

The Standing Committee on Justice and Human
Rights
Brief concerning Bill C-6

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Dear members:

My concerns with the Bill C-6 are simple.

1. The definition of “conversion therapy” is so broad that it includes talk therapy, prayer, religious counselling, voluntary therapy, and other things which should be protected by the Charter freedom of conscience and religion. (Section 320.101)
2. The exception for “a person's exploration of their identity or to its development” is too vaguely worded to address my above concern. (Section 320.101)

I recommend that you should list the specific practices that you intend to ban, for example, aversion therapy. That way, the public will be clear about the scope of the ban.