

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM JANE MCCARTNEY**

I wish to express my concerns regarding this proposal. Sex is a legally protected characteristic and the proposals to criminalise anyone who affirms and declares the reality that sex is binary and differs from gender identity is draconian.

Women have the right to fight for their sex based rights and attempts to stifle this with threats of prosecution is frankly misogynistic and sinister.

I appeal to your good sense and review this bill so as not to be on detriment to the women who make up a large part of your electorate

Jane McCartney  
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