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**Subject:** RE: Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act

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Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (SCAN) legislation would give residents the tools to take back their neighbourhoods by reporting problem residences and businesses. It also holds property owners accountable for threatening or disturbing activities regularly taking place on their property. SCAN is designed to improve community safety by targeting and, if necessary, shutting down residential and commercial buildings and land which are habitually used for illegal activities such as producing, selling or using illegal drugs, as well as prostitution, solvent abuse or the unlawful sale and consumption of alcohol.

Law enforcement agencies are seeing an increase in drug and prostitution-related criminal activity and our government needs to provide the legislation necessary to ensure residents feel safe within our neighbourhoods and communities. The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (SCAN) legislation sends a strong message, especially to drug dealers and criminals, that we do not support their activities.

The SCAN Act where it has been used shows that shutting down operations does make an impact. If the people engaged in the illegal activity move to another property, or even another community, they can be tracked and evicted again. Through this process, illegal operations are disrupted to the point they can no longer continue. This type of enforcement is not possible under any existing British Columbia law.

We need this legislation now, please let the B.C. Government know that you support this initiative.

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