

Dear Mayor, members of the Executive Committee and Council, President of the Security Commission and members of the Commission,

As the owner of the store being targeted week after week for demonstrations at the peak selling hours of the week for more than a year now, I would like to draw your attention to few important points that should be considered in going further with the by law being considered now for amendment:

1. The **Repetitiveness** of this 2 hour weekly demonstration from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on our best selling day and hours every Saturday is causing harm in many ways.
2. The intimidation of potential buyers and our employees is becoming unbearable. It is actually turning into a form of **Psychological Violence against our employees.** We had to provide them **Psychological Counseling** due to the stress they have to undergo. Our store manager has been advised NOT to work on a Saturday as she is too upset by the demonstration. This is also detrimental to our business as Saturday is normally the busiest day on St Denis and in our store.
3. There is collateral damage caused to all other businesses and tenants neighboring on our store who are becoming desperate. Some had to lay off employees. Store, Cafes and tenants and clients are all stressed and feel that their right to live in peace and harmony is being violated.
4. Democracy is being hijacked by a radical, leftist group imposing its views on a majority of tax payers, law - abiding businesses and citizens. The minority here is abusing their democratic and individual rights to free expression by trampling on the rights of the majority and impeding the freedom of commerce and trade in this country.
5. As this fiasco goes on there is more and more risk that the situation could degenerate into physical violence. Almost every week the Police are called to the scene and in recent weeks the temperature has been going up with counter demonstrators trying to rid St. Denis of these undesirables.

Similarly to the legislative initiative concerning student demonstrations which are harming the economic activity in the City of Montreal, there must be a way to categorize **repetitive** demonstrations and place them in a category of their own with permit requirements and limits to duration and repetition .

In light of the above I would ask the Executive Committee and Council of the City of Montreal and the honorable members of the Security Commission to take a serious look at the proposed amendment being submitted to you by the group of Les Amis des Marchands sur St. Denis and act on it at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Yours,  
  
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