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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petitions No. 1919-12 and No. 1922-12, both received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 30 October 2012, regarding the *Surrogacy Act 2010* (the Act).

Petition No. 1919-12, presented by Ms Jackie Trad MP, Member for South Brisbane, on behalf of the principal petitioner, Mr Paul Martin, requests the Parliament to call upon the Premier and the Attorney-General to not proceed with any proposals to amend the Act.

Petition No. 1922-12, presented by Mr Trevor Watts MP, Member for Toowoomba North, on behalf of the principal petitioner, Ms Wendy Francis, calls on the Parliament to repeal all laws and amend any regulations that allow a single person or a same sex couple to obtain a child by surrogacy.

The issue of surrogacy and its regulation is one that divides the community. The Government is aware of the strong and sincerely held views by those who oppose surrogacy and those who support it.

While the Government has announced its intention to reform the Act to exclude from eligibility as intended parents, single persons, same-sex couples and de facto couples whose relationships are less than two years, I can assure all petitioners that the Government is carefully considering all views before proceeding with amendments to the surrogacy laws in Queensland.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these e-petitions.

Yours sincerely



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