

## Take Action on Bill C-4

### 1. Call, Email or Write to your Member of Parliament

- See the sample letter for an idea of how to write your MP regarding proposed changes to Bill C-4. Remember to be respectful and use a constructive tone to improve the Bill and respect the rights of refugees. Remember, family is important to those in government, remind them of the negative impacts this will have on families of refugees.
- If you send the letter to the addresses below no postage is required.
- Suggest improvements to the Bill such as exempting parents with children from detention, and removing consequences for accepted refugees because they are in need of protection, and are therefore are not taking advantage of anyone, they are simply seeking safety.
- A suggestion for what should remain in the Bill is the ability to impound unsafe vessels used to unsafely transport people to Canada.

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### 2. Write a letter to the editor discussing concerns with Bill C-4

- Write to different papers and publications, for example the KW Record, The Canadian Mennonite, the Waterloo Chronicle, University papers, etc.
- Remember to engage people who know nothing about the issue.

**3. Be an advocate for refugees, be a public voice for compassion towards people fleeing for their lives**

- Attend events, invite your friends and family to learn more about refugee issues, and don't be afraid to stand up for the rights of refugees on the margins.

**4. Partner with MCRS to put on an event to raise awareness about Bill C-4**

- Public forums, film screenings, picnics, you name it... putting on an event is a great way to engage in a current, important issue
- MCRS is happy to come to events, church services, schools, etc. to talk about Bill C-4 and how it will affect refugees in the future

**5. Talk about Bill C-4 with friends, family and colleagues**

- Bill C-4 is regularly in the news, and negative rhetoric around refugees is becoming more acceptable in political and media circles, use opportunities you have in conversation to explain the real situations that refugee claimants come from. Explain what is wrong with the Bill, and maybe even ways to improve it.