

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM HUGH AND ISOBEL MACLEOD**

Dear Committee,

Legitimate debate, the freedom to express deeply held convictions without fear in an open tolerant society is dear to our hearts!

It is imperative that free speech in Scotland is not gnawed away at in any shape or form!

This Bill as it stands would appear to erode free speech.

We feel strongly this Bill needs to make a clear distinction between healthy open free speech and "rabble rousing" as expressed in Lord Bracadale's Independent Review.

Yours sincerely

Hugh and Isobel Macleod

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