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## Canada's Justice Committee Recommends Parliament Repeal Sections of Criminal Code

June 22, 2022, the Parliamentary Committee on Justice and Human Rights tabled their report: "Preventing Harm in the Canadian Sex Industry: A Review of the Protection of Communities and Exploited Act." Report PDF available here: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/JUST/report-4>

The Justice Committee has recommended parliament repeal two laws: Criminal Code s.213 [Communicating to Provide Sexual Services] and s.286.4 [Advertising Sexual Services]. The Justice Committee has also recommended the repeal of four sections of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations that make migrants working in the sex industry unable to report incidents without fear of deportation. There are 17 recommendations total.

Triple-X submitted a brief, which received mention on pg. 31 (pg. 41 of PDF):

"Triple-X Workers' Solidarity Association of B.C.'s brief states that the law does not contemplate sex workers organizing unions or professional associations or the possibility of such organizations collecting membership dues, and providing services such as advertising and promotion of the industry. They call for amendments to clearly permit such organizing by sex workers."

"I believe some congratulations are in order to everyone who made submissions toward some of these victories today. However, we still have a long way to go before Parliament makes any of this real, and even further to go before sex industry work is respected equally, like any other profession in Canada," says Andrew Sorfleet, president of Triple-X Workers' Solidarity Association of B.C.

Parliament is on summer recess since June 23 and will not resume until September 19.

Read more about how the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act violates sex workers' Freedom to Associate: <https://triple-x.org/freedomtoassociate>

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