

## Bill C-38 – A THREAT TO CHILDREN?

**We declare that every child has a fundamental right to a mother and a father.**

Marriage between a man and a woman protects that right, even in cases of divorce, where the courts ensure that the child has an appropriate level of care from and access to both parents.

**The United Nations agrees.** Article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that the child "shall have... as far as possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents".

**Bill C-38 doesn't.** Instead, it grants *adults* the right to replace a natural parent with one of another gender, making the child essentially fatherless, or motherless.

**We declare that the married, biological family provides the optimal environment for raising children.** There are exceptions to the rule, and some of us are living in them. But the ideal we want for our children and our grandchildren is a stable family with a married mother and father, even if we can't always provide that for our children.

**Social Science agrees.** Thousands of legitimate studies over the years agree that, overall, the married biological family serves children far better than any other family structure. It produces the most favorable rates in everything from academic excellence to avoiding crime and suicide.

**Bill C-38 doesn't.** In the name of equality for individual adults, it ignores children and suppresses the reality that the traditional family produces better outcomes for children. It prevents the traditional family structure from being held up as the ideal.

**We declare that since traditional marriage is the only family structure that provides a child with both a father and a mother, the government has a duty to support and defend it.**

**The United Nations agrees.** Part 3, Article 10-1 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights declares "the widest possible protection and assistance should be accorded to the family... *particularly for its establishment* and while it is responsible for the care and education of dependent children."

**Bill C-38 doesn't.** It transforms marriage from an institution that provides the child with the care and protection of a mother and a father into a vehicle for validating adult relationships.

**We declare that the government is obligated to consider the impact on children before redefining marriage.**

**The United Nations agrees.** The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 3, states "In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, *the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.*"

**Bill C-38 doesn't.** It makes no reference to children, their rights or their needs. Impact studies would be required if this was an environmental project affecting wildlife, yet the Government has not even reviewed the literature on potential impacts to children and families.

**In conclusion, we declare that Bill C-38 is a dangerous and irresponsible social experiment, to be performed on our children and grandchildren. We declare that it is highly unethical to experiment on the children we have a duty to protect.**

If you agree, **persuade your MP to protect children's rights and defeat Bill C-38.**

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