Dear Chair Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to the House Bill 1333. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

I believe this bill is unnecessary infringement of the rights of business owners, performers, families, individuals and municipalities to determine what type of performances are appropriate. I feel this effort a waste of taxpayer dollars in an attempt to target and control an extremely small segment of entertainment. Entertainment which is widely accepted and celebrated across not only many communities in the US but abroad. It certainly raises the question "What is next on the agenda?"

I think legislative time and effort should be focused on positive needs for our state; namely hunger, addiction, homelessness, child care issues, adequate worker importation and retention, positive education environments, effective management of our natural resources, tourism, taxes, infrastructure and more. No further legislation is necessary to try to control morality at this time in my opinion.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my position. Thank you also for your dedicated service to our great state.

Best Regards,

Michael Southam