

A CALL FOR ACTION AGAINST THE CALIFORNIAN WAR ON DISSIDENT VIEWS

From the Californian Family Council, we received the following information, urging all those concerned, to join lobby groups to visit Senate offices and voice opposition to AB 2943.



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At 1:30 PM, you can join lobby groups to visit Senate offices and voice your opposition to AB 2943. If you haven't done this before, don't worry! We and our coalition partners will provide all the materials and lobby leaders you need to effectively express your views to legislators. We hope you will take this experience and training back with you, to galvanize others in your community to oppose this bill.

Can't Come on Tuesday?

If you can't make it to the Capitol on Tuesday, you can still have an impact by meeting with your Senator's district office in your community. Here is what you do:

- Visit Find [Your California Representative](#) to figure out who your Senator is and the location of his or her district office.
- Call and make an appointment with your Senator's District Director, asking for the opportunity to meet to talk about AB 2943.
- Make sure to invite your pastor or a church leader and other like-minded friends.

- Print out some resources found at ab2943.com to leave with office staff.
- If you can't participate this Tuesday, please be sure to visit STOP2943.com to send an opposition email to your senator.

AB 2943: Bill that Outlaws Helping Anyone with Unwanted Same-Sex Desires or Gender Confusion

AB 2943 ([bill text](#)) declares “advertising, offering to engage in, or engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual” as illegal under state’s consumer fraud law. Sexual orientation change efforts is defined as “any practices that seek to change an individual’s sexual orientation. This includes efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same sex.”

Alliance Defending Freedom Attorney Matt Sharp explain the implications: “California AB 2943 makes it unlawful for any person to sell books, counseling services, or anything else that helps someone overcome unwanted same-sex attraction or gender identity confusion. As a result, it could be a violation if a pastor encourages a congregant to visit the church book store to purchase books that help people address sexual issues, perhaps including the Bible itself, which teaches about the importance of sexual purity within the confines of marriage between a man and woman.”

Reference material opposing AB 2943

Leaders and organizations explaining their opposition to AB 2943

- Alliance Defending Freedom [Legal Memorandum](#) against AB 2943.
- Pacific Justice Institute’s [statement](#) against AB 2943.
- Liberty Counsel’s [statement](#) and [video](#) against AB 2943.
- National Center for Law and Policy’s [article](#) against AB 2943: Religious Freedom Alert: Orwellian California Targets Free Speech Again!; [Letter](#) of opposition.
- President of Focus on the Family Jim Daly: [This California Bill Threatens Religious Freedom, Radio interview](#)
- California Family Council article: [New CA Bill Outlaws Helping Anyone with Unwanted Same-Sex Desires or Gender Confusion](#)
- John Stonestreet with Breakpoint and the Colson Center for Christian Worldview: [California To Ban Books? AB 2943 An ASSAULT ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT](#)
- Alan Shlemon with Stand to Reason [posts](#) warning against AB 2943.
- The Heritage Foundation: [Anti-First Amendment Bill Poses Imminent Threat in California](#)
- The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention: [California’s latest threat to religious liberty and free speech](#)
- American College of Pediatricians: [Unlawful, Dangerous and Unnecessary – Oppose AB](#)

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- Association of American Physicians and Surgeons: [Oppose AB 2943, AB 2119 & AB 1779](#).
- Professionals for Fact Based Public Policy: [AB 2943 Opposition Letter](#)
- David French, National Review: [California Progressives Launch \(Another\) Attack on Free Speech and Yes, California Is on the Verge of Banning Some Christian Books, Here's How](#)
- Albert Molher: [California set to enact legislation](#) barring sale of any books expressing orthodox Christian beliefs on sexuality
- Walt Heyer, author, speaker, once lived identifying as a woman: [If California's LGBT Therapy Ban Had Been Law 30 Years Ago, I Might Have Killed Myself](#)
- Professor Robert A. J. Gagnon: [Snopes Is a Sneaky Liar](#) About California's Bill To Ban Christian LGBT Talk
- California Catholic Conference: [Oppose Bill Adding Sexual Orientation](#) Counseling to Consumer Code
- In the Line of Fire: Dr. Michael Brown [interviews](#) ADF Attorney Matt Sharp and Restored Hope Network President Anne Paulk regarding implications of AB 2943.

Other reference material related to AB 2943

- Why the [ACLU of Rhode Island Opposes](#) legislation banning sexual orientation change therapy.
- National Task Force for Therapy Equality [Fact Sheet: What Happens When Therapy is Banned?](#)
- Laura A. Haynes, Ph.D., California Psychologist: [The American Psychological Association Says Born-That-Way-And-Can't-Change Is Not True of Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity](#)
- Christopher Rosik, Ph.D., with Alliance for Therapeutic Choice and Scientific Integrity: [My Conversation With a Typical Opponent of Professional Therapies that Include Change](#)
- Focus on the Family: [Why we support sexual orientation change efforts](#).
- Restored Hope Network: Transformation of Persons with Same-sex Attraction: [Becoming Who We Are](#)
- Joseph Nicolosi, Phd.: [If gay doesn't define you: YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE GAY](#)
- PFOX: Parents and friends of Ex-Gays and Gays: [Change Happens, Ex-Gays are Everywhere](#)
- Such Were Some of You (documentary) by Pure Passion Ministries: [Trailer, extended interviews, movie](#).
- Family Policy Alliance: [Why 25 States Have Said No to the LGBT Lobby's Top Priority](#)
- [Equipped to Love](#) founders Ken Williams and Elizabeth Woning testify against AB 2943: See their reaction; hear their insight below:

AB 2943 status

AB 2943 was approved 8-2 by the [Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee](#) on April 3. Assembly members Kevin Kiley (R) and Jay Obernolte (R) voted no. Assembly members Catherine Baker (R), Marc Berman (D), Ian Calderon (D), Ed Chau (D), Jacqui Irwin (D), Kevin Mullin (D), Eloise Gómez Reyes (D), and Philip Y. Ting (D) voted yes. You will find phone numbers the offices of these members below. Please [call](#) their offices and let them know what you think about how they voted.

Watch the hearing below.

AB 2943 was approved 8-1 by the [Assembly Judiciary Committee](#) on April 10th. Assembly member Kevin Kiley (R) voted no. Assembly member Jordan Cunningham (R) didn't vote. Assembly members Ed Chau (D), David Chiu (D), Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher (D), Chris Holden (D), Ash Kalra (D), Brian Maienschein (R), Eloise Gómez Reyes (D), and Mark Stone (D) voted yes. Please [call](#) their offices and let them know what you think about how they voted.

Watch the excerpts from the hearing below. (Pay special attention to how concerned Democrat Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher is regarding the bill's effect on religious liberty at the 6:00 min mark.)

[Watch](#) entire 37 minute hearing.

AB 2943 was approved by the Assembly on Thursday, April 19th 50-18. Here is how members voted:

Ayes: Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Baker, Berman, Bloom, Bonta, Burke, Caballero, Carrillo, Cervantes, Chau, Chiu, Chu, Cooley, Cooper, Daly, Eggman, Frazier, Friedman, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Gloria, Gonzalez Fletcher, Grayson, Holden, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Kamlager--Dove, Levine, Limón, Low, Maienschein, McCarty, Medina, Muratsuchi, Nazarian, O'Donnell, Quirk-Silva, Reyes, Rodriguez, Rubio, Salas, Santiago, Mark Stone, Thurmond, Ting, Weber, Wood, Rendon

Noes: Travis Allen, Bigelow, Brough, Chávez, Chen, Choi, Dahle, Fong, Gallagher, Harper, Kiley, Lackey, Mathis, Mayes, Obernolte, Patterson, Steinorth, Waldron

No Votes Recorded: Acosta, Calderon, Cunningham, Flora, Cristina Garcia, Gray, Melendez, Mullin, Quirk, Voepel

Watch the Floor Debate on AB 2943 below.

AB 2943 has *Now* been referred to the **Senate Judiciary Committee**.

No hearing is scheduled yet, but we will let you know as soon as it is scheduled.

CALL TO ACTION:

1. Email letters of opposition to the Senate Judiciary Committee:

- Churches and other organizations should email signed letters of opposition on letterhead to the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee at sjud.fax@sen.ca.gov, or fax them to (916) 403-7394.
 - Address letters to: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (Chair), Senate Judiciary Committee, State Capitol, Room 2187, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Individuals should email opposition letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee at sjud.fax@sen.ca.gov.
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- [Here](#) is suggested letter language.

2. Call and Write the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

- **Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (Chair)**
 - Capitol Office: State Capitol, Room 2032, Sacramento, CA 95814-4900; (916) 651-4019
- **Senator John M. W. Moorlach (Vice Chair)**
 - Sen Moorlach has **committed to voting no** on AB 2943. No need to bother his office.
- **Senator Joel Anderson**
 - Capitol Office: State Capitol, Room 5052, Sacramento, CA 95814-4900; (916) 651-4038
- **Senator Robert M. Hertzberg**
 - State Capitol, Room 4038, Sacramento, CA 95814-4900; (916) 651-4018
- **Senator Bill Monning**
 - State Capitol, Room 313, Sacramento, CA 95814-4900; (916) 651-4017
- **Senator Henry Stern**
 - State Capitol, Room 3070, Sacramento, CA 95814-4900; (916) 651-4027
- **Senator Bob Wieckowski**
 - State Capitol, Room 4085, Sacramento, CA 95814-4900; (916) 651-4010

3. Be sure to call and write your own State Senator if they aren't on the Judiciary Committee, and tell them to vote no on AB 2943.

- Churches and other organizations should fax signed letters of opposition on letterhead to their member of the Senate. [Here](#) is suggested letter language.
- [Find Your Representative Here](#) (*Legislators' fax numbers are listed on their websites.*)
- Individuals can send letters to their Senators using our automated [Action Center at stop2943.com](#).

Tell Your Senator:

- People should have the freedom to pursue what brings true happiness and joy.
- At the heart of many religions is the idea that people can change and find true joy in embracing and living out their faith. Government should protect the right of individuals to practice their faith.
- Many people find joy in living consistent with their beliefs regarding sexuality and gender.

Other great points:

- People looking for change should be free to find services and resources from counselors, schools, and religious organizations to help them achieve their desired goals.
 - Politicians have no business telling people that their counseling goals are illegal.
 - By applying to any "transaction," AB 2943 would prevent a counselor from helping an adult client explore all options to address questions over sexual orientation, an author from selling a book challenging gender identity ideology, and even a church from hosting a ticketed conference addressing issues of sexuality and identity.
 - It uses threats of lawsuits and punitive damages under the consumer protection act to punish speaking of views the government doesn't like.
 - Politicians have no business denying people the freedom to find counseling and resources to help them find happiness or to shut down counselors, schools, and religious organization that provide those services.
 - Thirty years of research have failed to find a genetic or biological cause for the development of same-sex attractions. There's no conclusive evidence – no DNA testing, no medical test finding – that science can point to proving someone is homosexual.
 - Faith traditions all agree: a person's identity isn't about sexual desires, but about the values a person chooses.
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AB 2119 Forces Puberty Blocking Drugs/Sex Change Operations on Foster Kids

AB 2119 ([text](#)) mandates gender affirming health care and counseling be made available to all foster care children. The bill also prohibits any individual from “subjecting a foster child or non-minor dependent to any treatment, intervention, or conduct that seeks to change the foster child’s or non-minor dependent’s gender identity.”

“Gender Affirming Health Care” includes puberty blocking drugs, which must be made available to kids that believe they are trapped in the wrong body. This also means surgeries must be made available to remove and add part body parts so those body parts align with a child’s perceived gender identity. “Gender affirming behavioral health services” means counseling for kids with gender confusion must be offered, but it can only encourage children to accept the gender they feel they are, not the gender they physically are.

Reference material opposing AB 2119

- American College of Pediatricians: [Protect Children: Vote NO on AB 2119](#)
- National Task Force for Therapy Equality: [AB 2119 Fact Sheet](#)
- Dr. Michael Laidlaw: Childhood Gender Dysphoria and Foster Children [FAQ Sheet](#)
- Dr. Andre X Van Mol, with American College of Pediatricians: [Testimony against AB 2119](#).
- Laura A. Haynes, Ph.D., California Psychologist: [The American Psychological Association Says Born-That-Way-And-Can’t-Change Is Not True of Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity](#)
- California Family Council article: [CA Bill Forces Puberty Blocking Drugs/Sex Change Operations on Foster Kids](#)

AB 2119 Status

AB 2119 was approved 5 -1 by the [Assembly Human Services Committee](#) on April 10. Assembly member Steven S. Choi (R) voted no. Assembly member Brian Maienschein didn’t vote. Assembly members Blanca E. Rubio (D), Dr. Joaquin Arambula (D), Eloise Gómez Reyes (D), Mark Stone (D), and Tony Thurmond (D) voted yes. You will find phone numbers the offices of these members below. Please [call](#) their offices and let them know what you think about how they voted. [Watch](#) entire hearing below.

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AB 2119 now must be heard by the [Assembly Appropriations Committee](#). A hearing date has not been set yet.

CALL TO ACTION:

Everyone should call the members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee found [here](#) and tell them to “vote no” on AB 2119.

Important points to make:

- Transgender belief in childhood disappears most of the time after puberty.
 - The short and long-term risks of transitioning to the opposite sex are sobering.
 - There is a lack of proven safety or benefit for minors to have transgender surgery or drug treatment. It's not pro-science—it's no science.
 - Regret and de-transitioning are not rare, but what's gone is gone.
 - A child or teen has a developing brain; adult decisions are beyond them.
 - People of faith are often those who keep troubled foster systems afloat, but this bill will drive them out of foster parenting; a blow the system doesn't need.
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AB 1779 Sexual Orientation Counseling Outlawed for Some Adults (Bill is Dead)

AB 1779 ([text](#)) would have outlawed licensed counselors from providing counseling to change unwanted sexual desires for adults who are under a conservatorship or guardianship. Currently, this type of counseling is already illegal for those under 18. It is considered harmful and abusive to help someone change their sexual desires. This is part of a nationwide move to outlaw this type of counseling. If we don't stop this now, the government will eventually seek to stop anyone, even within the church, from giving counseling that helps someone change their sexual feelings or sexual orientation.

Reference material opposing AB 1779

- American College of Pediatricians: [Unlawful, Dangerous and Unnecessary – Oppose AB 1779 & AB 2943](#)
- National Task Force for Therapy Equality [Fact Sheet: What Happens When Therapy is](#)

Banned?

- Family Policy Alliance: [Why 25 States Have Said No to the LGBT Lobby's Top Priority](#)

AB 1779 Status

This bill was assigned to the [Assembly Business and Professions Committee](#). But AB 1779 was pulled from the committee Friday, April 20th. According the author's office, the bill is dead for the year and will not come back.

Thank you for all your efforts to oppose this bill. Thousands of email, letters and phone calls were made to legislators and to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee to oppose this bill.

Talking points:

- AB 1779 prevents people from getting help with unwanted same-sex desires that are caused by sexual abuse.
- Those living under a conservatorship or a guardianship many times are disabled, a population that is twice as likely to be sexually abused. The government should be helping these individuals, not preventing them from getting needed counseling for their abused-induced sexual confusion.

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