

Fight The Curfew!

Curfews assume that all children are guilty. There's no trial, no hearing, no excuses.

According to the curfew law, everybody under age is considered guilty. The only way to be "rehabilitated" is to get older.

This law doesn't just target "bad" youths. It targets anybody. Teenagers leaving a late movie. Kids sitting in the coffeeshop and playing chess. Children watching that 3:00am once-in-a-lifetime meteor shower.

You could be bailing your children out of jail because the concert went a bit later than you'd thought.

The law leaves shop owners open to legal charges for harboring minors. Should movie theatres start carding minors for 9:45 movies?

It means that teenagers slightly older than the curfew age have to start carrying identification. If they fail to produce it, they could be hauled away by a police officer until they can prove their age. Even South Africa and Russia have stopped requiring that people carry i.d. at all times. Why are we starting here?

What can you do? Call your representative. Write a letter to the paper. Talk to your children, neighbors, friends, parents, or family.

We live in a country that lives by the motto "innocent until proven guilty." Why must we make it a crime for a child to live under their parents guidelines, not the governments? Parents should raise children, not laws. Please, help fight the curfew.