

Via Email

Angela N. King, Representative of the 84th District of the State of Ohio
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Re: House Bill 245

Dear Representative King:

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 245. As you are aware, over the last several years, we have had events take place in Mercer County public parks where juveniles were exposed to scantily clad individuals engaging in sexualized dancing and sexual gyrations. Some juveniles even offered up dollar bills to these individuals, as if tipping strippers in a strip club.

While the vast majority of Mercer Countians oppose such sexualized public displays, state law – as it currently exists – does not preclude them. Thus, law enforcement has had to “stand down,” and allow the events to continue, despite the detrimental impact on our youth.

Ohio law criminalizes establishments, such as strip clubs, from admitting juveniles into those establishments. Yet, permits similarly sexualized displays in public arenas, visible by persons of any age, including juveniles. This “loophole” in the law should be closed. House Bill 245 would accomplish this objective. That is why I support the legislation.

Thank you for sponsoring House Bill 245 and helping to give prosecutors the tools we need to protect Ohio’s youth.

Respectfully,



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Mercer County Prosecutor