

Proposed Amendments to Bill C-6

I am writing to request certain amendments to Bill C-6, known in lay speak as the “Conversion Therapy Ban”. My recommendations are the following:

- 1) Free and open conversations about sexuality and sexual behaviour should be permitted, not criminalized.
- 2) No laws should discriminate against Canadians by limiting what services they can receive, based on their sexual orientation or their gender identity.
- 3) Professional and religious counselling, *voluntarily requested and consented to* by LGBTQ2 Canadians, must not be criminalized.
- 4) Parents must be allowed to speak with their own children about sexuality and gender, without the threat of being criminalized.
- 5) Coercive practices that change a person’s gender identity or sexual orientation must not be used on minor children under the age of 18.

Thank you for your consideration to this very timely and sensitive issue.

We must fix the definition of conversion therapy and what it entails for all Canadians of all ages.

Respectfully,

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