

END DEMAND END EXPLOITATION

Survivors of Prostitution Support Canada's "End Demand" Laws

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MISSISSAUGA – Defend Dignity, a Canadian organization that exists to end all forms of sexual exploitation in Canada, today announces the release of "End Demand, End Exploitation", a video featuring four brave Canadian women who are survivors of prostitution, one of the many forms of sexual exploitation.

Hear these women discuss how Canada's "End Demand" prostitution laws are a crucial part of eliminating violence against women and helping women exit prostitution in Canada.

Also featured is Manitoba Crown Prosecutor Nancy Fazenda who shares the Crown's view that addressing demand through education and corrective consequences will change the demand for prostitution. Hennes Doltze of the Salvation Army shares about the Prostitution Offender Program and how the individuals who participate in the program change their minds about prostitution as they learn about its harms and realities.

Defend Dignity calls on the Canadian government to continue to pursue an "End Demand" approach to prostitution in Canada by supporting the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*, or PCEPA, which is the heart of Canada's prostitution laws.



VIDEO LINK

<https://youtu.be/dNJH6It2PhM>

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VIDEO QUOTES

"Because of PCEPA I exited the industry in 2016"

"It wasn't a choice. It was about survival and the complete lack of choice."

"I wasn't selling. I was being bought."

"PCEPA targets the demand. It saved my life."

"We are not born to be purchased by men."

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