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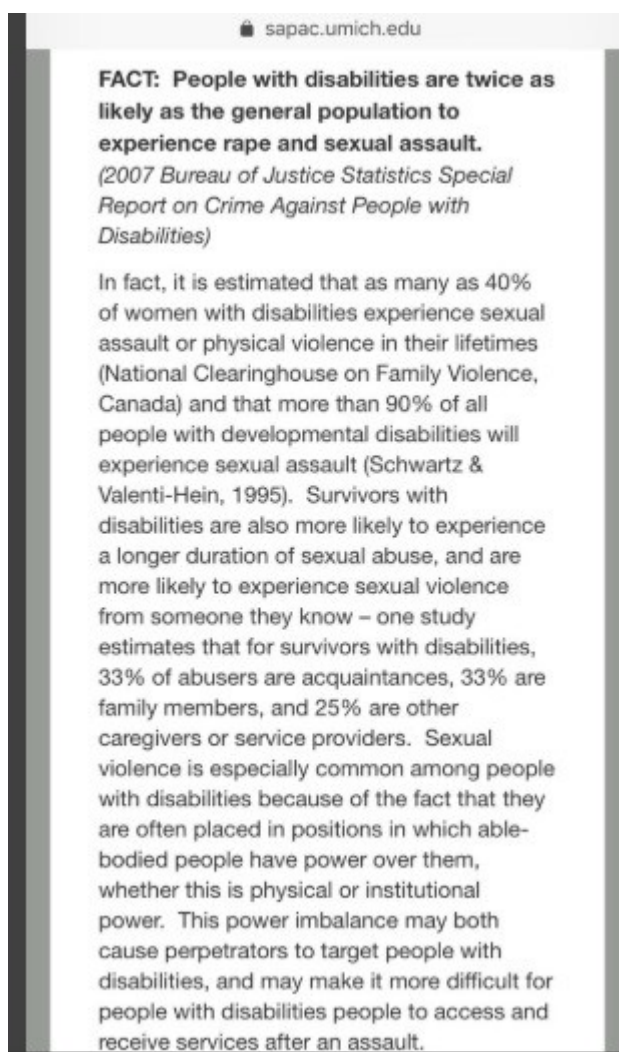
Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you today to voice my concern and disgust about the Bill that has been put forward by Shannon Fentiman, the Minister for Women & Children, to allow 'SELF ID.

I work in the disability sector, and I am gravely concerned about the implications that this Bill would impose on some of the women that are in our care, some of whom have already suffered trauma at the hands of male carers.

This Bill has major safeguarding implications regarding women and children, which could allow potential sexual predators into areas where women and children are in vulnerable positions, such as change-rooms where we maybe in a state of undress. As women, we cannot tell which male is 'safe' and which male maybe be a potential sexual offender, unfortunately they do not wear labels. By allowing this Bill to be passed you are allowing a man, any man to identify as a woman and enter our safe spaces.

There are reasons why we have separate areas, because men by their very nature, unfortunately are the ones that cause the most problems, for example in hospitals, care facilities for the aged, Psychiatric wards, prisons, anywhere where women are at the most vulnerable, men commit sexual assault, sexual assault is extremely rare in women. '



Shannon Fentiman has ignored all the sexual crimes that have been committed by men and allowing men to identify as women will give these predators a key to unlock the door to our spaces. I read on Facebook only 2 days ago how a young Brazilian youth had been allowed to play football in the young girls team and how it was a 'Dream come true to be allowed to be able to get changed in the same changing room as the young girls'. This Bill will allow this to happen here.

Around the world there are examples of 'men' getting into female spaces and women being sexually assaulted. Convicted sex offenders, rapists and paedophiles claiming to identify as women being housed in female prisons and then sexually attacking and abusing female inmates.

A complaint from a woman who claimed that she was 'raped' while in hospital. The NHS hospital denied the allegation as they stated that there were no women on the ward.

A hospital told the police that a patient could not have been raped because her alleged attacker was trans, the House of Lords has heard.

The attack took place a year ago and the woman reported it but when officers contacted the hospital, which has not been named, they were told "that there was no male in the hospital, therefore the rape could not have happened".

Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, who raised the issue during a debate on single-sex wards, continued: "They forgot that there was CCTV, nurses and observers.

"None the less, it has taken nearly a year for the hospital to agree that there was a male on the ward and, yes, this rape happened.

"During that year she has almost come to the edge of a nervous breakdown, because being disbelieved about being raped in hospital has been such an appalling shock. The hospital, with all its CCTV, has had to admit that the rape happened and that it was committed by a man."

And so this continues to happen, men being allowed to identify as women and getting close to women and children. Anyone who states that this is not happening is living in cuckoo land, men attack, sexual predators are manipulators and are good at it, they gas light women to believe something that is a lie. Men cannot become women. Why do we, as women have to accept a man to perform intimate examinations, just because he feels like a woman. Where are my rights to say NO?

No man should be allowed to say he is a woman and given a golden key to get into women's spaces. We should give further thought about the lives of the disabled women and children whose lives will be greatly impacted if this Bill goes ahead. Here, I am talking about women and children who are incapable of consenting due to not being able to communicate. If you don't think that coma pregnancies do not happen-they do. This one for example from Arizona.

A disabled woman who gave birth at an Arizona long-term care facility had been raped repeatedly, and had likely been pregnant before, new documents allege.

Her lawyers filed a \$45 million notice of claim to Arizona on Wednesday with allegations against the state along with Hacienda HealthCare, where the woman had lived since 1992.

She delivered a boy at the facility in late December, shocking her caregivers, who said they had no idea she was pregnant. She has since left the facility in Phoenix.

Authorities obtained DNA samples from male staff members and arrested licensed practical nurse Nathan Sutherland, 36, who was caring for the woman. He was charged with sexual assault and vulnerable adult abuse, and has pleaded not guilty.

The above example was done by a male, what hope do we have, if we allow men to say they are women and then get into our spaces.

I have been looking into all this, dare I say it? CRAP, Since last May and the horror stories I have read have turned my blood cold with disbelief that as women we have to believe that the person standing in front of us is a woman when clearly he isn't.

Please do not take our rights away from us, you are making this world an unsafe place to live in by allowing SELF ID.

AND THIS ONE:

Should disabled children be used as props to make men with sexual fetishes feel better? It doesn't seem like a difficult question, does it?

“At no point, while I was coming to terms with how my [severely disabled] daughter's future was set to unfold, did I expect to find myself in a position where I would be forced to remind my elected representatives about something as basic as my vulnerable daughter's need for same-sex care.

Anxieties about her having to endure acts of negligence, or maybe even cruelty, at the hands of an unprofessional person, once I am gone, have haunted some of my sleepless nights. However, I have been consoled with the knowledge that regulations and safeguarding policies would be in place to offer her protection from bad actors.

But what happens when somewhere along the line the differences between the sexes become artificially blurred, and the safeguarding that was in place can no longer be relied upon because of proposed reforms to current law?”

The above quote is part of the heartfelt plea of a mother of a disabled daughter. We know that women and girls are vulnerable to male sexual violence, we know that [men commit 98% of sex offences](#) and we know that disabled children are three to four times more likely to experience abuse.

And so, this goes on and on. All around the world where SELF ID has come into law, there has been conflict with women's rights. Why should a person's rights override someone else's rights when this Bill clearly will.

Please put this Bill in the trash where it belongs.

Thank you

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