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Secretary Committee
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
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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!!

And only 2 advocates !! 1 of which, of course, AdoptChange !!!

How is it possible that you want to push through with the change and that you ignore the majority of 36 votes against?

Is this possible and allowed just like that?

I don't think this is the way it should be and it doesn't smell fresh to me.

Is it true that money is, again, the great common denominator?

I know adoption is billions of dollars.

People want a child to own and it doesn't matter what it costs.

And it is definitely being promoted by companies that make a lot of money from adoption.

This is child trafficking in my opinion.

Getting a child from somewhere and handing it over to others for money (under the guise of expenses) is child trafficking.

That should be prohibited.

That should ban you instead of promoting it !!

Why does it have to be decided so quickly before January 6, 2021?

Did all parties have the floor?

Have all parties been able to air their opinions and have they been heard?

I am shocked by the above.

The Roman Catholic Church and Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard have apologized for the forced abandonment for adoption, which has left many mothers and children suffering psychological distress and bearing this trauma for life.

Adoption should come last.

If nothing else is possible.

But there is certainly another solution:

People who then claim to be so eager to take care of a baby can "adopt" mother and child and take care of them both and offer them a bright future. That is dignified. The child keeps the original name, mother and child stay together and the "adoptive parents" perform an extraordinarily beautiful angelic act.

So no adoption.

Not necessary.

There are other solutions.

## I agree to it published publicly

Sincerely,

Barbara Kluijtmans, in 1969 I was forced to part ways with my son.

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