

Thank you for meeting your MP to support PCEPA!

A Defend Dignity team member would be happy to join you - if you would like to invite us please email jenna.scholz@defenddignity.ca (Zoom meetings only).

Schedule

Call or email your MP's office to schedule the meeting

Find your MP's contact info: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

If you call, a member of their staff will answer. If they ask you to send an email to schedule the meeting, be sure to mention in the email that you called first and include your address and phone number.

Call Example:

"Hi, I'm [YOUR NAME] and I am one of [YOUR MP]'s constituents. I appreciate their service to our community. Can you please help me schedule a meeting with them to discuss an issue that is really important to me? I'd like to talk about supporting Canada's prostitution legislation."

Prepare

Meetings are typically a maximum of 20-30 minutes.

Think about what you want to communicate. It's helpful to:

- Draw a connection between your MP's interests/work & PCEPA
- Identify why PCEPA matters to you on a personal level & choose the reason(s) closest to your heart that you will focus on.
- Check out this [List of Helpful Talking Points](#)

Send an email before the meeting to thank them & refer them to our MP page to look over beforehand. Here's a sample - feel free to personalize by including what matters most to you & your MP

"Dear [your MP],

Thank you for making time to meet with me to discuss the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act (PCEPA).

PCEPA outlines Canada's prostitution laws which were inspired by Sweden's successful "Equality Model" approach: sex buying, pimping, recruiting, brothel keeping and advertising are all prohibited, while those offering their own sexual services are given immunity from prosecution. This shifts the burden from those selling sex onto those whose behaviour is predatory in nature.



PCEPA recognizes that prostitution is a form of exploitation and systemic violence against women, and a significant barrier to equality between the sexes. It recognizes that most individuals in prostitution are not there by way of freely given choice, but rather as a result of poverty, marginalization, racialization, abuse, coercion, or other systemic issues. It is essential to offer those who are prostituted supports and viable alternatives, while also addressing the root causes that drive individuals to prostitution in the first place.

PCEPA has been reviewed and [reported on](#) by the Justice and Human Rights Committee. As the government considers how to move forward, I urge you to support PCEPA and ensure it is implemented across the country. To learn more about why upholding PCEPA is so important, visit this webpage: <https://defenddignity.ca/pcepa-mp/>. It contains a 6-minute video of 4 Canadian survivors of sexual exploitation as well as other stakeholders, a Nanos Research Poll of Canadians' views on prostitution and PCEPA, and reasons why PCEPA is the correct approach to prostitution.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss this further.

Respectfully, [your name]"

Attend

Thank your MP for their time, for serving your community, & for any specific work they have done that you appreciate. Be respectful & kind throughout the meeting.

Share your concerns and listen to your MP's views & questions. Take note of any questions or requests they have.

- If you're unsure about the answer, feel free to email us after & we can try to assist
- They may also share some insights or suggestions – please let us know

Ask them to advocate to uphold PCEPA and ensure it is implemented across Canada.

Follow-Up

Email Jenna.scholz@defenddignity.ca to let her know how it went or fill out the [feedback form on Defend Dignity's website](#)

Send a quick “thank you” email to your MP. Include a few highlights of what you talked about, follow-up on any questions they had, and remind them of any actions you discussed.

