

Chairwoman Abrams, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the House Criminal Justice Committee, thank you for the opportunity to write in support of House Bill 245. I write to you in my capacity as a mother, grandmother, a CPA and former banker, and a 20+ year elected official in Butler County.

It has always been my intention to be open minded to those people with different lifestyles than my own. People should be free to be themselves and love whom they want to love. This is America, land of the free, and I pray that never changes.

Yet, how grateful I am to have come of age when adults were not pushing their sexual perversions and fetishes onto children. The innocence of childhood lasts only a short time, and the robbing of that innocence should shock anyone's conscience.

Last summer, a Pride event took place in Middletown, which, from the many photos I viewed, was obscene and robbed children of their innocence. Adults, dressed as exaggerated street hookers, were splayed on their backs, spread eagle. Others were bent over and gyrating, intentionally provocative in indescribable ways. This "erotica" did not appear light-hearted and funny, but dark, depraved, and immoral. What's worse is young children were behaving as if in a night club, standing in the front row handing over \$1 bills.

My question is why would grown men "desire" to perform overtly sexual shows in front of children, if not to confuse and defile them?

They say parents know what's best for their children, but legislatures across the country have passed labor laws to protect children, along with age restrictions for marriage, driving, drinking, etc. Live, obscene performances by men dressing as prostitutes should be limited to adult-only establishments.

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

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