

To: Hon. Donald Oliver

From: The Dalhousie Law Students Society

Date: January 26, 2011

Re: **Bill C-10**

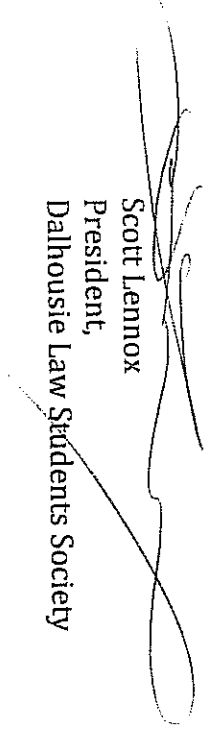
The Dalhousie Law Students Society, representing approximately 500 law students, recently adopted a resolution opposing Bill C-10, The Safe Streets and Communities Act. We are deeply concerned about the impact this bill will have on the justice system, in particular, how it will affect vulnerable Canadians such as the mentally ill, young offenders, Aboriginals and racially visible minorities in Canada.

As you are no doubt aware, decades of research have clearly shown that attention to poverty, mental health and rehabilitation are more effective at preventing crime than the types of retributive measures proposed in the Bill.

We urge you to help ensure this Bill does not pass in its current form. We respectfully call on you to either vote against the Bill, or see to it that the Bill be amended to reflect the research and expertise on this issue. In particular, we ask you to thoroughly consider the submission of the Canadian Bar Association.

For further information please contact the Dalhousie Law Students Society at lss@dal.ca

Best Regards,


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