

Dear Members of Bill C-6 Committee,

We, as members of the Canadian Faith community group, respect the rights of all Canadians to freely associate and to have adequate information that will help them make an informed decision on their struggle with sexuality. We want to express our concerns with the current writing of Bill C-6.

Every person must have a right to choose what they want in terms of solution to their problems, not just in the immediate time but for the future. We want to ensure that no laws discriminate against Canadians by limiting what services they can receive based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Our faith does not discriminate but provide foundational truth that sets individuals free in their areas of struggle which is not forced but in open conversation with the individual

We are asking that open conversations be allowed to take place about sexuality and behaviour in a non-coercive manner without being criminalized as the individual involved have a choice to either continue with the conversation or decide to leave if he/she does not find it helpful.

We ask that Bill C-6 be written and amended so as not to criminalize religious and professional body that have the capacity to help when voluntarily requested by those in need.

We are requesting that the committee fix the definition of “conversion therapy” and amend Bill C-6. The proposed changes as currently written, do not clearly define conversion therapy, therefore leaving it open to interpretation

We are proposing and recommending the following amendment to Bill C-6:

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

Thank you for the work of your committee