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The City of Brampton and its elected officials who are meant to represent its residents.

Your decision to convert all of our Recreation centres to have a single, universal, all-inclusive change room has put me and my family at risk. When my daughter and I attended Earnscliffe Recreation Centre, and entered the Universal changeroom, four grown men dropped their pants exposing themselves. I immediately removed my daughter, but unfortunately, she was ahead of me, and had seen this indecent exposure. Needless to say, she was rather shaken, and traumatized by the experience, and asking; "why did they do that?" I had spoken with the [REDACTED], and they had let me know that there were over 30 complaints made in regards to this new policy. I was furious this was simply being ignored and accepted as the norm. As it was my daughter's friends birthday, we decided to still attend, but before re-entering the changeroom, I scanned it to ensure no one was there, and in case someone still was, I covered my daughters eyes, and led her to a stall, now in fear for my daughters safety. After the swim, and upon re-entering the changeroom again, another man right in front of the pool entry door dropped his suit, exposing himself as well! I was disgusted, and mortified. Our school had also signed for the Swim To Survive program, to which I had to make the Principal and Teacher aware of the situation. They agreed this was unacceptable to allow our children to change in the same room as the adults, when the risk to their safety was threatened. With much communication with Earnscliffe Recreation Centre, our teacher had made a plan with the Rec centre to ensure our children's safety. We entered as per agreement, and upon finishing the swim, with the children getting changed, the agreement was eventually denied by the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] forcefully pushed a young gentleman into the changeroom, after we politely asked him if he could wait for 5 mins, and he agreed. [REDACTED] then aggressively approached me, attempting to be intimidating. After informing [REDACTED] of our agreement, due to the criminal acts occurring, [REDACTED] simply scoffed and denied any occurrence had ever happened. [REDACTED] unprofessional demeanor, and attitude was appalling, and eventually [REDACTED] disappeared from our conversation. Continuously placing our children at risk is unacceptable. Your decision to create this unsafe environment for children, as well as women, where an employee was recently charged with voyeurism as well, has seemingly welcomed the presence of predators. These criminal actions appear to be acceptable by you, our elected officials, under the political guise of inclusivity. Such a significant radical change, should have garnered at least a consultation, or poll from its residents. I formally request a reversal of this decision in order to bring safety back to our recreation facilities.

Thank you,  
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