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CCNC-SJ's Submissions on Online Hate and Social Media Regulations

The Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice has made [submissions](#) on [the Government's Technical Paper on proposed approach to address harmful content online](#). The Technical Paper sets out the proposed legislative scheme for removing and prosecuting hate and misinformation online.

“Mr. Trudeau’s government must not forget that the problem of online hate is just as pressing today as it was a week ago. If there’s anything the Asian Canadian community has learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is that we cannot afford to wait any longer for online hate and misinformation to be addressed” said Ryan Chan, Project Lead on Online Hate & Social Media.

While CCNC-SJ applauds the government’s proposed legislation to combat online hate and regulate social media platforms, it raises several problematic elements. CCNC-SJ therefore recommends several crucial amendments to improve the efficacy of the legislative scheme to better serve racialized communities.

The issues and recommendations concern:

- The timeline and budget for implementation.
- The appointment, role and powers of the advisory board.
- The burden placed on victims by the legislation to report and appeal instances of hate.
- The lack of clarity on the third-party report process.
- The lack of clear uniformity in the reporting process.
- The lack of more stringent enforcement measures.
- The lack of clarity and guidelines concerning the role of police.
- The need for more research on social media algorithms and how people respond to regulation.
- Better measures of efficacy and adaptability of regulations.

With official recognition and growing evidence of systemic and widespread online hate incidents in Canada, **CCNC-SJ demands that the government:**

- Provide funding for educational programs on race and racism.
- Pass legislation to combat hate online with revisions based on the recommendations made by CCNC-SJ and other community experts.
- Provide funding to community organizations to bolster and create third party reporting initiatives and research on online hate.

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