

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL**

**SUBMISSION FROM CHRIS McCOLL**

I strongly object to this bill. What constitutes "hate" should probably be legally and specifically defined before you base an entire law around it.

"Hate" being loosely defined and entirely subjective sounds open to abuse from dishonest actors as a tool to stifle criticism, don't ye think...

Chris McColl  
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