



The Scottish Parliament

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De Henry

[Redacted]

I have been contacted by my constituent [Redacted] of the above address, regarding the proposed Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill.

[Redacted] is concerned that previous legislation has succeeded in criminalising normal sexual activity and that the new laws will further compound this. I have enclosed a copy of my constituent's correspondence in which he highlights his concerns.

I would appreciate if you could look into this matter and inform me of any assistance you can give. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN SWINNEY

Member of the Scottish Parliament for North Tayside

Wilson PA (Pamela)

Subject: FW: Letter from your constituent [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 11:05 AM
To: Swinney J (John), MSP
Subject: Letter from your constituent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Wednesday 21 January 2009

Dear John Swinney,

RE: the proposed Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill

I am appalled at the proposals included in this legislation regarding 'adult images'.

Successive pieces of Government legislation have succeeded in criminalising the normal sexual activity of hundreds of thousands of adult citizens based on flimsy evidence and a general feeling of distaste.

These laws, both those which have been passed and those that have been proposed, put ALL of us at risk of having careers and lives ruined simply because their sexuality does not fit what seems to be the Government's view of what is right and proper.

We believe that consenting activities between adults are just that, and that it is not the business of the state to legislate on grounds of taste. The freedom to express oneself sexually without fear of prejudice is a basic civil liberty that it seems we must fight to retain.

I fully agree with the Consenting Adults Action Network statement that

"We believe in the right of consenting adults to make their own sexual choices, in respect of what they do, see and enjoy alone or with other consenting adults, unhindered and unfettered by government."

"We believe that it is not the business of government to intrude into the sex lives of consenting adults."

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]