

To whom it may concern,

I am asking you to please change the definition of Bill C-6.

We can all agree that using coercive, degrading actions that seek to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity should be banned however we should always be allowed the freedom to seek counsel on any decisions we make, especially children.

I am asking you to please fix the definition. The way it is currently stated criminalizes anyone who chooses to provide helpful advice, practice and theology that can help a person become who they choose to be concerning sexuality and gender.

If someone, especially a child or young adult is struggling with their gender identity or sexuality because of their own individual belief or conviction then upon their request they should be able to access the help they need to either convert or remain the gender or sexuality that they desire. Not only that but they need to know where they can find such help if need be.

We need to ensure that no laws discriminate against Canadians by limiting what services they can receive based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

In the case of young children, who need counsel, advice and even discipline when it comes to making choices that they do not yet have the wisdom or understanding to make. We do this to protect them from harm, out of love. If I believe that if my son chooses to play around fire, because he may get burned, then I will advise him and set boundaries where necessary. If he chooses to grow up to be a fireman then he is free to do so as a responsible adult and with me knowing that I have taught him what I can to give him wisdom and understanding in the matter. In the same way, we as parents need to have the ability to speak with our children about sexuality and gender, and set house rules about sex and relationships.

We as Canadians should be allowed to have free and open conversations about sexuality and behaviour.

This Bill should also be amended in such a way that it does not criminalize professional and religious counseling voluntarily requested and consented to by LGBTQ2 Canadians.

Here in Canada we have set so many rules, guidelines and ultimately bureaucracy that limits and controls every little risk that possibly could affect or harm us in any way. However, when it comes to sex and gender, the fundamental component and equation that creates human life itself, we choose to let it be as free, open and creative as we like. To not allow advice and counsel to someone, especially a child on the importance and significance of their sexual identity and the act of sex is completely irresponsible and hypocritical to code of protecting Canadians individually and our freedom of speech and belief.