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Comments

To City Hall: Due to time constraints on my part, I am sending you a letter I wrote to GPUC over the weekend. I read an article in Saturday's newspaper which prompted this, thus the tardiness. Today, I have to leave for Edmonton, thus the time constraint. Please, if you do not deny the request, at least look into the impact this may have and delay it for further discussion and input from citizens. You may also watch a video of Rob Hoogland who denied a court order in order to help young people. We ALL care about the same thing, let's look at both sides.

Feb 17, 2020

My dear fellow Christian,

I am so glad to see that you care about all people and that you always strive for the betterment of all. I too have a strong desire to do so, even though I so often fall short. This effort I am making to reach you is very late in coming but God willing, you would reconsider your request to ban conversion therapy.

There are always two sides to a story and I hope you can be open to this. It has been remarked in your bid, that Vancouver was the first city to ban this therapy. I will refer to that later in my letter. Now, as I plead my case, I will admit to not knowing very much about conversion therapy but I do know a lot about what I am going to use as my argument.

My argument is that we cannot remove freedom of speech, we cannot begin to tell

people what they can or what they cannot do when it comes to how they can speak to someone. In doing so, we play God and we're just not very good at that. We also don't protect anyone by shutting down voices. We teach them wisdom, resiliency and strength by allowing them to choose which voice they will listen to, reach out to.

Now to Vancouver. It is there that a loving father has lost his voice, he has been forbidden to speak about his daughter and the irreversible treatment she has been submitted to by the state. She cannot have a tattoo, go on a field trip, get permission to tan in a tanning bed, without his consent, but the state has deemed it ok, to give her puberty blocking drugs, drugs which have given her facial hair and a deeper voice, made her sterile. That's not all. The drugs come with a warning of heart disease/failure and her bone density will remain the same all of her life because of not going through puberty. Dr's are messing with a God made design, that is DNA and chromosomes, but even they admit that this treatment will not make her a boy, because that is not biologically possible. And her dad lost his ability to protect her. He risks jail for even calling her a girl but he is speaking out for two reasons. One, his daughter's welfare and two, for other children and parents. In fact, he has discovered that to date, 1,000 Foster children have undergone this irreversible treatment . We have to wonder if this is really what they needed. And later on in life, when they see what has happened, will they be coming back to sue the cities, the counsellors, the DR's, the judges who decided this was ok?

But we can't wonder, can't soul search, nor can we try to help if voices are shut down. Maybe conversion therapy is wrong and maybe it isn't. If it doesn't work, people will stop going to it. Life is like that. Eventually if something isn't good, it doesn't last and people find what is good. But taking away a society's freedom to choose, doesn't work. I lived a part of my life where my situation made it so I lost my freedom to speak. I will fight to my last breath to allow every citizen of our country to never lose their freedom. Silencing people's voices on any side does just that and we can't have that in Canada not for you, not for me, not for our children.

Please do the right thing and withdraw your request.

Florence Paquette

Attachments

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<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/372346>