

November 30, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

Re Bill C 6

My name is Val Byrd and I am a mom of adult children, as well as a gramma of 4 beautiful little people and I am also pastor. I am concerned about Bill C 6 being passed as it is currently written and I am asking you to please consider changing the definition so that it protects us all as relational human beings. I don't want anyone to suffer through unwanted coercion by any party. But I often have people wanting to talk to me about unwanted areas of their life and the areas of sexuality are huge and complex.

Please protect our families and our churches by representing and protecting our ability to help people process the confusing areas we all need help with. I don't think this is a simple issue and I appreciate the care being taken by the government to protect all its citizens regarding this sensitive subject.

Please note that concerns listed below are my concerns for this bill.

Thank you,
Sincerely
Valerie Byrd

- 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.