

Presentation to the Justice Committee regarding Bill C-6

I am writing as person with a law degree to ask you amend Bill C-6 in order to ensure the following:

- That Canadians retain the freedom to choose the psychological and religious counselling they want, without discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity;
- That parents retain the right and freedom to speak with their own children about sexuality and gender;
- That Canadians retain the freedom to engage in conversations about sexuality and sexual behaviour; and
- That Canadians retain the freedom to offer professional and religious counseling voluntarily requested and consented to Canadians.

Virtually everyone agrees that degrading and coercive techniques for changing thoughts, emotions and behavior should not be allowed, but to pass a law criminalizing professional and religious counselling services freely sought and consented to, infringes on many of the liberties enshrined in the Canadian Constitution.

The wording in any new law that restricts freedoms must be clear, specific and precise in order to avoid unjust and unintended applications of that law.

Thank you for considering these points.

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