

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM STUART DAVIS**

Sirs

Please accept this email as my objection to the current Hate Crime Bill. By way of example, stating that an offence has been committed if one "communicates insulting material to another person and as a result it is likely that hatred will be stirred up against such a group", gives me concern that the vague wording allows ambiguous interpretation, and that the burden of proof is too low, by the emphasis on words and phrases such as 'insulting', 'likely', and 'stirred up'.

Yours,

Stuart Davis  
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