

June 27, 2008

Ms. Miriam Burke
Clerk of the Committee
Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Burke:

On behalf of the Manitoba Women's Advisory Council, I am writing to tell you that we oppose the adoption of Bill C-484, The Unborn Victims of Crime Act. We believe that Bill C-484 fails to support women's equality and women's rights and will not ensure that pregnant women will be safe from violence.

We believe that we must address the real issues that impact on a woman's rights and equality such as a woman's right to live free of violence. We also feel that if this Bill is passed, it would have profound implications for the health, independence, and rights of all women.

Sincerely,

Marlene Bertrand, C.M.
Chairperson

cc: Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (joyce@arcc-cdac.ca)