

Dear Justice Committee

My name is Marcell Janzen. The reason for sending you this is to ask you to please change the definition of Bill C 6 which I like to call the **"Stay gay, stay transgender Bill"**. Yes, this is actually what this bill is saying. It is not only very flawed, but it has the potential to impact parental rights, in fact it will undermine parental rights. It also threatens religious freedom and freedom of expression and speech. These are rights I have which is now coming into jeopardy by this flawed law.

I want to be clear from the start: I do not agree with ANY abusive practices that forces a person who experiences any kind of gender dysphoria to change or to "fix" them. The reality is: these types of practices are long gone and banned, but activists, with your approval, are now brushing every and any kind of talk therapy, prayer, counseling or guidance from a parent with the same brush. Therefore, this bill should actually be called **"Stay Gay, Stay Transgender Bill"**!

Let me tell you a short story. A personal friend of mine, Wilna van Beek used to be a lesbian but no longer experience same-sex attractions, after some incredible talk therapy and counseling she had. (Here is a short video where she is asking members of Parliament to vote no to Bill C 8 which is now Bill C 6 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUvDikFYVSY&feature=emb_logo). Her story is unique because she actually went through abusive talk therapy in the early 80-ties. When her mom discovered she was in a homosexual relationship, she forced her to see a psychiatrist who bound her on a bed, injected her with a substance and then tried to force her to change through coercive speech. Wilna has shared with me how damaging this experience was to her. For years Wilna did not trust anyone because of this abusive visit to a psychiatrist.

THIS is the type of talk therapy we cannot tolerate, and it should be banned for sure.

Please hear this. Not all talk therapy, counseling or prayer is bad and should not be brushed with what activists wrongly describe as "conversion therapy". They certainly got those terms mixed up! There is no such thing as "conversion therapy"! There is such a thing as conversion to Christ and then there is all kinds of therapy. I am not sure how activists came up with "conversion therapy"!

Many years after Wilna's bad experience she reached out to her pastor and his wife to talk about what she was struggling with. At the time when she reached out to them, another woman showed up the scene whom she felt attracted to. (Please watch the video to hear the full story). Wilna did not want to pursue a homosexual life. Why? She did try to follow her path of Christian faith and live a homosexual life at the same time, but it never worked for her. She came to a place in 2003 when she chose a Christian path and chose to live celibate. So, when another woman came on the scene, she did not want to cave into her same-sex-attractions and need help or at least someone to talk to. She reached out to her pastor and his wife. They invited her into their home. They did something different than the psychiatrist from the early 80-ties. They never forced her but created a safe place where she was able to talk about everything that was pressing on her heart. They did not try to "fix" her same-sex attractions at all. In fact, they focused on her heart issues. They listened and loved her and prayed for her. This brought much freedom and peace into her heart. Her attractions did not go away but her focus changed, and her heart started to heal.

On another occasion, she visited a counselor for undealt anger from her childhood. This counselor did an excellent job too. He focused on the root of her anger, which was fear, and after they dealt with the root, Wilna discovered months later that her same-sex attractions diminished and no longer existed. She believes the root of her same-sex attractions was fear. Today, not only did her same-sex attractions diminish, but Wilna is living an incredible and meaningful life. She is at peace which is so important for all human beings.

The points I am hoping to submit and asking for you to fix the definition is:

1. There are many members of the LGBTQ community who do not want to follow a homosexual path. Bill C6 is telling them they **"MUST STAY GAY or THEY MUST STAY TRANSGENDER"**! How can we assume every member of the LGBTQ community wants to follow this path? It is merely not true. For this reason, the definition needs to be fixed.
2. Change is possible, but it looks different for each person and it does not even mean that same-sex attractions goes away. Bill C 6 will prevent help to persons like Wilna and this is an atrocity in my opinion. For this reason, the definition needs to be fixed.
3. Wilna has a true story and Bill C 6 is going to prevent her to share it publicly in Canada because Bill C 6 will consider her story as "conversion therapy". This too is an atrocity and threatens her expression of freedom of speech and expression. For this reason, please change the definition of Bill C6.
4. Young children with gender dysphoria will be prevented to naturally walk through puberty with the guidance of their parents because Bill C6 is telling parents they can't talk to them, the government will take over, teachers and doctors know better and they will tell the children **STAY GAY or STAY TRANSGENDER**. This is undermining parental rights big time! Parents know what is best for their child and therefore please change the definition of Bill C 6.

Wilna's video was submitted to members of Parliament and all Senators. She was approached to appear in front of the Justice Committee. I urge you also to consider hearing from her firsthand.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Wilna', written over the word 'Sincerely'.