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Submitted to Display of Flags and Emblems - Call for Evidence  
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### Introduction

1 Confirmation of having read the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee's Privacy Notice.

I confirm that I have read the privacy notice.

2 What is your name?

Name:  
Stephen Gracey

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Email:  


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Organisation:

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### Clause 1: Removal of flags or emblems in the public interest

6 Do you agree with Clause 1 of the Bill?

Yes

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

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I think as long as it's being implemented and it's a fair removal of AI generated sectarianism and paramilitary flags then it's a great idea. Ulster/ Union Jack/ Tricolour/ Football and GAA flags were appropriate are all fine.

### Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Flags are okay within communities they relate to, city centres, towns and shared spaces that fly flags can feel intimidating and cause separation

### Clause 3: Procedure for / notification of, or giving views on, flags or emblems

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

Yes

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Brilliant idea, will stop paramilitary flags being put up. Also that they can be removed by whatever authority when deemed unacceptable

### Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

Yes

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 5: Offence of obstructing the Department in removal of flag or emblem

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

No

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Depending on the severity the full force of the law should be allowed. If young ones start throwing stones/ bottles then it is unsafe for the removers and the flag won't be taken down. And knowing it's only a fine would no deter action

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

Yes

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Yes

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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