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**What, if any, other matters should be considered in the regulation of this issue?**

I want to write and register my opposition to the removal of legal restrictions to altruistic surrogacy legislation. I am concerned by the confusion and moral issues that can be generated over such legislation. I see potential legal challenges as to who is the parent of a surrogate child having a negative impact on the child. I am concerned about the access of singles and same-sex couples to have surrogate children when I believe that children should be conceived and raised by a mother and a father. I am concerned about possible genetic bewilderment for children and the potential for up to five different parents in the surrogacy process causing confusion and conflict that is not in the best interests of the child. I am also concerned as to how this legislation would blur the lines between family relationships and disrupt links between marriage, conception, gestation, birth and motherhood, which are important to human identity. For all these reasons I am opposed to altruistic surrogacy. Yours faithfully David Richards