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**To:** All UCP MLAs/Ministers

**Subject:** An Opportunity to Bridge the "Integrity Gap" Concerning UCP Principles/Commitments and Actual Alberta Governance



References:

- A. [Six years of correspondence with NDP and UCP provincial governments](#) over concerns with Bill 10 (2015) legislation, the so-called "GSA Law," or "LGBTQ Student Rights Law."
- B. Email, [Pending Request for Private Member to Present a Petition](#), sent to all UCP MLAs, Nov 17, 2021.
- C. Email, [Request for a Private Member to Present Our Parents' Rights, Children's Health, and Family Autonomy Petition](#), sent to all UCP MLAs, Feb 02, 2022.

Mr./Ms./Honourable....,

Our petition:

**To the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, in Legislature Assembled:**

**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.**

**Request #1 - To UCP MLAs (Private Members)**

The undersigned requests a Private Member sponsor for presentation of our petition to the Legislative Assembly. Would you please reply to this email with one of the following responses:

- I will not sponsor your petition.
- I wish to further discuss your petition proposal before deciding.
- I will sponsor your petition.

## Request #2 – To all UCP MLAs (Private Members and Ministers)

Regarding human sexuality and gender development governance in Alberta, and after reviewing the following petition case, would you please point out what you believe to be untrue, exaggerated, missing and/or mean-spirited.

These extracts from the [Declaration of UCP Principles and Commitments](#), October 16, 2020, frame the background for the email requests:

- Affirm the family as the building block of society and the means by which citizens pass on their values and beliefs and ensure that families are protected from intrusion by government.
- Uphold and protect parental rights and authority in health care and education.
- Affirm that the family is the basic unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State to ensure that parents have the right and responsibility to oversee the healthcare and education of their own children, including but not limited to the cultural, linguistic, religious, spiritual and moral upbringing and heritage of their children.
- Ensure the protection and well-being of all children, alongside full respect for parents' rights, freedoms and authority.
- Affirm the right of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children.
- Reinstate parental opt-in consent for any subjects of a religious or sexual nature, including enrolment in extracurricular activities/clubs or distribution of any instructional materials/resources related to these topics.

However, instead of experiencing these sound principles and commendable commitments Albertan parents, children and families face the following governance realities:

Category of Independence	Age
Legal Age of Majority (Full Independence)	18
Legal to Drink Alcohol/Buy Cigarettes or Lottery Tickets	
Legal to Stop Attending School	16
Legal to Vote in Federal & Provincial Elections	18
Legal to Watch a Restricted Movie	
Legal to Marry Without Parental Consent	18
Legal to Join Military Without Parental Consent	
Legal to Change Name Without Parental Consent	
Legal Right to Leave Home Without Parental Consent	16
Legal to Get a Tattoo Without Parental Consent	
Legal to Get Employment Without Parental Consent	
Legal to Decide Health Care Without Parental Consent	
Legal to <b>Change Name</b> According to Self-identity While at School Without Parental Consent	5
Legal to <b>Self-Declare Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity</b> While at School Without Parental Consent	
Legal to <b>Join a Gay or Queer-Straight Alliance (GSA club)</b> While at School Without Parental Consent	

- Alberta empowers all children regardless of age, maturity, psychological/medical history, and family beliefs/values to: (1) secretly declare a SOGI self-identity, and (2) secretly associate with the [“GSA Club - GSA-Network - LGBTQ Activist Chain](#), while in the school system. This sanctioning of “consent independence” starting at age five is experimental, and an unprecedented decade earlier than before.

- Alberta denies parents, whether religious or non-religious, whether with confused/wavering, straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer identifying

children, the right to know **who** is influencing their children's sexual development, **where** and **when** this is happening, and **what** their children are being told and doing while at school or related to the [GSA-Network](#).

- Alberta empowers teachers, school staff and principals to deceive parents regarding their children's SOGI status at school and [GSA Club](#) membership starting from age five.
- Alberta established the "[GSA Club](#) - [GSA-Network](#) - [LGBTQ Activist Chain](#), yet **denies** sexually wavering/ confused/questioning and/or cognitively vulnerable students (K-12) access to equally well facilitated, assured, unbiased, and non-ideological heteronormative-affirming sexuality or gender counselling support and club associations.
- Alberta asserts, by its "*one shoe fits all*" ideological governance approach to human sexuality and gender education, that the State always knows better than parents what is in their children's best interest. This governance approach is forced institutional ideology and not [evidence/science-based](#).
- Canada (federal government) declares heteronormative-affirming medical/spiritual counsel is **illegal** and parents found violating this law may be incarcerated for up to five years.
- State (provincial and federal) governance declares once a child expresses a SOGI-self identity, regardless of age, maturity, psychological/medical history, and family beliefs/values, the identity is fixed/unchangeable, it must be supported; and there is no going back, no gender [desistance](#), no gender de-transition, no sexual orientation second thoughts.
- Alberta parents have lost the legal right and the practical ability to influence their children's sexuality/gender development along a heteronormative path starting at age of their son or daughter's first SOGI self-expression.

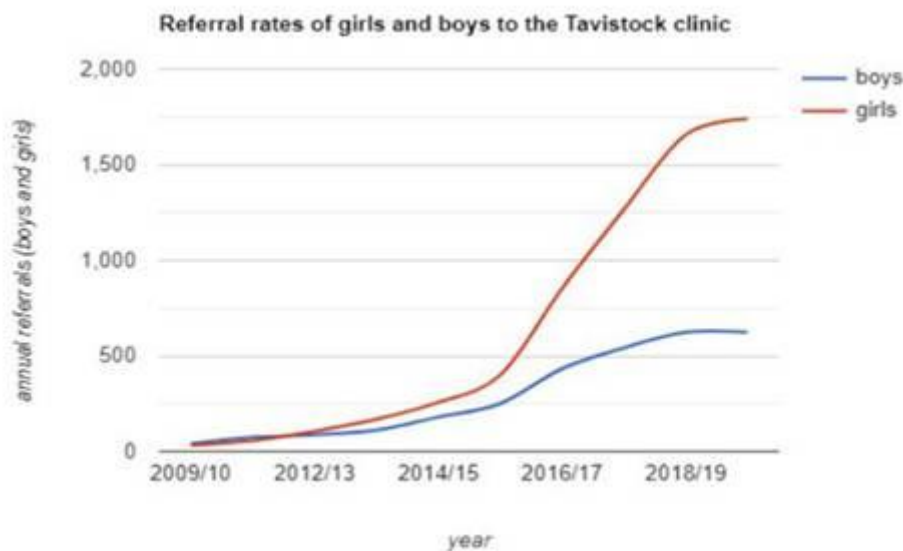
In March 2015, at the start of this unprecedented and unsafe slide away from rational, fair and balanced governance in the domains of human sexuality and gender development, Liberal MLA Laurie Blakeman, original sponsor of Bill 10 - GSA/LGBTQ rights legislation, was jubilant over the Bill's unanimous (61 PC, 17 Wildrose, 4 NDP and 5 Liberal MLAs) approval, stating:

*I'm really glad that the government was brave enough to take that step, and I will give you credit for being brave. That one wasn't easy, and it wasn't a gimme. I didn't think you'd be able to go there.*

The Prentice Government did go "there" and more important the Kenney Government remains "there!" Moreover, the Trudeau Government passage of the "Conversion Therapy Ban" (Bill C-4) worsens the governance assault on parental rights, children's health, and family autonomy vis-à-vis the State. References A to C, detail the correspondence and many concerns presented to the Notley Government and now Premier Kenney's Government. In addition to the facts, analysis and arguments raised over previous months and years, there are two additional realities to present in warning and in prognosis to Albertans, if the UCP Government will not take up this petition as an initial efficient and uncomplicated remedial first step.

In a December 2020 [decision](#), a British High Court ruled in a case brought against Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation that children under 16 with gender dysphoria are unlikely to be able to give informed consent to undergo treatment with puberty-blocking drugs. According to [BBC News](#):

“Dame Victoria Sharp, sitting with Lord Justice Lewis and Mrs Justice Lieven, said: **‘It is highly unlikely that a child aged 13 or under would be competent to give consent to the administration of puberty blockers.’ ‘It is doubtful that a child aged 14 or 15 could understand and weigh the long-term risks and consequences of the administration of puberty blockers.’**” This court ruling emphasizes the irrationality and health risks of Alberta empowering 5 to 15 year-old students with SOGI self-identification rights, secret from parental knowledge and consent, while attending Alberta schools. Regarding Tavistock clinic, the following graphic shows the increase in transgender clinic referrals from 2009 to 2016.



In less than a decade there has been a 1,460% increase in referrals of boys and a staggering 5,337% increase in referrals of girls. In 2019, the number of 13-year-olds seeking treatment rose by 30% in a year to 331. Referrals of 14-year-olds went up by a quarter, to 511. The number of 11-year-olds is up by 28%. The youngest patients were age three ([click here](#) for more details).

In the February 17, 2022 article “[LGBT Identification in U.S. Ticks Up to 7.1%](#),” Gallup released the following findings based on survey results from 12,000 Americans. Generation Z are those born between 1997 and 2012. However, only those born between 1997 and 2003 had reached “adulthood” at the time of the survey. Gen Z youth ages 9-17 were not part of the survey.

	LGBT %	Straight/Heterosexual %	No response %
Generation Z (born 1997-2003)	20.8	75.7	3.5
Millennials (born 1981-1996)	10.5	82.5	7.1
Generation X (born 1965-1980)	4.2	89.3	6.5
Baby boomers (born 1946-1964)	2.6	90.7	6.8
Traditionalists (born before 1946)	0.8	92.2	7.1

GALLUP, 2021

From a provincial governance impact perspective, Albertans should expect similar increasing trends, since our government is neither “hands-off” nor “equally indifferent” to children’s sexuality and gender development, but rather is deeply invested in State promotion/affirmation of sexual minority identities at the off-setting cost of severely eroded heteronormative influence in *Alberta Education*. There are some 733,000 children in Alberta schools (2021-22), including perhaps 50,000 sexually wavering/confused/questioning and/or cognitively vulnerable students impacted in this environment. What will be the so-called “Gen Alpha” group experience (born 2013 – 2025), should no legal remedy (boundary-setting law) be put in place to bring rationality and balance to the radical shift in “parent-child-State” relationships and responsibilities? Given the above cited [Declaration of UCP Principles and Commitments](#) it is true and right that:

**All loving and responsible parents, whether religious or non-religious, whether with confused/wavering, straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer identifying children, still want/need and should have the right to know who is influencing their children’s sexual development, where and when this is happening, and what their children are being told and doing while at school or related to the “[GSA Club](#) – [GSA Network](#) – [LGBTQ Activist Chain](#).”**

The State historically (at least until 2015) has asserted/assumed that all parents are loving, responsible, and operating in their children’s best interests until proven otherwise before the judicial system under the provisions of Family and Child Welfare Law. The governance principle “presumption of innocence/offense” until proven otherwise in court. However, now the “parent-child-State” relationship has radically shifted, indeed, flipped. The State (provincial and federal) effectively asserts that socially conservative parenting and traditional family values in the areas of human sexuality and gender development (whether parentally held on religious grounds or for secular reasons) are no longer to be affirmed or tolerated. These principles/values are now seen by the State as an offense to society. The proverbial term describing those Albertans holding such values: “*They have been politically and ideologically thrown under the bus.*” This situation also has enormous consequences to freedom of religion, opinion and belief in Alberta and Canada.

Furthermore, the longstanding parental powers for childrearing declared in Alberta Family Law Act s.21 (5 and 6) and listed below have either been disenfranchised or put in disarray by Bill 10 (2015) and Bill C-4 (2021) governances:

- To nurture the child’s physical, psychological and emotional development.
- To guide the child to independent adulthood.
- To make day-to-day decisions affecting the child, including daily activities.
- To make decisions about the nature, extent and place of the child’s education.
- To make decisions about any participation in extracurricular school activities.
- To make decisions regarding the child’s cultural, religious, and spiritual upbringing.
- To consent to medical, dental and other health-related treatment for the child.
- To decide with whom the child is to live and to associate.
- To grant or refuse consent where consent of a parent is required by law.

The petition request is not a panacea for resolving all concerns with human sexuality and gender development governance in Alberta. The petition has the following goals:

- To establish a legal and safe standard for a child’s independence from parental consent in the areas of SOGI self-identity and GSA membership.
- To restore the traditional, time-tested balance and rationality to “parent-child-State” relationships, roles and responsibilities.
- To protect the “Nuclear Family” from eroding autonomy vis-à-vis the State.
- To oblige otherwise avoidant politicians to remedy and clarify governance grievances and ambiguities, impacting the sexual and gender development of Alberta youth.
- To stand for religious freedom, including social conservative heteronormative beliefs and values.

The Albertans who are bringing forth this petition hope and/or pray that the Kenney Government will see the glaring disconnect between declared [Principles and Commitments](#) and actual governance realities. Without petition remedy, the cited UCP [Principles and Commitments](#) are no more than ineffectual campaign talking points. May this not continue to be the case.

Note during the first UCP convention 57 percent of delegates voted to have parents informed of their children’s attendance in GSA clubs. See Dean Bennett, *Global News*, “[Alberta Conservatives clash with leaders on gay-straight alliances at UCP policy meeting](#),” May 7, 2018. This UCP principle and commitment was ratified again on October 16, 2020 under the header [202.2 Education – Curriculum and Assessment](#).

In closing thanks very much for your time and consideration. Your voting base would very much like to be rescued from under the bus.

**If not now, if not here (in Alberta under UCP Government), if not in the face of these governance issues impacting parental rights, children’s health, and family autonomy vis-à-vis the State; then when, for what reasons, and by whom, will a stand ever be taken?**

Sincerely,

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