

Dear Chairman Hashim and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Brandi-Lynn and I am a resident of Winooski. I am writing to express my upmost support for S.54, which seeks to repeal Vermont's outdated prostitution laws. The current legal framework creates a significant and unfair double standard. Under current law, it is legal for an individual to be paid for sexual acts if a camera is present and the content is distributed online. However, that same consensual interaction becomes a crime the moment the camera is removed. This inconsistency is not based on safety or ethics, but on an outdated distinction that ignores the reality of modern labor.

By passing S.54, Vermont can:

Improve Safety: Allow individuals to work openly and report crimes or "bad actors" to law enforcement without fear of their own arrest.

Enable Fair Taxation: Move this work from "under the table" to a regulated, taxable service, ensuring that everyone contributes fairly to the state's economy.

Respect Autonomy: Acknowledge that consenting adults should have the right to make decisions regarding their own bodies and labor.

Furthermore in a personal stance I have never been one to like the idea of sharing my body with the world online. I respect the idea of a more one on one approach where I have the say in who I allow sexual gratification. Should there be rules and taxes?

Absolutely, but no more should there be criminalization and mistreatment towards those providing a service.

What I really like is New Zealands approach however it comes with its own issues and what I fear in moving forward with this Bill is that we may create revenue for our state but at what cost negatively towards our workers, will we be denied the benefits we ourselves are paying for and be denied bank loans because of the stigma of our profession?

I urge the committee to move this bill forward and make Vermont a leader in recognizing the rights and safety of all workers, but that they also keep in mind what works and what doesn't I highly encourage you to research how other countries have handled this matter in order to make this the most successful and beneficial option for all.

I thank you for your time and for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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