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Bill C-6 Submission to the Justice Committee
St. George's Anglican Church, Burlington

First, I understand and support the desire to ensure that no Canadian is marginalized, harassed or aggressively coerced because of their gender, sexuality or sexual orientation.

Second, as a Christian minister, I am bound by the historic teachings of Holy Scripture and the faith of the denomination to which I belong. Both clearly require me to teach that sex is a gift from God for a man and a woman within the covenant of marriage. Both clearly require me to teach that gender and sex are complimentary and rooted in the created order by our good God.

I am deeply concerned that Bill C-6, as currently framed, protects the first while jeopardizing and even criminalizing the second. While the Minister of Justice has verbally assured that conversations about sexuality with family members and religious leaders will be excluded, Bill C-6 does not propose these exclusions as a matter of law.

Please take clear and urgent action to amend the Bill to protect the freedom of religion and speech that is mine and all Canadian's in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Respectfully submitted,

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