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The Honorable Angie King
Ohio House of Representatives
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Proponent Testimony in Support of House Bill 249 (Indecent Exposure Modernization Act)

Dear Representative King:

As a Butler County resident and elected official, I support House Bill 249, the *Indecent Exposure Modernization Act*. This bill provides much-needed clarity to Ohio's indecency laws and addresses situations where sexually oriented performances, such as adult drag shows, have taken place in the presence of minors.

In recent years, our community has experienced situations where adult performers—such as drag entertainers—have danced suggestively and accepted dollar bills from children who were in attendance. Regardless of personal views about such performances, it is deeply concerning when any sexually oriented behavior occurs in a setting where minors are present and participating. Current laws do not clearly cover modern performance settings, leaving law enforcement uncertain about how to respond. HB 249 closes that gap by defining and prohibiting adult cabaret performances in venues open to or attended by minors. It modernizes terminology, strengthens enforcement, and ensures consistent application across the state.

Our community expects public and family events to remain safe and appropriate for all ages. HB 249 protects children while preserving adults' freedom to perform or attend adult entertainment in proper, age-restricted venues.

I respectfully urge your support for this balanced and necessary update to Ohio law. Thank you for your commitment to protecting the safety and wellbeing of Ohio's children.

Sincerely,



Respectfully,
Nancy Nix, Butler County Auditor