Related information to help you prepare your letter in support of the prostitution law:

- Find your MP's contact info at www.ourcommons.ca/members/en
- Read more details on the issue at www.TheEFC.ca/prostitution

## Sample conversation

Call your MP's office and speak to the MP's staff or arrange to speak to the MP. You can also leave a message on the MP's office voicemail.

"Hi, my name is ... I live in the riding at ... I'm calling because I've heard the Justice Committee is reviewing our current prostitution laws. I support these laws and the approach that makes it illegal to buy sex or be a pimp. I think it's important to keep these laws. I'd like our MP to support them, too."

## 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 current prostitution laws. The Justice Committee is reviewing the prostitution law, the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act* (PCEPA). I am very concerned that there are groups asking for the laws against sex buying, pimping and brothel owning to be removed.

Prostitution is inherently violent and exploitative. It is a system that profits from the abuse of women, girls and boys. Most individuals are in prostitution as a result of poverty, marginalization, abuse or coercion, not by way of choice.

Research shows the most effective way to curb sexual exploitation is to target the demand for paid sex. I support PCEPA's approach, which makes it illegal to buy sex in Canada, while those who are being prostituted are not subject to criminal charges.

Please speak to your colleagues in support of PCEPA. This law is an essential tool in the fight against commercial sexual exploitation.

Sincerely,

[your name] [your address]