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MP Joy Smith Commends BC Government for its Stand Against Sex Trade Student Recruitment

WINNIPEG, MB – Member of Parliament and anti-Human Trafficking advocate Joy Smith is commending the BC Government for its strong stance against sex trade recruitment on college and university campuses.

“Those seeking to recruit Canadian students to the sex trade are empowered by public apathy, and emboldened by indifference,” said Member of Parliament Joy Smith. “Thus, I welcome the unequivocal action the BC Government has taken in writing to colleges and universities warning them of the very real threat of sex trade recruiters targeting their students.”

MP Joy Smith is the first Member of Parliament in Canadian history to have made two substantial amendments to the *Criminal Code* through Private Members Bills. Her first Bill, C-268, passed in 2010, creating a child trafficking offence that is currently being used by a number of police forces across Canada. Her second legislation, Bill C-310, passed in June 2012, provides the necessary tools for law enforcement to apprehend Canadians and permanent residents who are committing Human Trafficking offences overseas, and clarifies the definition of Human Trafficking for Canadian courts through the *Criminal Code*. In July of 2012 MP Smith called on Canadians in every part of the country to speak out against the Adult Entertainment Association of Canada’s public strategy of targeting Canadian youth.

On August 29 BC’s Advanced Education Minister Naomi Yamamoto wrote a letter to BC colleges and universities, “Students, who often feel new stresses due to new living environments and managing their own affairs for the first time, may be tempted by these monetary inducements. Many initiatives are in place to ensure students have access to our province’s world class institutions. It should not be necessary for students to submit themselves to the risks potentially involved in working in the adult entertainment business.”

“High schools, colleges, and universities fall under provincial jurisdiction,” said MP Joy Smith, “Therefore, I am encouraging the other provincial governments to follow BC’s lead and send a clear message to those seeking to lure Canadian students into strip joints and escort services: Canadian students are not for sale.”

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