

# Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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His Excellency Vit Koziak  
Ambassador for the Slovak Republic  
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## Women's Access to Safe Abortion at Risk

Dear Ambassador,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to immediately reject the bill currently under debate by the Slovak Parliament which amends and supplements Act No. 576/2004 Coll. of Laws on Healthcare, Healthcare-related Services. This bill poses an imminent danger to any person seeking an abortion. Furthermore, it is a direct infringement on the human rights of all women and girls.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International that this bill includes measures that are not medically justifiable such as: an extended application process and waiting process, and a requirement of a second medical authorization, and finally

We believe that the Slovak government has an obligation to reject the legislation because it violates international human rights law and medical standards which empower women to make their own decisions about their bodies.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Lane".

Nathan Lane  
Executive Director  
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mackenzie Francoeur".

Mackenzie Francoeur  
Vice President Equity  
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cc. MP Michal Sipoš, MP Peter Pčolinský, MP Anna Zemanová, MP Jana Zitňanská, MP Robert Figo, MP Peter Pellegrini