know that research has proven that it causes psychological harm to separate mother and child.
Many books have been written by experienced experts as well as by scientists and I advise you to take note of them.
You will be aware that failure to initiate bonding and bonding after birth has serious consequences for mother and child.

Through all my experiences and conversations with fellow sufferers and adoptees, I have been involved in adoption-related groups worldwide for 40 years, I provide information in the Netherlands and in Belgium, I participated in research and contributed to literature and I know from experience that adoption is NOT the solution is. That every effort should be made to keep the family together, and that adoption destroys lives.

Worldwide, people are increasingly becoming aware that adoption should be avoided and that especially mother and child should stay together for a healthy attachment and bonding so that the child can develop properly and grow up and function as a fully-fledged person.

All over the world, apologies are increasingly being voiced from the government and other parties for the injustice done to mothers and adoptees.

And then you want to give adoption a lift from 4th on the list to 3rd on the list.
While the Minister of Child Safety has said clearly: "Not on my watch" would anything like this ever happen.
She clearly didn't choose AdoptChange and Debra Lee Furness.

If I have been properly informed, there have been 36 OPINIONS !!

