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Submission to Regina City Council

July 14/21

re: 2021-51 The Prohibited Businesses Bylaw

Further to my letter of April 28th to Mayor Masters and Lori Bresciani

With respect to the federal Bill C-6

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to Council.

Certainly I can see the distinct resemblance to the federal Bill C-6. As much as the 2021-51 Bylaw reflects to the federal Bill, it also mirrors its flaws. In many ways, this proposed Bylaw is even worse than C-6.

It opens up many areas of discussion:

- 1) As in C-6, the Bylaw will severely restrict the right of the parent.
- 2) Again, as in C-6, the Bylaw is poorly worded as it will also restrict professional counseling from experienced and qualified psychologists.
- 3) The Bylaw is targeting youth at risk by advocating and condoning the practice of same sex behavior.
- 4) With respect to enforcement, the Bylaw refers to "Inspectors". Are we to assume this Bylaw will be enforced by a regular Bylaw Enforcement Officer? If so, how are they trained to handle this issue? Are they professionals from a recognized institution of higher learning?
- 5) The Bylaw only reflects the political will of a minority of the citizens of Regina; thus denying the political will of the majority of the citizens of Regina. In fact, this issue should be put to the citizens as a referendum.
- 6) The Bylaw should be completely overhauled as clearly it would most likely be defeated by an effective "Charter Challenge" at a later date anyway.

I am deeply disappointed in City Council as well as the City Legal Department. I believe City Council can do much better!

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