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Sample letter

[Date]

[MP's name], MP
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear [MP's name],

Thank you for your hard work in representing our riding. I am writing to you today about Bill C-51.

I am very concerned that clause 14 of Bill C-51 will delete section 176 of the *Criminal Code*. Section 176 provides specific protection for clergy and individuals to participate in religious services without interference or disruption.

I understand that Bill C-51 is intended to update the *Criminal Code*, but the protection in Section 176 isn't unconstitutional, redundant or out-of-date.

It is important to maintain protection for the free expression of faith in Canada. Religious discrimination has been recognized as a concern across the country.

At a time when hate crimes against religious communities in Canada are on the rise, please don't take away specific protection for worshippers and places of worship.

Please change clause 14 of Bill C-51 and keep section 176 in the *Criminal Code*.

Sincerely,
[Your name]
[Your address]