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Sent: Monday, 2 January 2023 10:15 AM
To: Legal Affairs and Safety Committee

Dear Honourable Members, please consider the following account by Rebekah Wershale's on the devastating impact housing so called transgender women in UK women's prisons has on female inmates.

Video here: <https://youtu.be/IM8pBs5IitA>

Transcript here: https://grahamlinehan.substack.com/p/the-living-nightmare-faced-by-women?utm_campaign=post

Prisons must remain single biological sex spaces to protect the vulnerable.

Further, examples from the US include women inmates being sexually assaulted and becoming pregnant as a result of biological males in women's prisons. This is not a fiction, it is not 'Orange is the new black'. This is real and dangerous for females in prisons. Legislators' duty of care to these women is to protect them by provision of single sex incarceration. This is consistent with the Mandela Rules - **The United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (2015)**.

This alone is a critical reason to not introduce gender self-identification in any form in any jurisdiction.

Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE I REQUEST MY SUBMISSION IS AND REMAINS ANONYMOUS. I require anonymity as sadly, it is not safe to publicly raise such concerns about women's safety in our society.

Sincerely,

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