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Pop-campaign goes to Downing Street

Pop-campaign.co.uk – Milton Keynes, United Kingdom. On 18th December 2012, pop-campaign.co.uk will go to Downing Street to present 2500 of the 115560 signatures gathered so far for the petition to get glass banned across the UK from late night bars and nightclubs in city centres, serving alcohol after 11pm and replaced with recyclable Polycarbonate glasses and PET bottles.

British citizens from across the globe have signed the petition and the ban has already been implemented in several parts of the UK. One of which is Hull, where Craig Burnett, an Eye Surgeon used to operate on at least 1 glass/eye injury per week but since the ban has been put in place there have been no incidents relating to glass attacks and the eye. This has saved over £7.2 million in taxpayers' money for eye surgery alone in Hull. Imagine what the figure could be throughout the UK for all glass related injuries. It costs approximately £184,000 and 40 staff per patient just for medical treatment for **serious** injuries. This doesn't take into account the extra costs for policing, court hearings and other fees.

Marjorie and Robert Golding have been working with Police across the UK to raise awareness and educate people on this matter. They have given presentations over the past few years in police led meetings, pub watch, and regional and national home office conferences to educate on glass related incidents. *"Glass related incidents can be and should be prevented. When technology is so advanced that we are able to produce recyclable polycarbonate glasses and PET bottles, why is a mind-altering substance, served in a potential weapon? If this bill is passed, it will save millions in taxpayers' money but ultimately it will save more people from becoming a victim."* says Marjorie Golding, founder of pop-campaign.co.uk.

Pop-campaign has been fully supported by Mark Lancaster, Conservative MP for North East Milton Keynes since the beginning in 2005. Lancaster will be accompanying Robert and Marjorie Golding along with a small group of family and friends to Downing Street on Tuesday 18th December.

Facts

- 80,000 people are attacked each year with a glass or a bottle and that accounts for 4% of violent crime.
- 1.2 million Incidents of alcohol related violence per year.
- 40% of A&E admissions are alcohol related incidents, which cost the NHS £1.7 billion per year.
- ¼ of facial wounded victims suffer **serious** post traumatic stress.
- 40% of bar workers receive injuries from glass needing A&E treatment.
- Bournemouth use polycarbonate glass and it has reduced glass injuries in A&E by 70%.

Pop-campaign overview

Pop-campaign.co.uk was created in June 2005 by Marjorie and Robert Golding after their son, Blake Golding was attacked in a late night venue with a glass bottle on Christmas Eve 2004. This incident left Blake fighting for his life. He lost 4 pints of blood and is now permanently scarred on his face and neck. Pop-campaigns mission is to get glass banned from late night bars and nightclubs in city centres, serving alcohol after 11pm and replaced with recyclable Polycarbonate glasses and PET bottles.

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