Subject: Following up: the Draft Conversion Practices Bill

Dear [MP's name],

I am one of your constituents and I previously wrote to ask you to attend LGB Alliance's Supporter Lobby Day on 1 September and its parliamentary drop-in on 8 September.

I asked because the Draft Conversion Practices Bill is presented as a measure to protect gay people, yet it could make it harder for children and young people to realise and accept that they may grow up lesbian, gay or bisexual.

Children and young people who do not conform to sexist stereotypes, are distressed by puberty, or feel uncomfortable with the expectations placed on girls and boys can be encouraged to believe that they were born in the wrong body. Some may grow up lesbian, gay or bisexual.

They need parents, teachers, clinicians and therapists who are free to ask careful questions, explore same-sex attraction and reassure them that there is nothing wrong with being gay. The Bill could make those ordinary, caring conversations legally risky.

Please keep the section below that applies and delete the other three.

A. My MP attended Lobby Day and the drop-in

Thank you for attending both events and for taking the time to hear directly from lesbian, gay and bisexual people, parents of LGB young people, clinicians and LGB detransitioners.

I now ask you to oppose and vote against the Draft Conversion Practices Bill. Please also write to the Minister for Equalities and the Joint Committee considering the Bill, urging them to reject it in its entirety. I would be grateful for a copy of any reply you receive.

I would also like to ask that you make your opposition to the bill public by talking about the issue on social media and beyond - #ItsOkayToBeGay @AllianceLGB

B. My MP attended Lobby Day but not the drop-in

Thank you for attending LGB Alliance's Supporter Lobby Day on 1 September. I was disappointed that you were unable to attend the parliamentary drop-in on 8 September, which gave MPs the opportunity to hear further evidence from lesbian, gay and bisexual people, parents of LGB young people, clinicians and LGB detransitioners.

I now ask you to oppose and vote against the Draft Conversion Practices Bill. Please also write to the Minister for Equalities and the Joint Committee considering the Bill, urging them to reject it in its entirety. I would be grateful for a copy of any reply you receive.

I would also like to ask that you make your opposition to the bill public by talking about the issue on social media and beyond - #ItsOkayToBeGay @AllianceLGB

C. My MP attended the drop-in but not Lobby Day

Thank you for attending LGB Alliance's parliamentary drop-in on 8 September and hearing directly from lesbian, gay and bisexual people, parents of LGB young people, clinicians and LGB detransitioners concerned about the Bill.

I now ask you to oppose and vote against the Draft Conversion Practices Bill. Please also write to the Minister for Equalities and the Joint Committee considering the Bill, urging them to reject it in its entirety. I would be grateful for a copy of any reply you receive.

I would also like to ask that you make your opposition to the bill public by talking about the issue on social media and beyond - #ItsOkayToBeGay @AllianceLGB

D. My MP attended neither event

I was disappointed that you did not attend either LGB Alliance's Supporter Lobby Day on 1 September or its parliamentary drop-in on 8 September, despite my earlier request.

Both events gave MPs the opportunity to hear from lesbian, gay and bisexual people, parents of LGB young people, clinicians and LGB detransitioners who believe the Bill could harm the people it claims to protect.

I ask you to meet me at your next constituency surgery to discuss my concerns. I also ask you to oppose and vote against the Draft Conversion Practices Bill, and to write to the Minister for Equalities and the Joint Committee considering the Bill, urging them to reject it in its entirety.

I would also like to ask that you make your opposition to the bill public by talking about the issue on social media and beyond - #ItsOkayToBeGay @AllianceLGB

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A Bill intended to stop abuse must not make it legally safer to affirm a transgender identity than to explore whether a child or young person could be coming to terms with being lesbian, gay or bisexual.

Please visit https://lgballiance.org.uk/conversion-practices to read the evidence behind these concerns.

Children and young people who may grow up lesbian, gay or bisexual need time, honesty and the freedom to understand who they are. They need to hear that it is OK to be gay.

Please say no to this Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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