Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to you in relation to the recent news of a male-bodied individual housed in Limerick Women’s Prison, Barbie Kardashian.

I was alarmed to read about Barbie’s behaviour and intent to commit matricide, rape and murder. However, I am even more appalled to hear that Barbie Kardashian is currently housed in Limerick Women’s Prison.

This makes the second case in Ireland of the State deciding that a fully intact male possessing a Gender Recognition Certificate who is guilty of sexual assault is ok to be housed with a vulnerable group of women.

According to this [report](https://womensspaceireland.ie/articles/all-it-takes-is-a-grc-how-a-man-can-be-sent-to-a-womens-prison-in-ireland/), all it takes for a man to be sent to women’s prison is a Gender Recognition Certificate, which is free and clearly doesn’t have any safeguards in place for rapists.

In 2019, a pre-operative, pre-hormone therapy transwoman was convicted of ten counts of sexual assault and 1 count of child abuse and was housed in Limerick Women’s Prison. This inmate has 2 guards assigned to him at all times. This year, a pre-operative, pre-hormone therapy transwoman was arrested for threatening to kill women, one of which was his mother.

I am writing to express my concern that this individual who has expressed his “continuing wish to rape and murder women”, who prior to being arrested was placed in “a non-secure voluntary placement, where the teenager would have been supervised by up to SEVEN male staff” is now housed with vulnerable women and is clearly [a grave risk](https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/courts/homicidal-teen-will-be-set-free-as-judge-finds-there-is-no-legal-basis-to-hold-her-39555190.html).

Surely it is time to address the massive elephant in the room? The Gender Recognition Act law, as correctly [stated](https://www.lawsociety.ie/gazette/top-stories/male-bodied-transgender-inmate-housed-with-women-prisoners/) by Robert Purcell, is challenging for the courts and the Irish Prison Service since there is a safety issue for women inmates housed alongside a male-bodied prisoner.

How is this acceptable?

How is this not a violation of women’s rights? What safeguards do we have in place so this doesn’t happen again?

As my public representative, I would like you to raise this serious matter with the Minister directly and appeal to the Minister to address this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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