

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM MARC BORLAND

Dear sirs,

I refer to the above bill which you have indicated you would like opinions on from the Scottish people.

As a young man living in Glasgow, I can whole heartedly say that this bill is wrong. Whilst I can appreciate the need to protect people who have characteristics which could be seen as easy to target, a bill controlling speech is not the way to do it.

Anyone with an ounce of common sense can see this this bill will be almost impossible to enforce, will do far more harm than good and doesn't actually address any of the core issues which cause some of the issues we are seeing in society today and in my opinion will only heighten those issues. This bill will help achieve what is trying to stop.

I could ramble on about how this bill will not help in anyway and will only waste time and money for the Scottish people and government but I have no doubt that there are other out there who could do so better than me. I felt it was important to voice my views on this matter regardless.

I will also add the way this bill has come to light is something I also find disturbing. I only found out this bill due to it being in the news due to the government looking for opinions. This is shameful and more should have been done to raise this to the public's attention given the current climate we are in.

This bill should not pass. It will erode trust in the Scottish government.

Thank you.

Marc Borlan
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