



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

Office of the Speakers
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Motion Regarding Denouncement of Bill C-10, the “Safe Streets and Communities Act”

Whereas, Bill C-10 seeks to make sweeping changes to many Canadian statutes, including the *Criminal Code*, *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, and the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act*;

Whereas, the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland; the law students at Dalhousie University and University of Windsor; the Barreau de Quebec; the Canadian Bar Association; and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association all actively and strenuously oppose Bill C-10;

Whereas, the Bill proposes mandatory minimum sentences for many crimes, including petty drug crimes, which eliminate judicial discretion and force harsh jail sentences when they are often inappropriate;

Whereas, the Bill targets youth, imposing harsh adult sentencing and mandatory minimum and sentences on youth offenders, which will reinforce criminal behavior through tough, unforgiving sentences;

Whereas, the Bill's policy proposal ignore social science research, and the experience of many Canadian provinces, which point to effective, cost-conscious, and productive ways to reduce crime;

Resolved, that the SSMU will engage in media campaign to voice its denunciation of Bill C-10;

Resolved, that the SSMU will denounce Bill C-10 to the University's Member of Parliament, and to the Minister of Justice,

Resolved, that the SSMU will support to any other student organizations that seek to similarly denounce Bill C-10.

Moved by: Ian Clarke (Law Representative to Council)

Undersigned by:

Kady Paterson (Education Representative to Council)

Matthew Crawford-Appignanesi (Senate Caucus Representative to Council)

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