

Petition to the House of Commons

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

Whereas:

- The Liberal-Bloc amendment to Bill C-9, passed at the Justice Committee, removes the ‘good-faith’ religious defense clause from the Criminal Code of Canada;
- Bill C-9 would allow the government to criminalize passages from the Bible, the Quran, the Torah, and other sacred texts;
- Bill C-9 would allow the state to prosecute those who express deeply held religious beliefs the government finds offensive;
- The punishment for such charges is up to two years in prison;
- The state has no place in the religious texts or teachings of any faith community;
- Freedom of expression and freedom of religion are fundamental rights that must be preserved.

Therefore, we the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, call on the Government of Canada to:

- Withdraw Bill C-9;
- Protect religious freedom, uphold the right to read and share sacred texts, and prevent government intrusion into faith.

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