

Amendment to Bill C-6

I appeal to the good graces of the Justice Committee in its work to serve the Canadian people, that it allow an amendment to change the wording of Bill C-6. As it stands in its present form, it begs abuse and misrepresentation.

I will not rehearse the reasons for the need for the clarifying amendment, as they have been succinctly expressed by writers such as Father Raymond J. de Souza ¹, Barbara Kay ^{2,3}, and Chris Selley ⁴.

This would be a judicious and prudent amendment, as it would clarify the intent and the parameters of the bill.

The amendment would, in fact, protect the bill and its intent from misinterpretation and misuse that will inevitably arise if it passes in its present form.

The committee would be perceived as being solicitous and collaborative by all parties and all Canadians in allowing the amendment.

Allow me to employ the language of the petition “Fix the definition,” ⁵ of which I am a signator:

RESPECTFULLY, I CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT TO FIX THE DEFINITION OF CONVERSION THERAPY IN BILL C-6, TO:

- 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.

1. Raymond J. de Souza: Are we supposed to take David Lametti at his word that C-6 won't target faith leaders? National Post, December 5, 2020.
2. Barbara Kay: The case for deep-sixing Bill C-6; National Post, November 20, 2020.
3. Barbara Kay: The problems with Bill C-6 and the gender affirmation model; National Post, November 27, 2020.
4. Chris Selley: Liberals' conversion therapy 'ban' leaves unanswered questions; National Post, March 11, 2020.
5. <https://fixthedefinition.ca/>