

Good Day,

I would like to include my concern related to the formulation of Bill C-6, in particular, the conflation of 'sexual orientation' and 'gender identity'.

I agree with the ban on conversion therapy related to sexual orientation, as it is my understanding that this human trait does not vary substantially throughout someone's life, and the archaic idea of converting someone's sexual orientation has been demonstrated, repeatedly, to not be effective, and to be harmful.

The addition of 'gender identity' into the bill is, in my opinion, a trojan horse technique, since the idea of 'gender identity' is not well formulated or defined.

One example of a problem that may arise is the abuse of the ambiguity of the language of the Bill to punish members of the psychiatric profession who work with 'gender-exploring' clients who end up, perhaps inadvertently, being 'converted' to the 'wrong gender'.

My recommendation would be to modify the bill to include only 'sexual orientation'.