

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to advise that I support the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012. It has been 17 years since the Senate first spoke about including sexual orientation and gender identity protections in federal law. It's important that the Bill not be delayed until after the next election.

I was born with androgen insensitivity syndrome, an intersex condition. My entire working life I have been afraid to disclose this condition to employers as my medical situation is not covered against discrimination in the workplace. Hiding my identity has led to a number of changes of employment and a lot of secrecy. I have job hopped so much that it is one of the first comments prospective employers point out when interviewing me. This is working to my detriment and I fear that if I change jobs too many more times I may never be employable again.

It is important that this Bill is passed without delay so that I feel more secure in my workplace which in turn will make me a more secure and happier person in my personal life.

Thank you for your time and attention to my email.

Best Regards

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