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Subject: Gender Recognition Public Consultation

Dear Legislative Council,

I am a parent of two who has overriding concerns over the Consultation Paper (Part 1) on Gender Recognition that the Inter-departmental Working Group (IWG) on Gender Recognition put forward earlier. When a society bases its laws on subjective feelings rather than objective fact, this will only sow confusion and disharmony in society. Specifically, I oppose gender recognition legislation of any kind based on the following principles:

Laws should be Based on Objective Reality

Gender based on perception is purely subjective, is fluid and can change. Biological gender is based on objective reality and is not changing. We should base gender on objective facts, not subjective opinion. Disregarding objective reality in favor of subjective perception and feelings is not rational and will only lead to confusion and trample on the rights of those who do not want to recognize this delusion.

Laws should be based on objective reality, not subjective opinion. If laws were passed based on subjective opinion, this would lead to confusion and chaos as those who choose to base their decisions on objective reality will be seen as potentially breaking the law.

Rights of Many will be Trampled on

The passing of this law will lead to all kinds of abuse and trample on the rights of many in favor of the rights of a very small minority.

Women and Children at Risk

The rights of women and children are especially at risk. The law will allow biological males who think or want to be female access to all facilities that are limited to females, and the females will not be able to object or they will be considered as discriminatory and effectively breaking the law. How can a society like Hong Kong allow the rights of women and children to be trampled in this way? Sexual crimes are often crimes of opportunity, allowing grown men in girl's bathroom, dormitory and changing room is a complete disregard of public safety and will increase opportunity for sexual crimes.

Educational and Religious Rights Stripped Away

This law will force all schools to teach that being transgender is absolutely normal and even something to be proud of. Schools, community organizations, Boys and Girls scout groups, religious groups and parents of Hong Kong will be forced to education against their own conscience.

Cause Confusion and Psychological Harm in our Next Generation

This kind of education will cause confusion and emotional harm in children because it considers subjective feelings to be more important than objective reality. It will cause children to question their own sexuality even before their emotional development. And these laws will legitimize and encourage their confusion resulting in deep psychological and emotional harm.

Unfair Competition at Sporting Events

Sports competitions will no longer be based on sex but based on what the students believe their gender is. This is already happening in the Western world where men who claim to be women compete in women's wrestling teams and unfairly win. To disagree or to call this unfair would be considered discriminatory and

against the law.

Sex Change Surgery is Superficial

People can never change their biological gender no matter what they do. Even if they have a sex change, that will only be an external, superficial change. They are still the same gender with regard to their internal reproductive organs and their brain structure. That is why the rate of suicide among transgender people is very high. They can never be what they think they are.

Help Transgender People Embrace their Biological Gender

The best way to support transgender people is to help them face up to reality and be satisfied with their biological gender. The worst way to help them is to feed their delusion, detach them from reality and confuse them even more. Sex change surgery will only contribute to permanently damaging transgender people physically and psychologically, in order to satisfy an abnormal desire. Worst yet, the government is already using tax payer's money without many citizen's knowledge to further harm these transgender individuals with deep need for help.

Corruption of Society's Moral Values

As this law given preeminence to subjective feelings, it will lead to the corruption of society's moral values. A law that seek to legitimize subjective perceptions at the expense of objective truth will have no moral basis other than satisfying the feelings of individuals. This can lead to a slippery slope and the progressive deterioration of a society's moral values.

Given all of the above arguments, I hereby oppose legislation of any kind on gender recognition and I also oppose sex change surgery to be performed in HK legally. If this legislation ahead, the ramifications of this will be devastating to our society.

Thank you for reading this and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Vicki Choy