

Petition regarding Bill C-4 on human smuggling

Petition to the Government of Canada

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada draw the attention of the Government of Canada to the following:

THAT Bill C-4, the *Preventing Human Smugglers from Abusing Canada's Immigration System Act* will place designated refugees (including children) in detention (jail) simply for seeking safety in Canada. This is a violation of the right not to be arbitrarily detained. and a violation of children's rights not to be detained.

THAT Bill C-4, the *Preventing Human Smugglers from Abusing Canada's Immigration System Act* will place accepted refugees in limbo for at least 5 years, preventing them from seeing family members, traveling outside Canada for any reason, and integrating into Canadian society because they cannot become permanent residents of Canada. These measures act to punish refugees for coming to Canada in search of protection.

THAT smuggling is already punishable by life imprisonment or a fine of up to one million dollars in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to:

Withdraw Bill C-4, the *Preventing Human Smugglers from Abusing Canada's Immigration System Act*.

Signature (Sign your own name. Do not print)	Address (Give your full home address, or your city and province, or province and postal code)

Please present completed, signed petitions (you'll need a minimum of 25 signatures) to your local Member of Parliament with a request that s/he table them in the House of Commons in Ottawa.

