

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM JULIA BREMNER

Dear Committee Members

I am concerned about the possibility of criminalising healthy debate and restricting our freedom to express religious or moral/ethical views. I truly value living in a democratic country where we can challenge the opinions of political activists without being arrested for offending someone else's point of view. I believe the current hate crime laws are sufficient to deter threatening behaviour where there is a deliberate stirring up of hatred. Please protect our freedom of speech which our predecessors fought long and hard for.

Julia Bremner
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