

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM SARAH GRIGG

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as I am concerned about the new hate crime bill limiting free speech. When an issue is important, it is very difficult not to offend someone, as a politician that is part of your job. There are ways of teaching graciousness and kind communication without making it a legal issue that many ordinary Scottish people will need to tie themselves in knots to avoid falling foul of. As a mother of two primary age children, I need to teach them to have empathy and care for people with all kinds of beliefs and views, not to be calling the police if they feel some one has offended them. The wording of the bill is too vague and the whole concept is misguided I feel.

I appreciate all your work on our behalf and am only mentioning this as it is a subject I feel strongly about.

Yours faithfully,
Sarah Grigg

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