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The Honorable Glenn Koepf  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: Senate Bill No. 162 by Senator Gary Smith

Dear Mr. Koepf:

Senate Bill No. 162 by Senator Gary Smith has evoked serious concern from various groups across the state such as Louisiana Family Forum, Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Hippocratic Resource, The Bioethics Defense Fund, and the Center for Bioethics and Culture Network. Specifically, these groups reference the potential that Gestational Surrogacy Contracts have to commercialize the use of surrogacy as the bill in its current form permits "reasonable compensation."

Creating a state sanctioned regulatory structure for contracts pertaining to the birth of children has a profound impact on the traditional beginnings of the family and is an important topic worthy of heightened scrutiny and consensus. Given the range of opposition, I am not satisfied that the questions and concerns regarding the implications of Gestational Surrogacy Contracts have been sufficiently studied and thoroughly debated by the legislature at this time.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 162 and hereby return it to the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bobby Jindal', is written over a white background.

Bobby Jindal  
Governor