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Re: Review of Surrogacy Laws

Dear whomever it may concern,

I hold a PhD in gender, equality, and feminism. I would like the review of surrogacy laws to result in an end to the practice of surrogacy for the following reasons:

- It commodifies and exploits women's bodies for unpaid reproductive labour, 24 hours a day for 9 months.
- This involves mental, physical and emotional labour and continues after the baby is moved on.
- Women are not production lines or factories.
- Even where payment is lawful in other jurisdictions, the concept of 'free choice' does not acknowledge that many women are in poverty or debt.
- Likewise, women with low self-esteem sometimes pursue social validation by performing a gendered role to gain approval.
- A woman's autonomy can be controlled by the other party, including men.
- A child is avoidably taken away.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Peace