

To the Attention of the Provincial Justice Minister;

I am writing today to advocate for making Non-Disclosure Agreements, as they relate to sexual assault crimes, illegal in our province.

Non-Disclosure Agreements are tools to silence victims and to protect the organizations and institutions reputations that implement them.

We have seen organizations like Hockey Canada use federal funding to pay off victims. NDAs can be so invasive as to include health records for the remainder of a survivor's life. Additionally, there is no limit on how long an NDA can be in place.

It is difficult enough for survivors to find the courage to speak their truth. Making Non-Disclosure Agreements illegal takes away one of the tools that organizations and institutions have had free reign to use to date.

Prince Edward Island is the first Province to make NDAs illegal. Their actions have already resulted in the reversal of some Non-Disclosure Agreements, allowing victims of sexual assault to finally seek justice.

It is my hope that you will consider following P.E.I.'s action and set an example for all other Provinces and Territories to follow.

There is no valid reason for allowing NDAs in cases of sexual assault but, making them illegal will certainly help survivors come forward. It will also absolutely contribute to the reduction of sexual assault and related crimes.

Making NDAs illegal is the right thing to do, and it is my hope that my Province agrees with me too.

For your consideration,