

Office of the Speaker Bureau de Président du Conseil

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Motion Regarding the Adoption of a Policy of Non-Compliance with the Proposed Bill 60

Whereas the SSMU has adopted a position in opposition to Bill 60¹, which is currently on the floor of the National Assembly,

Whereas the measures proposed in Bill 60 are, according to some legal and human rights experts², in violation of the Quebec Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, all of which make provisions for religious freedom and which outlaw discrimination based on religion,

Whereas the Jewish General Hospital³ and the English Montreal School Board⁴ have recently passed motions adopting a policy of complete non-compliance with the provisions of Bill 60 that would limit the freedom of their employees to wear religious symbols, should the law be passed,

Whereas the SSMU, as a private corporation, will not have to comply with the Bill, and has already taken a stance against the Bill,

Resolved, that the SSMU encourage McGill University to adopt a policy of complete non-compliance with the provisions of Bill 60 requiring employees to stop wearing religious symbols, including full facial coverage, to work.

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¹ http://globalnews.ca/news/952478/read-full-text-of-bill-60-guebecs-charter-of-values/

² http://www.montrealgazette.com/life/Charter+Quebec+complete+opposition+government +chairman+says/9119479/story.html

³ http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/jewish-general-hospital-will-ignore-charter-of-values-1.1543574

⁴ http://www.montrealgazette.com/life/EMSB+says+Quebec+proposed+Charter+Values/9223622/story.html