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Bill No. 27

I understand that the Nova Scotia's Law Amendments Committee will hear from the public on Bill 27, The Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act, on Monday, Oct. 16. I do not feel the bill, as it is written, should pass.

I have had the opportunity to work with the CyberScan Unit in the past and I think their importance to this bill needs to be recognized. They are crucial to the investigation of these charges and I feel they should play a much more active role in the investigation. It is not fair to the victims that they should have to go through this without the active support of the CyberScan Unit. Utilizing them as a resource, only, is not enough! Cyberscan needs to be given their power back - we need advocates for the victims. Police and RCMP do not always want to be involved with these investigations. We need the Cyberscan unit because they are well versed in explaining to the accused the severity of their actions and the severity of the consequences. I also feel that the parents of children who are cyberbullying should be much more responsible for their children. This idea that they are not financially liable will not be effective.

I am hoping that my email will be read at the Law Amendments Committee today. Thank you

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