

Hello,

My name is Cathy Brennan, and I am a lawyer in Baltimore, MD (USA). I am also a feminist activist. I write to offer my support to *Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012* with regard to sexual orientation. However, I strongly support amendments to the language regarding "gender identity." Specifically, "gender identity" compromises rational sex-based protections for females and also incorporates stereotypical ideas of "what is female" into law.

As a feminist, I am concerned about the impact of this legislation on Women, and Women's ability to meet free from male influence and involvement. More importantly, as females, we are concerned that in the attempt to provide protections for a few, we will compromise the protections of the many. I have written more about this

here: <http://genderidentitywatch.wordpress.com/gender-identity-legislation-and-the-erosion-of-sex-based-legal-protections-for-females/and>

here: <http://bugbrennan.com/2012/11/03/watching-a-car-accident-in-slow-motion/>

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important legislation.

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