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Dear Associate Professor Sonia Allan,

We write to encourage you to (1) oppose any relaxing of the existing laws on surrogacy; and (2) support the existing prohibition of research on living embryos.

Surrogacy is unethical in the way it removes or damages the link between children and their biological parents. There is a similar principle here to the pain we observed by the 'stolen generation'. Importantly both surrogacy and the killing of embryos do not respect God who alone is the creator and owner of life, including embryos, children and women.

Praying that you have wisdom and courage to provide good advice to government on these matters.



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*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.*

Psalm 139:13-14 (English Standard Version)