

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Members of Parliament...

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**RE: Amend BILL C-6**

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Please be advised that I call on the Government to fix the definition of conversion therapy in **BILL C-6**. As a “government body” you are now over stepping your powers with children. The power lies in the hands of parents. It is a “*parents right*” to make the appropriate health/medical/religious/values for their children up to and including the age of majority.

Are you knowledgeable of the developmental stages of children? If you were, you would be aware of the social/mental skills that exist in children.

For example, around the age of eleven children seem to care about what others think and are willing to please. The age of twelve children bend into peer pressure and whatever is trending at that moment. Thirteen year olds are insecure about their bodies. How about you do the research up to at least the age of majority? Educate yourself on child development and then maybe you would think twice about “conversion therapy” which you are implementing with my tax dollars; especially, if it harms children.

My tax dollars can be used to much better use. For example, schools can develop a program/class on the “*how to...in developing a positive attitude, developing confidence within, learn how to like yourself and dream big?*” These programs/classes should start when children’s hormones are challenging them in the early years of adolescents. Hormones play an important role in children’s emotions and attitudes on their sexuality. Depending on each individual, between the ages of eighteen (18) and up to twenty-five (25) children will start coming into their own well-being.

I implore you to **fix the definition** of conversion therapy in **BILL C-6**, to:

- *“Ban coercive, degrading practices that are designed to change a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity;*
- *Ensure that no laws discriminate against Canadians by limiting what services they can receive based on their sexual orientation or gender identity;*
- *Allow parents to speak with their own children about sexuality and gender, and set house rules about sex and relationships;*
- *Allow free and open conversations about sexuality and sexual behaviour;*
- *Not criminalize professional and religious counselling voluntarily requested and consented to by LGBTQ2 Canadians.”*

I ask that you let the safety of children be in the hands of their parents. It is not your job to raise families and impose your political ideals/views in **BILL C-6** which in my opinion may cause harm later on in an individual’s live.