

We are writing to voice our concern at this proposed bill.

We believe this bill would seriously undermine freedom of speech, freedom of religion and natural justice.

At risk of offending someone who does not share the same views, political or religious in particular, in the workplace, this bill would serve as a gag to freedom of speech in this situation.

In such cases where someone has been offended, the onus being put on the offender to prove their innocence or otherwise is unjust. As is the inability to have legal representation in such situations.

To also legislate that religious organisations have no right to discriminate according to their beliefs also does not allow freedom of religion.

Denying these freedoms is contrary to our democratic rights.

We therefore seek to have this bill rejected.

Yours faithfully,

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