

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM STANLEY & FIONA MUNRO

Dear Members,

As a Christian family, we are deeply concerned about the above Bill which is presently before you and will go to Parliament in due time.

A free society must take into account people's views when they are based on biblical guidance. The present Bill does not appear to recognise or allow for a Christian's viewpoint. NO Christian should or would want to display hatred or be aggressive towards their fellow human being. We should be a tolerant and caring society. Section 6 in effect categorises us as being desirous to stir up hatred towards our fellow man. NOTHING could be further from the truth

We want religious tolerance and not religious persecution of Christians or any other genuine religious faith. Remember Scotland used to be proudly referred to as 'The Land of the Book'. This is the land of the Reformation. We can and should be proud of that fact.

As a committee , we appeal to you to reconsider the Bill so that religious groups are not being falsely accused of showing hatred to our fellow man. Remember existing criminal law address and covers those who choose to be threatening or abusive in society, so no additional legislation is necessary

Yours sincerely,

Stanley & Fiona Munro.

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