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The Right Honourable Tony Blair MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

Dear Mr Blair

It perturbs me that you have appeared so determined in your quest to reduce the age at which boys can be submitted to anal sex (to use a neutral phrase) to only 16. In many aspects of their lives, the 16 year olds I know are uncertain, troubled and changeable. To suggest by way of legislation that they are mature enough to indulge in such a practice is to credit them with an emotional certainty that I do not think exists. Adolescents among us should be protected, regardless of lobby, and you as our representative should be providing that protection.