

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM CHRISTOPHER LYNN**

I thank you for taking the time to read my opinion regarding the matter of the Scottish Hate Crime Law. After reading through the article thoroughly I have come away feeling absolutely sick to my stomach. I think this law is wrong, appealing and reminiscent of the most twisted fascist opinions of Hitler and Stalin. I find a law that takes away our right to free speech due to the way others have decided to use their right in a way someone else deems to be unlawful. Speech can never be unlawful outside of direct incitement to violence. I find myself writing this email as I feel that to ignore this would be a great failure of my civil duty to speak up against what I feel is a fascist law.

Christopher Lynn  
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