SB 219 in the California Legislature threatens your care facility

Please fax your veto request letter to Governor Brown right away

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TO: Managers and owners of California care facilities

FM: Campaign for Children and Families

There is a harmful bill about to pass the California State Legislature that deserves your immediate attention. Please promptly deliver this 2-page fax to the manager or owner of your facility.

SB 219 would disrupt the comforting culture and smooth operations of many California care homes, causing fear, grief, and loss for residents, staff, managers, and owners. Essentially, it legalizes the "transgender" takeover of your care facility. You can read the bill text at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

SB 219 would require all long-term care facilities – senior homes, convalescent homes, skilled nursing facilities, developmentally disabled, pediatric day health, respite care, etc. – to fully support transsexuality and cross-dressing, including all types of "sex" unless sexual relations are forbidden for all residents. The bill lacks a religious exemption for residents, employees, managers, or owners.

<u>UNDERSTAND</u>: If SB 219 becomes law, it will be <u>criminal</u> for any care facility to:

- Not speak a transsexual's desired pronoun "he" or "she," or their new "male" or "female" name.
- Move or evict a resident acting out transsexual behavior, even if others are disturbed by it.
- Respect the wishes of a person in a shared room not to have a transsexual roommate.
- Maintain order by keeping biological males and biological females from sharing rooms and beds.
- Refuse to dress men in women's clothes or women in men's clothes (SB 219 mandates a "right to wear or be dressed in clothing, accessories, or cosmetics that are permitted for any other resident").
- Protect privacy in men's and women's restrooms and bathing areas, since SB 219 mandates unisex bathrooms "regardless of whether the resident is making a gender transition or appears to be gender-nonconforming."
- Restrict or prohibit homosexual or transsexual "sex" on the premises with other residents or visitors, unless there is a uniform ban on sexual relations for all residents.
- Fail to indoctrinate all employees with a new government-endorsed curriculum, called "Building Respect for LGBT Older Adults."

SB 219 orders care centers to not "deny or restrict medical or nonmedical care that is appropriate to a resident's organs and bodily needs." So, with a cross-dressing biological male, SB 219 forces you to treat him as a "woman," but then as the man he is in regard to his "organs and bodily needs."

One of the worst things about SB 219, as LifeSiteNews explains, is "if an elderly woman living at a nursing home in California is upset that she has been assigned a severely gender-confused man (say, a man with penis intact and artificially-induced breasts who dresses like a woman) as a roommate, her request to be reassigned another roommate could be termed 'discriminatory."

Another disturbing result is SB 219 would force your employees, often Hispana or Filipina women, to abandon all morals and reason by being legally forced to dress up a biological man, if he demands it, in bra, panties, and women's clothes; being forced to put on him women's earrings and necklaces and panty hose and women's shoes; and being forced to apply make-up, eyeliner, and lipstick.

PLEASE RESPOND NOW -- FAX GOVERNOR BROWN ON YOUR LETTERHEAD

<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>: Here's how to send Governor Brown your SB 219 veto letter. Please do ASAP, since the bill is expected to reach him <u>by September 15</u>. Simply use the sample letter below, edit as you wish, date it, and add your signature, typed name, title, and mailing address. Use your official letterhead. <u>Fax Governor Brown at 916-558-3160</u>, or both fax and mail. (Please also confidentially fax Campaign for Children and Families at 916-848-3456 to encourage us that you've taken action.)

(TODAY'S DATE)

Governor Jerry Brown State Capitol, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 219 -- Veto Request

Dear Governor Brown,

Please veto SB 219, which is too broad and goes too far by imposing severe penalties within a confusing new proposed discrimination policy.

For example, under the proposed bill, if a California long-term care home employee mistakenly refers to a transitioning transgender woman as "he," or a transitioning transgender man as "she," the care home or care home manager or care home employee can incur a criminal fine, be incarcerated for up to a year, suffer fines and license revocation by the Department of Public Health, and also incur a fine of up to \$150,000 under the state Fair Employment and Housing Act.

Financially penalizing or shutting down long-term care facilities that otherwise provide quality service is not good public policy. SB 219 is overkill for a mistake based on someone's appearance or voice. In addition, this bill insensitively lacks an exemption for religious-based care facilities.

For these commonsense reasons, please veto SB 219. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(YOUR SIGNATURE BLOCK -- your signature, typed name, title, and mailing address)