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December 20th 2013: Sex Workers' National Day Of Action

Vancouver Rally – December 20, Noon – 312 Main Street

On December 20th, sex workers and allies across Canada will hold actions in cities across Canada to stand in solidarity with sex workers as the Supreme Court releases its decision in Bedford vs Canada.

These events have been organized in solidarity with sex workers to show public support for Bedford, Lebovitch, and Scott in their courageous fight against Canada's unjust prostitution laws.

On September 28th 2010, sex workers and allies celebrated Justice Himel's landmark ruling that would strike down three major provisions that criminalize sex work in the Canadian Criminal Code (CCC):

- Section 210 'Common bawdy house'
- Section 212 (1)(j) 'Living on the avails'
- Section 213 (1)(c) 'Communicating for the purposes of prostitution'

Himel ruled that these laws violate the right to liberty and security guaranteed in Section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Himel exposed that the harm done to sex workers through criminalization outweighs any harm done to the community in respect of these laws. This decision was appealed by the Attorney General and was revisited in the courts at the Supreme Court of Canada on June 13th, 2013.

Prostitution laws threaten the liberty and security of almost every sex worker in all sectors of the indoor and outdoor sex industry. Sex workers and allies call for people who support the removal of all prostitution laws to be visible and vocal in their support for sex workers' rights.

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