

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like very much to speak during the discussion of the conversion therapy bylaw that will be take place in Regina on Wednesday. When I was sixteen years old, my roommate and I were forced to undergo conversion therapy to be cured of our homosexuality. We were at a private boys's boarding school. As a result of this so-called therapy, my friend committed suicide and I suffered a nervous breakdown and was hospitalized for fifteen months. As you can well imagine, I am extremely angry about how homophobic psychiatrists destroyed our lives and collected a great deal of money while doing so. I have published two books about my experience, one in French and the other in English. The first one was *Comment réussir sa schizophrénie* (Montréal: VLB éditeur, 2000) and the second one was *What Rough Beast* (London: Austin Macauley, 2017). I am a retired professor at the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, I do hope that you will allow me to speak on Wednesday.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely, Robert Dole