Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill

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I have no comments on the specific aspects of the bill but I believe that the support given to it by police, medical and judicial authorities speaks for itself.

I would, therefore, urge the committee to adopt a positive attitude to the promotion of the bill. The effects of over-use of alcohol by all sections of the community, but particularly young people, has long ago passed a crisis point and the need for our Parliament to take a lead in adopting solutions without further delay is paramount.

If the parliament does not take action which brings immediate and effective relief from the damage which is being inflicted on individuals and communities across Scotland it will have failed in its primary function of the protection of the Scottish people. To call for “further investigation” will fly in the face of the seriousness of the situation and would, I fear, delay any action for years, giving respite to those vested interests who would see the bill gutted of its strengths.

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