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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of over 48,000 nurses and health-care workers, I write to add our voice to those of many across this country in calling on the government to fulfill its promise to “re-introduce legislation within the first 100 days in office, to eliminate the practice of conversion therapy for everyone, and extend coverage of the ban to include people over 18 years of age.”

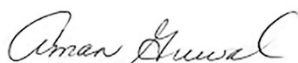
The preamble to Bill C-6, introduced in October 2020 notes, in part, that “conversion therapy causes harm to society because, among other things, it is based on and propagates myths and stereotypes about sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, including the myth that a person’s sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression ought to be changed.”

This harm continues to be experienced by far too many people.

The BC Nurses’ Union urges the Liberal Government to expeditiously re-introduce legislation eliminating the practice of conversion therapy. Our members have spoken of their profound disappointment at seeing two previous pieces of legislation (Bills C-8 and C-6) aimed at eliminating this practice fail due to the dissolution of parliament. It is the urgency of their voices and concerns that I wish to convey to you, today.

We look forward to the Liberal Government’s first 100 days and the promised re-introduction of legislation eliminating the practice of conversion therapy. The health and well-being of many people in communities, across these lands, is dependent on this legislation and its successful passage into law.

Sincerely,



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