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Written Testimony of David Lunneberg
Ashtabula, Ohio Home Owner
Judiciary Committee
House Bill 249
October 27, 2025

Chair Thomas, Vice Chair Swearingen, and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is **David Lunneberg**, an Ashtabula, Ohio **homeowner** and concerned citizen.

I strongly **support House Bill 249** and urge this committee to advance the bill to the House Floor for a vote.

I'd like to quote a letter from United States President John Adams to Massachusetts Militia in 1798.

"Gentlemen

I have received from Major-General Hull and Brigadier-General Walker your unanimous address from Lexington, animated with a martial spirit, and expressed with a military dignity becoming your character and the memorable plains on which it was adopted.

While our country remains untainted with the principles and manners which are now producing desolation in so many parts of the world; while she continues sincere, and incapable of insidious and impious policy, we shall have the strongest reason to rejoice in the local destination assigned us by Providence. But should the people of America once become capable of that deep simulation towards one another, and towards foreign nations, which assumes the language of justice and moderation while it is practicing iniquity and extravagance, and displays in the most captivating manner the charming pictures of candor, frankness, and sincerity while it is rioting in rapine and insolence, this country will be the most miserable habitation in the world; because we have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

An address from the officers commanding two thousand eight hundred men, consisting of such substantial citizens as are able and willing at their own expense completely to arm and clothe themselves in handsome uniforms, does honor to that division of the militia which has done so much honor to their country.

Oaths in this country are as yet universally considered as sacred obligations. That which you have taken and so solemnly repeated on that venerable spot, is an ample pledge of your sincerity and devotion to your country and its government.

John Adams"

United States President and founding father, John Adams saw the dangerous results around the world, of societies with low morals. Adams rightly described our system of governance as being, "made only for a moral and religious people." It is incumbent upon us citizens to govern and control one's self and, as Pres. Adams states, our own passions. To continue enjoying the freedoms afforded us in these United States we must promote and uphold good morals, often by learning from Biblical teachings. Pres. Adams also points out, that if such corruption of morals were to come about, this country would be "the most miserable habitation in the world."

Even in small towns around Ohio, obscene performances have occurred in public parks and festivals. There is a need to define more specifically the types of performances that should be prohibited in public spaces. The great Psalmist Asaph tells us in Psalm 82 to "Rescue the weak and the needy; and deliver them from the hand of the wicked." We certainly ought to protect the children of Ohio by restricting this type of show from public spaces readily accessible by minors, in order to keep parks and public spaces safe for Ohio families to enjoy, and avoid becoming the most miserable habitation in the world.

For this reason, I respectfully urge the committee to send House Bill 249 to the House Floor for a full vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David Lunneberg