

Dear Justice Committee,

My name is Rachel. I am writing this to ask you to please change the definition of Bill C 6 which should be called, “***Stay gay, stay transgender Bill***” because this is actually what this bill is saying. The wording of this bill 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 are now being jeopardized by this flawed law.

I want to be clear from the start: I do not agree with ANY abusive practices that force a person experiencing any kind of gender dysphoria to change or to “fix” them. The reality is: this type of practise has long been banned, but activists with your approval, are now brushing all 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***”!

I have recently been listening to some stories of people who were once part of the LGBTQ community but have since decided to leave that lifestyle. Many of them have sought out and received support from pastors or counselors in their decision and consider the counseling they received a critical part of what helped them through that difficult time. Multiple people expressed that the spiritual counseling they received in particular – where pastors and counselors helped them work through past traumas and find healing in Jesus Christ – was a critical part of them finding the peace and joy they have today. I want to be clear on this – talk therapy, counseling, and prayer should not be misunderstood as what activists wrongly describe as “conversion therapy”. This term is confusing, and I am asking that you please **FIX THE DEFINITION** so as to protect the rights of parents, faith leaders and therapy counsellors.

I am very concerned that under Bill C-6, someone who wants to leave the LGBTQ lifestyle would have no access to resources to help them do so – **even if they seek it out themselves!** The end result of this Bill is to strip away the freedoms of the very people it claims to protect.

[Hudson Byblow](#) spoke about his experiences in a YouTube video, which I strongly encourage you to watch for yourself. He expressed the irony that under this Bill, it would be illegal for him to share his story – **which means his freedoms of expression and speech would be taken away from him!** This cannot be allowed to happen in our country – which values freedom for *everyone* to have and express their own ideas, beliefs and opinions.

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, please **FIX THE DEFINITION**.

2. Change is possible, but it looks different for each person and it does not even mean that same-sex attractions will go away. Bill C 6 will prevent help to people like Hudson and this is an atrocity in my opinion. For this reason, **FIX THE DEFINITION**.

3. Hudson has a true story and Bill C 6 is going to prevent him from sharing it publicly in Canada because Bill C 6 will consider his story as “conversion therapy”. This too is an atrocity and threatens his freedom of speech and expression. For this reason, please **FIX THE DEFINITION** of Bill C6.

4. Young children with gender dysphoria will be prevented from naturally walking 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 radically undermining parental rights. Parents know what is best for their child and therefore, please **FIX THE DEFINITION** of Bill C 6.

Here are links of other people who have similar stories, they are all asking you to FIX the DEFINITION

Keith https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ja3RTTUxDHQ&feature=emb_logo

Robert https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuuDBCr7rtA&feature=emb_logo

Kathy https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhVV-rR93q0&feature=emb_logo

Emmanuel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YK-x8nDmtwY>

Wilna <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUvDikFYVSY>

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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