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To the Members of the Community and Protective Services Committee,

I am writing this letter today to encourage each of you to continue to the Public Participation Meeting step in looking at an amendment to the Streets Bylaw where graphic anti-choice images are concerned.

The Viewer Discretion Legislation Coalition was formed to help protect people from across this country from being forced to see images that incite a trauma response by having to see these violent and graphic images by walking or driving down the street.

I know you will get a lot of people screaming Section 2 of my Charter Rights are being violated. I encourage you each to listen to the public, listen to how distressed children are after viewing these images, how women must pull their vehicle over, because they are crying as these images incite the trauma, they experienced losing their baby, listen how these images trigger emergency worker's PTSD from seeing so much death and violence on calls they have to attend. And please do not forget what I have written to you all before.

I have encouraged anyone who is worried about "censorship" and Charter rights, please take it from an invaluable source, Nathaniel Veltman. During his trial for the murder of four Muslim Londoners, he acknowledged that, as a young person, **he was subjected to these images, taught that abortion is murder and made it a goal to go to an abortion clinic to shoot the place up**. Please feel free to read this article from the London Free Press:

<https://lfpres.com/news/local-news/nathaniel-veltman-trial-what-the-jury-didnt-hear>

Go back to **SECTION 1** of the Charter. These images cause DEMONSTRABLE harm. Veltman just told the world.

These images incite shame, hate and anger. They are inappropriate to be displayed on public streets. I have stood on these streets and listened to a man call me a "stupid woman" who doesn't know what she is talking about. Let me tell you, I was raised by very strong, independent, educated women. I let him know that I do, indeed, know what I am talking about. Misogyny plays a very big part in the message these images portray.

Thank you all for taking the time to read my message and for continuing to work on this very important issue. Other municipalities are watching this Council on this issue. I guarantee they will follow suit.

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