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Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 6:17 PM

To: Council Agenda <councilagenda@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote NO on Pro-Life Flyer By-Law

Hello council members of London,

My name is Ellie Bartsch, and I lived in London for 6 years until recently moving to Woodstock. I am writing to urge the council not to single out pro-life flyers for special restrictions and to vote no on the draft by-law that is being proposed. I have always been so thankful that Canada is a country that protects freedom of expression, and that the government doesn't have the power to restrict messages it doesn't like. This by-law being proposed in London singles out the pro-life message as one that needs special restrictions. No other flyers have this requirement, and this is discrimination against those with the pro-life creed and goes against the values of our country. Regardless of the personal views of those on the city council, they have an obligation to uphold the charter. No one has the authority to restrict the speech of those they disagree with. The proposed by-law would treat flyers from pro-life groups differently from any opposing group, or any group at all for that matter. Please vote "no" on this by-law, as it is unconstitutional and discriminatory.

Thank you,

Ellie