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Bryony Dixon is challenging her school district for discrimination

West coast resident and mother Bryony Dixon successfully hosted an international student in her home during the 2023-2024 school year as part of her school district's "Homestay" program, which connects international students with caring host families like Bryony's. But, when she applied to host another student, her school district ignored her application. Bryony was confused and filed a Freedom of Information request to discover the reason: school district officials had ignored her application because of her political activities and beliefs.

Bryony is active in her community and encourages open discussions about gender identity and the right of women and girls to access female-only spaces.

Now, Bryony is asking the BC Human Rights Tribunal to declare that her school district is discriminating against her on the basis of her beliefs. "Evidently, this school district denies girls their voice," she said, "and endeavours to bar anyone brave enough to advocate for them. The district's ongoing discrimination against me has denied female students contact with one of the few adults willing to stick their neck out for their rights to safety, dignity, and fairness."



Chris Barber is appealing his harsh sentence

The name "Chris Barber" is synonymous with the historic Freedom Convoy protest, where thousands of Canadians travelled across winter roads to the nation's capital to peacefully protest vaccine mandates. For his leadership, Crown prosecutors levelled seven charges against Chris, including charges of mischief, intimidation, and obstruction.

After the longest criminal mischief trial in Canadian history, Justice Perkins-McVey sentenced Chris to an 18-month conditional sentence, including house arrest and 100 hours of community service. Until early 2027, Chris must remain on his property except for work, legal, medical, or religious engagements, and he must observe a nighttime curfew.

It is astounding that a protestor whom the judge described as having "the noblest of intent and [who] did not advocate for violence" has been stripped of his freedom. With help from the Justice Centre, Chris is challenging the Crown's application to seize his long-haul truck, "Big Red," and Chris is appealing his sentence. "I did nothing unlawful," he said, "and I am appealing to clear my name and defend the right of Canadians to speak and protest peacefully."



Ontario College of Teachers threatens to suspend teacher's licence

Amy McKay is a mother and an inspiring volunteer in her community. In 2022, she took leave from her teaching position with the Ottawa-Carleton school district to pursue counselling. She learned later that her school board had banned her from teaching in its schools due to her social media posts. Amy had been sharing her concerns about the erosion of women's and girls' rights and about the harms of gender-affirming medical interventions.

Amy's school board even submitted a complaint to the Ontario College of Teachers, which began investigating her online activity. Her College then offered her a choice: surrender your teaching licence or face a formal investigation. With help from the Justice Centre, Amy has refused to surrender her licence, and the College has been warned that its demand violates her freedom of expression.

Across Canada, nurses, lawyers, teachers and other professionals are forced by their own regulators to support ideologies that violate their beliefs. But, as Amy said, "Peacefully defending one's right or the rights of others is never an act of hate or oppression. It is a non-partisan act of civic responsibility."