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To: Standing Committee on Justice Policy
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Bill or item of business: **Bill 161, Smarter and Stronger Justice Act, 2020**

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Do you know the bill title or business (e.g., pre-budget consultations) you'd like to speak or submit material about?

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[Written Submissions \(Deadline: Friday, June 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.\)](#)

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I am submitting material as an individual

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Dear Mr. Barber,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for taking the time to acknowledge my concern.

The legal clinic system in Ontario is extremely important to me and to my community. Please listen to the clinics who are calling on the Standing Committee on Justice Policy to protect this system by improving the

text of Bill 161.

Making legal clinics inaccessible will cause irreparable damage to our most vulnerable, marginalized and low-income community members.

Bill 161 must be changed so that the Legal Aid Services Act maintains its identification of legal clinics as the foundation for the provision clinic law services. Legal clinics must have the same Ontario-wide accessibility and clear definition and purpose that they do today. Legal clinics must be governed by the communities they serve and must not be impeded in providing access to justice for low-income and marginalized people.

Sincerely,
Derek Nicholson

Would you like to add any other information?

Thank you for your time.