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Dear Members of the Justice Committee,

I am writing to you today because I am concerned about the definition Bill C6. As a Canadian citizen I would kindly like to appeal to the members of the justice committee to fix the definition so it would read in a more clear and concise way that would

1. Ban coercive, degrading practices that are designed to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity
2. Ensure that no laws discriminate against Canadians by limiting what service they can receive based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
3. Allow parents to speak with their own children about sexuality and gender and set house rules about sex and relationships
4. Allow free and open conversations about sexuality and sexual behavior
5. Not criminalize professional and religious counseling, that is voluntarily requested and consented to, by LGBTQ2 community

I just had a few questions regarding this bill; doesn't this bill favour one group, while discriminating against another? Isn't it true that this bill is redundant because **all** Canadians are protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms under Equality rights-section 15? And it states

15. (1) Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.⁽¹⁾

When looking at the bill logically are not parents, pastors, teachers and doctors being criminalized for lovingly talking to a child about sexual issues, going against their freedom of speech in our rights and freedoms? And it is stated section 2 of Fundamental freedoms in subsection b.

2.b. freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication; (2)

So my final question, Isn't it true that Bill C6 actually violates 2, if not more, of our rights and freedoms in section 15 and section 2?

I just wanted to remind you of your Oath today on behalf of Canadian citizens.

The House And Its Members – The Oath Or Solemn Affirmation of Allegiance

Thus, a Member is making a pledge to conduct him-or herself in the best interests of the country. The oath or solemn affirmation reminds a Member of the serious obligations and responsibilities he or she is assuming. (3)

Today, if you are approving of Bill C6 as it is defined, are you conducting yourself in the best interests of your country and all the citizens that live here?

I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter today.

Sincerely,

Concerned Canadian Citizen

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