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To: 'Bill 10 Court Challenge Org' – 770 Clergy

Subject: Alberta Parents and Christians are Losing the Societal "Tug-of-War" for Influence Over the Sexual Development of Their Children

Dear Clergy

On Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and GSA Matters Parents Have a <u>Right</u> to Know What Their 5,6,7,8,9,10...Year-Olds Are Doing at School	
	
Help by <u>Petition</u> to Bring About REAL, BALANCED, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE and INFORMED CHOICE for Alberta Parents in the Education of Their Children	
<u>Petition Statement</u> - To the Legislative Assembly of Alberta: We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation that requires children ages 5 to 15 to obtain parental consent before they become a member of a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) or provide a sexual orientation/gender identity (SOGI) self-identification to their school.	
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Paper and electronic media notice

Since approval of Bill 10 (so-called "GSA Law" or "[LGBTTIQQ2S](#) Student Rights Law," March 2015), parents no longer have any idea of who is influencing their children's sexual development, where and when this is happening, or any control over what the children are being told. Worse, *Education Alberta* finds itself in the same hapless predicament, having endorsed unsupervised, unregulated, student-led GSA clubs starting as early as age 5, connected to unfettered GSA Networks, further linked to unaccountable sexual minority advocacy agencies. School boards, district superintendents, principals, and teachers have no legal or administrative liability/accountability for what takes place within the GSA "**club - network - advocacy agency**" chain, on the internet, in schools, or off-site. On top of this institutional chaos, Alberta parents are also denied knowledge and approval authority for their children's "SOGI self-identification" while at school, starting in kindergarten.

In the game "Tug-of-War" opposing sides pull against each other until winners and losers are declared or a tie is acknowledged. In Alberta's societal Tug-of-War over the nature of GSA implementation and the application of SOGI ideology in our schools the goal should be a win-win (balanced) outcome for all. However, this struggle is near to being declared over with a majority of

parents and their children clear losers. The goal of this petition campaign is not to inflict defeat on the “other side.” Rather, in the face of unprecedented and unbridled affirmative action legislation and policies regarding LGBTTIQQ2S student rights, the objectives are: (1) to affirm a safer unambiguous allocation of child-rearing and educating responsibilities; and (2) create a just balance of “parent-child-state” interests and rights. Petition signatories want the Legislative Assembly to bring about, through one uncomplicated legal remedy, change resulting in better legislative rationality, less risk to all children, less impairment of rights, and more informed parental choice in their children’s education.

For Alberta clergy, congregants, parishioners, and many other Albertans (secular or religious) there is real urgency to the situation. In the five years since enactment of Bill 10, the extensive collision of rights and adverse collateral impacts of the legislation and related policies are now evident and remain largely unresolved. Continued acquiescence by the majority Christian population to the affirmative action law and *Alberta Education* SOGI policies will result in, among many deficiencies:

- developmental harm to more children than the law and policies purport to “protect”;
- permanent disenfranchisement of long-established parental rights and responsibilities; and
- irreparable erosion of conventional Canadian family autonomy vis-a-vis the state.

In the 2018/2019 school year, 730,375 students, varying in ages from 5 to 18, attended more than 2380 Alberta schools. According to the last census (2011), more than half of these children reside in “self-identified” Christian homes. This email challenges Alberta’s Christians (clergy and laity) to review the evidence and prayerfully determine their response. We are not called to be spectators to detrimental societal change. Indifference and complacency are not fruits of the Spirit. We are to be salt and light to influence society for the good (Matthew 5:13-16). There is a proverbial “Tug-of-War” over the nature of human sexuality on-going for the hearts and minds of Alberta’s students (Grades K-12). We must climb down from the bleachers and start actively pulling for our side.

Note, since Bill 10 enactment, no politicians have been willing to pick up the rope on behalf of social conservative parents and their families. This appeal for action and influence by grass-roots legislative petition should not be “politically” divisive to congregations and parishes. Governing parties (left and right) spanning three elections (PC, NDP and UCP), have all indorsed GSA law (Bill 10) and associated secret SOGI self-identification policies. Moreover, this call for societal engagement does not require a public declaration from churches, denominations or regional organizations. The petition will collect original signatures from individual Alberta residents.

Key in this request to pastors and priests is that they inform their membership of the petition opportunity by making people aware of the following three key references:

[**5 Min. Read – Summary of Reasons for the Petition**](#)

[**35 Min. Read – Explanation of Need for the Petition**](#)

[Petition Forms and Instructions](#)

Please forward this email to your congregation or parish for their individual consideration and action as guided by the Holy Spirit. Much more background can be found at www.Bill10CourtChallenge.Org. Please note this request to support the petition does not come out

of the blue for many clergy across Alberta. [Click here](#) to review the chronology of emails sent to some 800 Alberta clergy starting from January 1, 2017.

Your prayerful consideration is most appreciated. May the Holy Spirit grant wisdom and discernment to the Body of Believers in Alberta on this important matter.

Peace and Grace in Christ.

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