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Sample letter

[date]

[first name, last name], MP
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear [MP's name],

I am writing to ask you to support the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act* (PCEPA). I am very concerned that there are groups asking for it to be removed and for sex buying, pimping and brothel owning to be decriminalized.

Paid sexual access to women's bodies is not legitimate business. Prostitution is inherently violent and exploitative. It is a system that profits from the abuse of women and girls.

PCEPA recognizes that prostitution is form of exploitation and systemic violence against women, and a significant barrier to equality between the sexes. It recognizes that most individuals in prostitution are not there by way of choice, but rather as a result of poverty, marginalization, racialization, abuse or coercion. Under PCEPA, the purchase of sex is illegal in Canada and those who are being prostituted are not subject to criminal charges, except under specific circumstances.

Buying sex is not – and should not be – inevitable in our society. Research shows the most effective way to curb sexual exploitation is to target the demand for paid sex. This law is an effective and essential tool in fighting sexual exploitation.

Please work to ensure that PCEPA is implemented and enforced across the country. And when a review is required in 2021, or if a review takes place prematurely, I urge you to support the law.

This law is an essential step forward in the fight against commercial sexual exploitation.

It is also essential that those who are prostituted be provided with viable options and alternatives. Canada must address the social conditions that drive individuals to prostitution or make them vulnerable to it, as well as providing help to exit for those who are being exploited. It is essential to support programs and services assisting individuals in exiting prostitution.

Please consider a commitment to long-term sustained federal funding so that every individual who wants to exit prostitution has access to the resources and supports they need.

Sincerely,

[your name and address]