

Chairwoman Abrams, Vice Chair Williams, Ranking Member Brown, and Members of the Ohio House Criminal Justice Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify as a proponent of HB 245, the Adult Cabaret Act.

My name is, Kris Black, I am a mother and grandmother from a rural area. I believe this bill needs to be enacted at the earliest opportunity to protect children's innocence. I have seen first hand the drag queens in a public arena with children present and it was very disturbing. There is absolutely no need for this kind of behavior in front of innocent children let alone adults. It needs to be moved inside and adults only.

Ohio's children should be protected from obscene performances in public spaces. When it comes to adult performances and adult imagery, those expressions need to be in adult establishment where minors are not present. Protecting children from exploitation and the robbing of their innocence is a matter of utmost importance.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Ohio and your time and consideration today of my testimony today in support of HB 245