

I am writing to you about Bill C-6. I do not support involuntary or coercive efforts to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. However I have concerns that this bill will have far reaching consequences than just banning these efforts.

The definition of conversion therapy in Bill C-6 is so broadly worded that it bans efforts to reduce sexual behaviour, and I'm concerned that it could criminalize religious instruction and expression of religious beliefs around sexuality.

Canadians must remain free to voluntarily seek out support to live in a way that is consistent with their beliefs, faith identity and personal convictions. Religious institutions must be able to offer support to those who seek it, as well as provide religious instruction.

What is also concerning about this proposed bill is that it treats sexual orientation and gender identity as the same thing. If you consult the you will quickly realise that they are not the same. There is also no such thing as conversion therapy for gender identity. Here in the western world, children are being taught in grade school that gender is fluid and are being encouraged to choose their gender. In response, children are becoming confused and when they reach out for help, they are rapidly being affirmed as transgender and ushered down a dangerous experimental path of irreversible synthetic cross-sex hormones and devastating surgeries without getting the slightest bit of helpful, exploratory mental health that may uncover underlying mental illness or the possibility of teen contagion or trans-ideology indoctrination. This Bill will ensure that NO licensed mental health provider will help these kids. Who suffers? The children and their families. Just talk to some of the parents, whose child has got caught up in this craze. Parents who have been failed by the medical and mental health providers (who have their hands tied, because of this law). Parents who are estranged from their children. If we look down the road, once these kids figure out (on their own) that this transition has not helped and they decide to change back to their biological sex, there will be NO licensed mental health providers with any expertise to help them. These kids and their families will be on their own. How devastating.

Please make changes to Bill C-6 so that the bill at a minimum, clearly exempts parental guidance, religious instruction and the development of religious identity. Reducing 'non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behaviour' must be removed from the definition of conversion therapy. Removing all references to 'gender identity to cisgender' for minors and those who wish to seek therapy from this bill is paramount to save our kids and our families.