

My Concerns Regarding the “Wording”  
of Bill C-6  
The Government of Canada  
**Conversion Therapy Ban**

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Thank you for allowing me to have this opportunity to express my concerns about the wording of the Conversion Therapy Ban with you at this time.

**INTRODUCTION:**

My name is Daniel Love. My pronouns are he/him. I was born in Whitehorse, Yukon, and I have lived in Alberta; North Carolina, USA; B.C.; Saskatchewan, The Peoples Republic of China and currently in Calgary, Alberta. My wife and I have two adult offspring, a son, 26, who is wanting to transition to become a woman; and a daughter, 22. The wording of Bill C-6 “hits” close to us.

**TO THE POINT:**

The wording of this “CONVERSION THERAPY BAN” is concerning and it seems to have hidden motives.

**1). Concerning:**

Logically, I know that what we are discussing today is to prevent harm to the LGBTQ2+ community; however, as a parent I am very worried. If we attempt to dissuade our sons/daughters from going forward with hormone therapy or sex transitioning, we could be criminalized and fined \$10,000 or more / or we could be jailed for up to a year. Parents who might not agree with the LGBTQ2S+ community will be threatened just because they discourage, or attempt to get them to think about the repercussions of the decision of their child, or adult child about the way they are contemplating to live. I love my adult offspring very much no matter what gender identity that they so choose.

## **2). Hidden Motives:**

The wording within the current version of this “Conversion Therapy Ban”, appears to be a hidden way to criminalize or fine “religious groups and organizations”. In my opinion, the majority of these religious organizations do not endorse and they do not engage in Conversion Therapy; however, some members of the LGBTQ2+ community seem to believe all religious groups are doing this. In reality, that is not the case. Some extreme religious groups have been responsible for the discrimination and psychological pain that the LGBTQ2+ community has suffered; however, I implore you to also recognize that not all religious groups engage in hurtful or harmful therapy. Spiritual groups state what they believe in their sacred spaces; however, we allow individuals to make up their own minds as to how they wish to live.

## **Conclusion:**

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco is built on two key towers. That bridge hangs on those two towers.

Jesus Christ once said, “All laws hang on these two commandments: “Love God and Love your neighbor as yourself”. My neighbors include the individuals in the LGBTQ2+ community. It is God’s “agape”, self-less, unconditional type of love that is life changing. Love God and Love all types of people.

Jesus said that the religious people of his day had neglected the more important matters of the law – **justice, mercy and faithfulness.**” Right now, Jesus Christ is calling all people around the world to love God and love each other no matter their gender identity.

## **Here is my REQUEST:**

Ensure the safety and security of the LGBTQ2S+ community; however, please keep in mind the repercussions of the wording in the revised version of this document.

Make the wording clear. Define explicitly what conversion therapy is, and what it is not. Right now that definition is unclear. Protect the rights of the LGBTQ2+ community and the rights of Spiritual / Religious groups.