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Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing you to encourage you to oppose House Bill 1333.

I believe you should vote "Do Not Pass" on this bill primarily because it appears to be a "solution" in search of a problem. There currently are not many adult-oriented performances or "adult cabaret performances" in North Dakota. This bill, which is a not-so veiled attempt to restrict drag performances, is unnecessary. The majority of such performances are available for those who are legally able to drink.

Additionally, like so many other bills your committee is seeing, HB 1333 is too vague to be enacted or enforced. Are those people who are so focused on what they call "family values" (I must ask: "WHO's family values are these?" because they certainly are not mine) going to stand outside strip clubs and drag shows to card attendees? While I'd love them to do this because a.) photos of Moms for Liberty at drag shows would be amazing social media fodder AND b.) close-minded bigots would get to see the compassion, kindness, love, and welcoming environment these events curate, it seems unlikely.

Also, who is this bill aimed at: the performers? the audience? both? Will this committee determine if an event "appeals to a prurient interest?" If so, I can't wait to read that list of questions you'll be asking...

Simply put: please stop wasting your own time and the time of your colleagues as well as my money. Instead, could you please look into why the state is months behind in providing housing assistance checks to our residents.

Sincerely,

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