

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM BARRY MCMAHON

To whom it may concern,

I am not a citizen of Scotland but I am an observer just next door. As an Irish person who is very vocal about human rights, I find the Hate Crime and Public Order bill to be, quite bluntly, a blatant example of Government overreach and seizure and destruction of human rights. I was shocked to hear that this bill even being considered appropriate quite alarming in a modern and progressive country like Scotland. It has the hallmarks of a tool used by a fascist to crack down on anything they disagree with and gives opportunity for discord and false justice. The fact that only 30 individuals who were handpicked based upon lobbying groups lining up with legislators' opinions is so akin to a Monty Python sketch set in Maoist China. If this Bill is passed, I simply will not ever set foot back in Scotland again and resign it to its destiny of being Europe's totalitarian backwater.

Yours faithfully,

Barry McMahon
Citizen of the Republic of Ireland and proud citizen of the EU

Barry McMahon
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