

*National Leadership Coalition Against the Exploitation of Women
by the Use of Gestational Surrogacy Agreements*

*New Jersey
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Honorable Christopher J. Christie
Governor, State of New Jersey
Office of the Governor
125 W. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Your Veto of Gestational Surrogacy Bill S1599

Dear Governor Christie:

We write to tell you that we admire your statesmanship in vetoing the Gestational Surrogacy Enabling Statute, S 1599. We are grateful for your leadership and we have no doubt that your action will have a positive influence throughout the nation on one of the most important issues of our times.

While surrogacy has not dominated the national discourse in recent years, its quiet gains threaten to dramatically alter our culture.

Your action has advanced the protection of women against exploitation and children from commodification.

We hope to work with the legislature to pass legislation that codifies the powerful and well thought out recommendations of the New Jersey Bioethics Commission.

We thank you for the action you took today.

Very truly yours,

Phyllis Chesler, Ph.D

Emerita Professor of Psychology

Author of fourteen feminist books, including "Sacred Bond," her acclaimed work on surrogacy, and other important works on the role of women as mothers

Kathleen Sloan

National Organization for Women (NOW) Board of Directors
NOW's representative at the United Nations

Harold J. Cassidy, JD

Former member of New Jersey Bioethics Commission
Chief Counsel for the mother in the two most important surrogacy cases, *Baby M* case and *AGR v. SH and DRH*

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President and Founder
Eagle Forum

Jennifer Lahl

President and Founder
The Center for Bioethics and Culture

Angelia G. Robinson

Gestational Surrogacy mother of twin girls born in 2006, who successfully fought in NJ Courts to preserve her relationship with her daughters she gave birth to (over four years in court).

Janice Shaw Crouse

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Gestational Surrogate Mother who has given birth as a result of multiple gestational surrogacy arrangements

Richard F. Collier, Jr., JD

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