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## **Keep yourself informed! Resources Database for Bill C-36**

In the past year, alongside other sex worker rights and allied organizations, POWER contributed to the creation of a series of up to date and accessible resources on the Bedford ruling, sex work law reform and Bill C-36.

If you follow this link, you will find folders filled with a collection of documents as well as various resources that were produced by teams of dedicated people:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B3mqM0hRg5FeNIY4ZkxFb2pLaWM&usp=sharing>

This Google Drive is hosted by the *Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform\** which was set up to ensure that sex workers, their allies and their advocates, as well as community members, reporters and lawmakers could access this important information easily and in a timely manner. Most documents are available in English and in French.

Folders:

1. Advocacy Guides
2. Bill C-36
  - a. Analysis - Legal, Social Science, Sexual and Reproductive Rights
  - b. Q&A (including a document on the amendments to Bill C-36)
  - c. The Bill itself
3. House of Commons and Justice Committee transcripts and documents (including briefs submitted to the Committee)
4. Info-sheets

- a. Ten Ways to Explain Prostitution Law Reform to your Constituents
  - b. After Bedford: Developing a Health and Safety Framework for Sex Work Law Reform
  - c. Canada vs Bedford: The Significance of the SCC Decision
  - d. What Canada can Learn from Sweden Criminalizing the Purchase of Sexual Services
  - e. New Zealand's Prostitution Reform Act
  - f. Why Decriminalization is Consistent with Public Health Goals
  - g. Making Distinctions Between Third Parties and Exploitation
5. New research – BMJ Open (2014) + The Lancet's special issue on Sex work (2014)
  6. Senate and Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee – Official documents, transcripts and briefs
  7. Take Action – A template letter for the public to send to their elected officials.

\*The *Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform* is an alliance between Canadian sex worker and allied groups, organizations and individuals. They joined forces across the country after the Bedford ruling to ensure that sex workers' voices would be central to discussions around law reform. Their mandate is to: fight against criminalization regimes and instead promote full decriminalization - a made-in-Canada-New Zealand model.

The Alliance is made up of the following groups and individuals:

Big Susie's (Hamilton, ON)  
 BC Coalition and WCCSIP (Vancouver, BC)  
 Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network  
 Downtown Eastside Sex Workers United Against Violence (SWUAV) (Vancouver, BC)  
 Émilie Laliberté, Sex Worker Rights Activist (Montreal, QC)  
 FIRST (Vancouver, BC)  
 Kara Gillies, Community Organizer (Toronto, ON)  
 Maggie's (Toronto, ON)  
 PIECE (Edmonton, AB)  
 Pivot Legal Society (Vancouver, BC)  
 POWER (Ottawa, ON)  
 Sex Workers Action Group (Kingston, ON)  
 South Western Ontario Sex Workers (London, ON)

Sex Professionals of Canada (SPOC) (Toronto, ON)  
Stop the Arrests! (Sault Ste Marie, ON)  
Winnipeg Working Group (Winnipeg, MB)  
Stella, l'amie de Maimie (Montreal, Quebec)  
Stepping Stone (Halifax, NS)  
(..and growing!)