



## Motion to Condemn Quebec National Assembly Bill 62

**Whereas**, Quebec National Assembly Bill 62 is entitled “*An Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality and, in particular, to provide a framework for requests for accommodations on religious grounds in certain bodies (modified title)*”;

**Whereas**, Section 9 of Bill 62 states that “Personnel members of bodies [and those receiving such services] must exercise their functions with their face uncovered, unless they have to cover their face, in particular because of their working conditions or because of occupational or task-related requirements.”;

**Whereas**, Section 3 of the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms guarantees the right to freedom of religion and expression;

**Whereas**, Sections 2 (a) and (b) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the right to freedom of religion and expression, respectively;

**Whereas**, In accordance with section 2.1.1 of the Arts Undergraduate Society Constitution, “The AUS exists to represent all McGill students in the Faculty of Arts and to promote their welfare and interests”;

**Whereas**, Bill 62 targets minority religious groups in a manner which promotes profiling and discrimination, and contradicts the aforementioned sections of both the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms;

**Whereas**, the AUS represents a diverse body of students including some who identify with the Islamic faith;

**Whereas**, Bill 62’s vague and discriminatory nature would negatively impact the rights, freedoms, and experiences of impact Arts students’ as members of a public institution and residents in Quebec;

**Whereas**, operating under the guise of religious neutrality, this bill directly and blatantly targets vulnerable communities, mostly women, people of colour, and Muslims;

**Whereas**, such practices are a form of discrimination and would further embolden Islamophobia in Quebec;

**Whereas**, the federal government has the responsibility to uphold the values of the Constitution;

**Whereas**, the McGill administration [stated](#) that “Based on the information we currently have, Bill 62 will not affect our existing policies and practices,” and thus has not condemned Bill 62;



**Whereas**, hereby reaffirming its commitment against Islamophobia on campus and in Quebec, especially at a governmental and legal level;

**Be it resolved**, that Bill 62 is contrary to the aforementioned AUS policies;

**Be it further resolved**, that the AUS condemn Quebec National Assembly's Bill 62 on social media and our weekly listserv;

**Be it further resolved**, that the AUS calls on McGill administration to publicly condemn Bill 62;

**Be it further resolved**, that the AUS offer support to students affected by the bill and initiatives seeking to raise awareness about the issues it poses;

**Be it further resolved**, that the AUS calls for the federal government to invoke their power to refer the constitutionality of Bill 62 to the Supreme Court of Canada for an advisory opinion;

**Be it further resolved**, that the Arts Representatives to SSMU push the Students Society of McGill University to call upon for the federal government to invoke their power to refer the constitutionality of Bill 62 to the Supreme Court of Canada for an advisory opinion;

**Be it further resolved**, that the AUS calls on other provincial parties to join Québec solidaire in opposing the Bill and to challenge the Bill in the Court of Quebec;

Moved by,

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