

## Legislation Committee

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### Members

There are many things to consider its not about buying a baby or paying someone to have your baby. There are many of us women that for some unknown medical reason cannot conceive and carry a pregnancy, and you also have same sex families that want children too. Adoption is out of the question for many of us so we have to look outside the square to do so. Me I chose India as my way of having a baby, 9 IVF cycles and I could do no more so I had to look outside the square.

My suggestion is to look at what India has done, they have created laws for their surrogacy program. Doner & Surrogate are separate so there is no genetic connection.

The doner has a full medical check for everything, the surrogate has the same plus they also have to have had children and agreement with their partner.

The intended parents PAY for everything (ivf, during pregnancy and birth) they also have a say if reductions are needed as we all know multiple births are high risk and they are also looking out for the health of the surrogate. The biggest one is the intended parents are listed as the parents on the birth certificate, as they are the ones genetically related.

Make it easier for women and men to become parents, not harder as we want kids and are being made to jump through hoops when any woman can have a child without going through what we have to.

Thank you  
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