

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM JOSHUA HURST**

To whomever it may concern, I am deeply concerned about the content of this new bill. It seeks to give the Government further control over what individual citizens can or cannot say within this country. It is a breach of Article 10 and Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Nobody decent living in any country likes hate speech, but to criminalise it starts a process of legal restrictions on what people can and cannot say, this Bill is another dangerous step for the individual liberty for the people who live here and to support it is abhorrently fascist.

Joshua Hurst  
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