

Dear Councillors,

I write to you as a concerned London resident regarding the drafted by-law that would regulate and restrict pro-life speech. The draft by-law would single out pro-life flyers for special restrictions that no other flyers have to meet. This is content-based discrimination, which is unconstitutional — it treats pro-life flyers about abortion differently from pro-choice flyers on abortion, or any other flyers on any other issues.

The *Charter* protects freedom of expression broadly, and our city's municipal government does not have the power to restrict messages, even if those messages are controversial to some. That some residents or some councillors oppose the pro-life message does not give the government the legal authority to restrict it. The City of London has an obligation to comply with the *Charter*, even if some city councillors are personally opposed to one message and would like to suppress it.

I hope you will take my concerns into consideration and respect the right of every Londoner to peacefully engage in freedom of expression. Please vote 'no' on the draft by-law.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Kind regards,
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