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Dear Ms Gamble,

Thank you for your letter of 3 March about British commissioning parents who are expecting babies through surrogacy arrangements in Ukraine. I have the deepest concern for all whose lives are affected by the invasion of that country and that extends to both the British parents and Ukrainian surrogate mothers in your letter.

I have asked my officials to make provision for this group, and their immediate family members, to be given permission to come to the UK on the basis of their exceptional circumstances by granting entry visas outside the Immigration Rules. The surrogate mother, where the child is not yet born, will be able to enter the UK for a period of up to 36 months and will have access to public funds and employment. They will not be subject to an application fee or the Immigration Health Surcharge.

We envisage circumstances arising in which the child will already have been born. In these circumstances we will also be prepared to grant visas outside the Immigration Rules on the basis of exceptional circumstances. We understand that, if the birth has taken place outside Ukraine, the British nationality status of the child may still not be fully resolved. In such circumstances we will bear in mind that there is a process for resolving this in the UK, and be prepared to ensure the child can enter the UK using an immigration visa on the basis of such nationality as he or she may hold.

These are anxious times for all with personal connections to Ukraine and we are committed to providing support to all affected by the events taking place, especially those British persons who have planned for and are now awaiting the entry into their lives of a child from that country.

W. K. all good wishes



Rt Hon P. Patel MP
Home Secretary