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Dear Ms Clare

Thank you for your letter of 2 December 2015 expressing your support for the Assisted Reproductive Treatment Amendment Bill 2015.

I appreciate that you have taken the time to share your story with me about why these changes are so important to you.

The Andrews Labor Government made a clear election commitment to change the law to ensure all donor conceived people have equal rights when it comes to obtaining identifying information about their genetic heritage, regardless of when the gametes they were conceived from were donated.

The Government introduced legislation that would fulfil that election commitment late last year.

We are taking action to ensure that there is no longer a two tiered system that creates confusion and distress for some donor conceived people.

The Government believes that all donor conceived people should be treated equally and be afforded equal rights to access information about their donors. Decisions and practices at the time of their conception about which they had no say, should not affect these rights.

The legislation reflects the unanimous recommendations of the 2012 Parliamentary Law Reform Committee which held extensive consultations and hearings before presenting their report and recommendations.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me about this important issue.

Yours sincerely

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