

Justice Committee  
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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing to you today with regards to Bill C-6.

I have concerns with the wording of the Bill. Unfortunately, the wording as it stands will not accomplish what is intended for the LGBTQ2+ community or for the community at large. I am concerned, for instance, that a conversation with a therapist, or a counsellor with a person of the LGBTQ2+ community would be considered liable if the wording is vague. I would suggest that the wording should include a specific definition of conversion therapy so that a conversation during a therapy session between two people would not be subject to liability. A person who has entered such a profession as the above would be highly trained and educated and would be highly motivated to achieve an optimal outcome for their client or patient, and therefore would not resort to conversion therapy to achieve this outcome. Therefore, both parties who are participating in such a conversation should be protected in my opinion.

I also have concerns with regards to the wording of the bill as it would apply to a conversation between a person of the LGBTQ2+ community, who would possibly be questioning their choices, with a therapist or a counsellor. For instance, if that person is considering other choices other than the LGBTQ2+ community, then that conversation could be considered liable for the therapist or the counsellor. Therefore, the client or patient would possibly be denied counselling. I am suggesting, again, that the wording of the Bill should contain a specific definition of conversion therapy so that this example of a conversation would not be found liable.

The wording of the Bill, as it stands, could also adversely affect a conversation between family members who are trying to address a concern or question. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or any other relatives should feel free to be able discuss questions about sexual identity with other family members without liability. Conversion therapy should not be applied to such a discussion; therefore, again, a specific definition of conversion therapy needs to be included in Bill C6.

As I have stated previously, the wording of the Bill should contain a specific definition of conversion therapy. The wording as it stands, does not achieve the purpose for which it is intended for either the LGBTQ2+ community or the community at large.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this brief. If you have questions, please contact me at [loraanslee@gmail.com](mailto:loraanslee@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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