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House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Member of Parliament,

Trudeau Blindsides Democracy with his Transgender Bill

During the 2015 election, Trudeau famously assured the public that transparency and public accountability would be the order of the day if he became Prime Minister.

In just over a year holding that office, Trudeau has apparently grown tired of the drudgery of democracy, and is using his majority to nonchalantly ram through a bill without providing adequate explanation, evidence or data to support it.

On October 18th, 2016, second reading took place on Bill C-16 which amends the Canadian Human Rights Act to provide special protection for transsexuals and to include them in the list of identifiable groups that are protected from hate propaganda in the *Criminal Code*.

The debate commenced at 10:10 a.m. and in just 4 hours, at 2:00 p.m., the majority Liberals pushed the bill to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights.

That Committee did not bother to invite witnesses from the public to appear before it. Further, Minister of Justice, Jody Wilson-Raybould, admitted at the Committee hearing that she had no actual evidence or data on whether transsexuals were actually experiencing discrimination or hate, but was only relying on information provided to her from partisan Transgender and LGBT activists.

Also, during discussions at the Committee, it was obvious that no one understood the meaning of the expressions “gender identity” and “gender expression” which were supposed to be protected by these amendments. Ms. Jody Wilson-Raybould, in explaining the bill admitted that transpersons could already complain of discrimination on the grounds of sex under the Human Rights Act. This bill, therefore, lifts the transgendered to an explicit category in law. This has not been done for any other group such as First Nations people, or other vulnerable individuals who also experience discrimination.

When the issue was raised as to how this legislation will affect immigration, travel procedures for transsexuals, their passports and their placement in federal correctional facilities, Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould admitted that these issues had not yet been dealt with, and that there would be “ongoing discussions” about them.

It is noteworthy that new medical evidence has disclosed in the journal - *The New Atlantis*, A Journal of Technology & Society (August 23, 2016) www.thenewatlantis.com that there is no scientific evidence supporting the transgendered. The report specifically stated that:

- The belief that gender identity is an innate, fixed human property independent of biological sex – so that a person might be a ‘man trapped in a woman’s body’ or ‘a woman trapped in a man’s body’ – is ***not supported by scientific evidence***.

And

- Transgender people have higher rates of mental health problems (anxiety, depression, suicide), as well as behavioral and social problems (substance abuse, intimate partner violence), than the general population. Discrimination alone ***does not account for the entire disparity***.

Further, it would appear that MPs are not doing transgender persons any favours by supporting Bill C-16. You will be condemning transgender persons to suffering and possibly early death, frequently by suicide. See attached excerpt from medical studies on transgender persons.

Bill C-16 will have wide ranging impact. It applies to the federal government in its role as employer and service provider and to the federally regulated private sector, including crown corporations, inter-provincial and international transportation companies, telecommunications, the postal service and chartered banks.

This bill is a political statement only which will be followed with programs of employment equity and amelioration for which the taxpayers will be required to pay.

This significant bill is an embarrassment to Canada. It is based purely on politically correct ideology, not facts or evidence and is being rammed through Parliament in a highly undemocratic manner.

It is completely unacceptable, both in regard to the procedural process applied, as well as to its content.

Yours truly,

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Medical Studies of Transgender Persons

Research has been carried out on transsexuals by those having direct experience in the field. For example:

- Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, was the leading authority on transsexual surgery. This hospital ceased to provide this service because it found that individuals were no happier or well-adjusted after the surgery than they had previously been. The hospital concluded that facilitating so-called sex changes was contributing to the mental illness of the patients by providing surgery and hormone treatment for their obsession with belonging to another gender, which had no medical basis. (See Appendix A – An excerpt from the statement of Dr. Paul McHugh, Director of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Psychiatrist-in-Chief at Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1975-2001).

- In 2004, the University of Birmingham (UK) Aggressive Research Intelligence Facility (“ARIF”) reviewed more than 100 international medical studies of post-operative transsexuals and found no robust scientific evidence that gender reassignment surgery is clinically effective. The link is as follows:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-mds/haps/projects/ARIF/completed-requests.pdf>

See pages 1408 – 1411 for Gender Reassignment Surgery.

In its review, ARIF found that most of the medical research on gender reassignment was poorly designed, which skewed the results to suggest that sex change operations are beneficial. It also found that the results of many gender reassignment studies were invalid because researchers lost track of more than half of the participants.

- In 2011, a study was conducted in Sweden which was unique, in that it included the results of a nation-wide study, over more than 30 years, with minimal loss to follow-up. This study can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0016885>

This Swedish study found substantially higher rates of overall mortality, death from cardiovascular disease and suicide, suicide attempts, and psychiatric hospitalizations in sex-reassigned transsexual individuals, compared to a healthy control population. Even though surgery and hormonal therapy alleviate gender dysphoria (dissatisfaction), they are, apparently, not sufficient to remedy the higher rates of morbidity and mortality found among transsexual persons.

- On March 31, 2010, the American College of Pediatricians distributed a letter to school officials, citing various research studies, which affirmed...”Even children with Gender Identity Disorder [“GID”] – (when a child desires to be the opposite sex) will typically lose this desire by puberty if the behavior is not reinforced when parents or others allow or encourage a child to behave and be treated as the opposite sex, the confusion is reinforced and the child is conditioned for a life of unnecessary pain and suffering. Even when motivated by noble intentions, schools can ironically play a detrimental role if they reinforce this disorder.” American College of Pediatricians’ letter, March 31, 2010, (<http://factsaboutyouth.com/posts/letter-to-school-officials/>).