

Hello,

My name is Grace Deal and I reside in District 38. I am writing in support of HB 1333. As a mother of 5 young children, and a woman who has spent considerable time in the Child Development field, I am asking that you pass HB 1333 as a way to protect our children.

No child under the age of 18 needs to be exposed to sexually explicit material. They are already inundated by it through the Internet and devices. Our children's innocence needs to be protected by adults who care about them. Drag shows are a type of ADULT entertainment. When people are at the age to decide if they want to participate in sexually explicit shows, then they can make that decision. By crossing the lines and bringing this very sexualized entertainment to children, is perverted and wrong. Any adult who thinks it is ok to perform sexual acts in front of children should be criminalized. It does not matter if you cloak it with "Inclusion" or "equality" or "acceptance" language.

It is not Anti-LGBTQ to ask that adult entertainment be reserved only for adults. It is PRO-child.

A child should be allowed to walk into a public space and NOT be subject to adult entertainment. Children are not allowed in liquor stores. They are not allowed in R-rated movies. Why? Because they are not mature enough to handle it. We do not allow alcohol to be served freely on public property without checking IDs. We do not allow libraries to show R Rated movies in the children's sections. Why should we allow adult sexual entertainment to be performed in front of children?

This bill is not outlawing adult cabaret shows, but simply ensuring they are happening in settings where children are not present. These shows as defined by the bill feature "topless dancers, exotic dancers, strippers, or male or female impersonators who provide entertainment" If you can justify why a child should be present in this type of entertainment, then you should never be allowed to work with children.

We would do well as a society to consider children's needs above our own. Please pass HB 1333.

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