

Newfoundland & Labrador Association of
Social Workers

Parliament of Canada
Honorable Senators

February 21, 2017

The Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers (NLASW) strongly supports Bill S-206 to repeal Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

The social work profession is deeply concerned that the current law provides parents with the legal right to spank or hit children in certain situations. Violence against children, in any capacity, is not in keeping with societal values and our commitment to human rights.

The NLASW, as a member of the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW), join our national social work colleagues in supporting the appeal and advocating for the rights of children. This is also a recommendation that is supported by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenda Webber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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