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away from this restaurant because that is where the crimes are committed". It took another act of violence to maybe finally close some of these locations.

How many times, Mr. Speaker, have you heard me talk about the problems of the prostitutes on our streets and how they are wrecking, ruining, beautiful communities because parents are afraid to send their children to school. They are finding condoms on the street. They are finding syringes in the sand-pits. If the children go to play in the sand-pit the parents are afraid that they will get stung with a needle that may carry AIDS. The children from playing in a sand-pit can also pick up AIDS.

I am very proud of my residents in Parkdale because they finally said: "Enough is enough. If you the court system won't do it, if you the police won't do it, if you the politicians won't do it, we will do it". They are taking to the streets and they are doing it.

Five or ten years from now, Mr. Speaker, you will be reading headlines about our community in Toronto, how the community through community involvement is reducing and driving out the criminal element from our community because we got to the stage where the criminal element was stronger than the community element; stronger than the combined businesses, and they are organized under the business improvement association; stronger than the ratepayer groups, because we have ratepayer groups in every quadrant of my riding; stronger than the educational system which works closely with the community. The criminal element was stronger than all of these community institutions and organizations put together. No more. Now the community is getting stronger.

I am very pleased that our party has put forward a position paper on how we intend to reduce crime in our society, how we intend to make amendments to the Young Offenders Act and how we intend to bring standards back. With regard to deregulation, I mentioned in this House before this government seems to have a psychosis about deregulation. It feels that society runs better when we remove all regulations.

An hon. member: You sound like a Conservative.

Mr. Flis: The member said I sound like a Conservative. If the Conservatives practised their ideology and their philosophy then we would have safety in our communities, but they have abandoned governing, they have

abandoned management. They said: "We'll just let the private sector do it". The private sector can do it, but the private sector needs rules and regulations.

When we take all these regulations away, what happens? Since I spoke on a similar topic just a week ago, I have received another letter from a constituent, Mr. Sterling. He is very involved.

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He is helping people with heart conditions, stroke conditions and lung conditions through CB radios. They have saved lives. Through CB radio they can contact an ambulance and contact the police. They have saved many lives doing so.

They cannot do so now because this government has decided to deregulate CB radios. The Minister of Communications even said that cellular phones, which we talked about in Bill C-109, are not like the regular telephones. Cellular phones are like CB radios. If the government will do to cellular phones what it has done to CB radios, many in my community are going to take up arms or something. They cannot live with what is happening now.

Mr. Sterling wrote to me indicating that foul language, threats, warnings about Mafia, co-ax being cut, echo mikes, roger beeps, music, sound effects and all this are supposed to go against the rules and regulations set forth by the Department of Communications.

When CB radios were regulated and this kind of interruption went on, they soon got a visit from someone from the Department of Communications who put a stop to it. They cannot seem to do this. Someone from the Department of Communications paid some of these abusers a visit. They came back to Mr. Sterling and said: "Yes, we did visit the person who was doing all these interruptions but sorry, we cannot do anything about it". They are the ones who have low respect for others, especially women. I mentioned before in the House how they will curse women, run down women and use foul language on the airwaves.

Unless we get back some regulations the same thing will start happening on cellular phones. Anything that will help clean up the airwaves, be it cellular phones or CB radios, I am all for. As our critic always says we need some regulations that will bring order to our communications system. They will give us certain standards to live by.