

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM LINDA BUTLER**

My Grandfather died in the Second World War fighting to ensure the British lived in a democracy to which free speech was a must. We may not always agree with what someone says but we must always respect their point of view. No one has the right to take away our freedom of speech especially someone who himself stood up in parliament complaining that the top jobs all went to white people!! under his proposals I think he might just shoot himself in the foot. This bill needs to be removed, we are not living in North Korea and no political party has the right to silence its people, it is a grave betrayal of the vote that got them into power.

Linda Butler  
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