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Dear Premier Smith:

My name is Ann Gillies. I am trained jointly in psychology and theology and ran a private practice specializing in the care of adults suffering from complex trauma due to chronic sexual abuse. My research for over 30 years has focused on child attachment; trauma and gender and sexuality. I have published six books – five of them dealing with sexuality and specifically the sexualization of our culture. My latest is ***Ultimate Deception: the Truth of Gender Affirming Care.***

I am writing regarding the recent unjust deletion of my name and subsequent rejection of my presence at the ***Strong and Free*** event where you were speaking on Monday, February 5th in Ottawa, Ontario.

I was pre-registered for this event and drove six hours to be there, arriving early to connect with others who are supportive of the new gender legislation you are proposing. This is my area of expertise and it had been arranged for me to meet briefly with you.

About an hour after our arrival in front of the Sir John A. MacDonald building, members of the PRIDE community showed up, moving us back from our place on the sidewalk and literally screaming through megaphones in our faces. My husband who came with me was threatened, shoved and pushed, yet police did nothing.

In fact, several police formed a line directly behind us eight women who were being confronted by an angry mob. There was a maximum of five feet between the mob and the line of police – and we were in the middle! I turned to ask an officer why they were not forming a line between us and the mob and he responded this was where they were to be; even though there were at least two dozen other officers standing by on the sidelines who could and should have intervened.

Media was definitely present, but as usual did not engage with us instead only interviewing PRIDE extremists. Of course, this is nothing new.

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The liaison officer on site told me that they had called the bylaw officers to issue tickets regarding the noise. The anti-protesters had totally clogged the sidewalk permitting no one to walk through. Then came the coup de grace...

After submitting our identification to parliamentary police, myself and the other women with me, were told we were not on the list to attend. What an absolute insult to our intelligence and integrity. We asked them to check again, and this time we were told our names were struck from the list as we were protesting.

This governmental over-reach is not only undemocratic but a sad reflection on those who organized this **Strong and Free** event. Perhaps the name should be changed to **Weak and Bound** conference.

I am expecting a written apology from organizers; parliamentary police; and the Ottawa police force along with compensation for my travel expenses.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I do hope to see you when I am in Alberta in April and look forward to discussing more on the content and impact of your gender legislation.

High regards,

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