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Justice Committee,

As a citizen of Canada for over 60 years, I am writing to express my concern regarding the broad definition of Bill C-6 currently before parliament. Sexuality, whether heterosexual or non heterosexual is a confusing and sometimes difficult process for each of us to navigate through. I fully agree that we need to have degrading and harmful practices that force or coerce people into changing their sexual orientation banned. However, I am concerned that this ban would also include practices that are indeed helpful, and therefore do not want to see the following included in this broad definition:

Conversations between parents or guardians and their children that speak about sexuality and gender choice being banned.

Parents or guardians being banned from setting rules in their homes about permissible and non permissible sexual activity and relations.

The opportunity for individuals to seek of their own desire whether professional or non professional, counselling regarding sexual behavior and sexual orientation.

Discrimination against Canadians by limiting access and availability of sought for counselling.

Criminalization of any parent, guardian, or counsellor; no matter their faith or sexual orientation, who offers guidance and instruction regarding sexual behavior and sexual orientation.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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