

The Honorable Larry Campbell  
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Dear Senator Campbell,

In early September, the Senate Justice Committee will be holding consultations regarding the Harper Government's new prostitution laws: Bill C-36.

Sex workers in Vancouver — and across Canada — are deeply concerned about the negative impacts on the safety and well-being of sex workers these new laws would have, should Bill C-36 receive approval from the Senate.

Triple-X Workers' Solidarity Association of B.C., along with community partners, has been organizing to inform Canadians about the disastrous effects on sex workers' lives that could result from Bill C-36. In June, we organized the Red Umbrella March with 200 supporters marching in Vancouver streets. You can see the photos and press coverage by visiting <http://triple-x.org>.

As a former coroner for Vancouver we are certain that you are fully aware of the dangers sex workers face when they are forced to work in isolation, in criminal environments.

I am writing to you, as the President of Triple-X, to seek your advice and counsel regarding the lack of sex workers' voices during this entire process for drafting and passing these new prostitution laws.

We ask you for your support in getting sex workers' concerns about Bill C-36 addressed in a meaningful way.

Time is running out! We look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,



Andrew Sorfleet, President  
Triple-X Workers' Solidarity Association of B.C.