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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
Subject: Please stop the ban on gay conversion therapy bill
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To all it concerns,

Please stop making laws that take away people's choices. Anybody who seeks gay conversion therapy have the right to do so. It is THEIR choice just as importantly as THEIR choice to have gender reassignment. (however, I, as a taxpayer do not wish for my taxes to contribute toward this). This bill will take that choice from them.

Imagine you were a doctor and a teenage female patient told you she was feeling confused about her gender. Any reasonable doctor would adopt a 'wait and see' approach and see if this was a passing phase.

However, the your so-called 'gay conversion therapy ban', would make this 'wait and see' approach illegal.

Instead, it would force medical professionals to affirm the girls' belief she is a boy. And it would put that vulnerable girl on a pathway towards permanent and irreversible surgery that would likely leave her infertile and unable to breastfeed.

Also how is gender disphoria any different to anorexia or any other disphoria where a person develops a bodily misconception that is harmful to themselves. Surely this condition requires help for them to accept & relish in the sexuality granted by birth rather than to help them in the opposite direction. This process has not been proven to be successful, is highly experimental & will cause permanent mutilation to the bodies of young people who are not even old enough to vote or drink or make sound decisions for themselves. It is wrong on so many levels. What about parents, who of all people in the world love their children & know them best? This bill removes, or has the ability to remove from them, any say in their child's future. Instead it would be handed over to others who have no real investment in these children apart from possibly promoting their own gender agender at the child's expense.

I am strongly petitioning you to reject this new law for the sake of our children.

Sincerely,
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