

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM JOYCE KULLAS**

Dear Committee,

I want to give an opinion about the hate crime and public order bill to protect people of Christian faith.

Can you adjust the words to protect people in church or at home? A Sunday morning sermon where Christ is preached as the only Saviour and all other religions are said to be false, or where homosexual behaviour is said to be sinful, could see the preacher prosecuted for stirring up hatred. What about people talking in their own home with neighbours? Are they allowed free speech? Religious beliefs and views on morality are matters on which people can have vigorous debate and change their minds. A free society must protect this. Don't send police to arrest preachers on street corners. Existing criminal law already covers threatening or abusive behaviour likely to cause fear or alarm. No new law is needed.

Yours sincerely,  
Joyce Kullas.  
Have a good day.

Joyce Kullas  
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