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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my disagreement with the decision of city council to outlaw skateboarding in Saint Patrick's Square (see "City council bans skateboards," *Sentinel*, May 7, 2001, p. A4).

This decision is unfair to young people. Wouldn't city councillors rather see us engaged in a healthy and entertaining sport than hanging around in malls or wandering the streets with nothing to do? There are not many places for young people to spend their time downtown. Take away our skateboarding, and there will be even fewer.

If safety is the councillors' main concern, why not simply pass a bylaw that skateboarders must wear proper protective gear? No one I know would object to that, since we all wear pads and helmets anyway.

Or is the real purpose of the bylaw to get young people out of the square altogether?

I urge the councillors to reconsider their decision and the public to let their support for skateboarding be known.

Yours truly,

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