

# Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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Commissioner for Fundamental Rights Dr. Akos Kozma  
Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights  
Budapest Pf. 40, 1387 Hungary

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## **Please Protect Transgender and Intersex Peoples' Rights**

Dear Commissioner,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to protect transgender and intersex peoples' rights to obtain legal documentation on the basis of self-declaration of gender identity. Hungary's new law, Article 33, bans the legal gender recognition of transgender and intersex people.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International about Article 33, which bans the legal recognition of gender and violates the rights of transgender and intersex people. This law contradicts the international human rights obligations by forcing the recording of sex assigned at birth on various documents and it cannot be changed later. When people seek services that require legal documentation, they are forced to give up aspects of their personal identity to obtain them.

We believe that you have an obligation under Hungary's Fundamental Law to request a review of Bill T/9934 by the Constitutional Court on the grounds that Article 33 is in clear breach of the Fundamental Law. Transgender and intersex people are already subject to discrimination in different aspects of life and this article will lead to further discrimination and hate crimes against them.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Lane".

Nathan Lane  
Executive Director  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mackenzie Francoeur".

Mackenzie Francoeur  
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cc. Ambassador for Hungary Balint David Odor