

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 1655

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LICENSING & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

(SUBCOMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION)

Hearing Date: April 9, 2021 9:30 AM - or upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted

Kerry Stovall, Mrs

Self

Houston, TX

This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state. I work closely with anti trafficking non profits, and in particular restoration programs for women who have been rescued from the destructive life of sex trafficking. They began as minors and those I know personally were forced into the life through strip clubs. You can't imagine the trauma that is endured, that takes a lifetime to undo, if girls live long enough to get out. No amount of money in someone's pocket is worth the childhoods, and often lives, that are stolen from these minors. We have law enforcement testimonies that tell of taking girls as young as 13 out of strip clubs. Please do what you can to keep this from happening.

Your support for HB 1655 and 3520 means that other individuals and families will not face the hardship and unknown future that many survivors have themselves faced. By passing this piece of legislation, you are protecting Texans from a job that leads them to a path of potential abuse, crime, trauma and personal destruction.

Carrie McFarland, Mrs.

City Life Church

Houston, TX

My name is Carrie McFarland and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because In ministering to women in a ministry in my church I have talked to too many women that start at a strip club at such a young age in an attempt to get a lot of money quickly! It makes absolutely no sense that the minimum age to enter is 21 but to work is 18!

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Carrie McFarland

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Jeffrey Albright

Self - Information Technology

Spring, TX

My name is Jeffrey Albright and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because as a father of (2) teenage daughters, I want to secure their safety from drugs, alcohol and sexual predators. My oldest was starting to be groomed by "friends" who began the process of introducing the group of young ladies to alcohol and their "Mom's male friends". Upon learning more about how traffickers use these tactics to steal young women, we immediately eliminated that risk from our daughter's lives. I am asking you to help me eliminate a similar risk where grooming begins in places such as

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sexually oriented businesses, and this legislation is one step in securing that safety.

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Jeffrey Albright
77389

Courtney Garrett
self

Houston, TX

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Joe Stovall
Self Student

Houston, TX

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Ashley Hurlbert
Elijah Rising

Houston, TX

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Ashley Steel
Self

Spring, TX

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Ashley Steel (Spring, Texas 77388)

Sarah Nondorf

Self, veterinarian

Houston, TX

This is important!

Amanda Henke

Self

Houston, TX

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Dolores Dawson

Self

Houston, TX

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Dolores Dawson (Houston, Texas 77089)

Cody Steel

Self

Spring, TX

ear Representative

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Cody Steel (Spring, Texas 77388)

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Self

Houston, TX

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Haley Steel

Self

Spring, TX

ear Representative

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Haley Steel - 77388

Charles Dawson

Self

Houston, TX

ear Representative

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Charles Dawson - Houston, Tx 77089

Rachel McGaughey

Self

Spring, TX

Dear Representative

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Rachel McGaughey - Spring, Texas 77379

Zach McGaughey

Self

Spring, TX

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Z. McGaughey - Spring, Texas 77379

Rebecca Cary

Hands of Justice

Conroe, TX

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My name is Rebecca Cary and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because (insert personal story).

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Rebecca Cary

Survivor Leader

Founder of Hands of Justice

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Robin Steel

Self

Spring, TX

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Robin Steel - Spring, Texas 77379

Brad Steel

Self

Spring, TX

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Brad Steel - Spring Texas 77379

Carmalita Batiste

Fight for us

Humble, TX

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Carmalita Batiste

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Ruth Reitmeier

self/ALIGN Coaching and Consulting

Houston, TX

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Humble, TX

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John Batiste

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Barry Wood, Mr

self - executive

Spring, TX

My name is Barry Wood and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because it is a start to fighting against sex trafficking in our city and our state. I have met with a number of survivors and many organizations that fight against this scourge – so many lives were destroyed starting in these strip clubs and other establishments. Girls (and boys) aged 14-21 do not have the maturity level to make these life changing decisions and are incredibly vulnerable to manipulation. They can't choose to drink alcohol, rent a car, smoke cigarettes, etc., but currently they can choose to take off their clothes in front of a bunch of desperate men, and worse, doesn't make sense does it? I can't believe you or anyone you know would choose for their daughter to work in one of these establishments!

Please don't buy the story that this creates meaningful jobs for people, that is just not true. There is nothing meaningful about them, and the testimonies I have heard and I am sure you will are consistent. Young girls are lured into working as servers, etc. in these places with slightly higher pay, and then the most common approach is to set them up one night saying "we are short staffed, we need your help, one dance on stage, just take your top off", and you can figure out the rest..... Its just horrible and I don't wish that on anyone! Listen to the survivors please!

The average age that kids are exposed to pornography is now 8 years old, the average age of a girl when she is first trafficked is between 12-14 years old, don't you find that sickening? And this has nothing to do with socioeconomic conditions, everyone is at risk! There is so much to do, but it starts with this bill!

I was absolutely appalled to find out that in the last session this bill passed unanimously in both the house and the senate, only to be kicked out on well-orchestrated technicality. I listened to the testimony presented and the floor debate. Listening to a mom who lost her daughter was heartbreaking. Please, the responsibility to do the right things sits on your shoulders.

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Sincerely,

Barry Wood

Gayla Bentley

Self

Houston, TX

This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state. Law enforcement reports pulling girls as young as 13 from strip clubs. Your support for HB 1655 and 3520 means that other individuals and families will not face the hardship and unknown future that many survivors have themselves faced. By passing this piece of legislation, you are protecting Texans from a job that leads them to a path of potential abuse, crime, trauma and personal destruction.

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Gwendolyn Baird

self, self-employed

Houston, TX

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Anna Reppert

self

Houston, TX

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Meryl Gregory

Self

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Sherri Zucker

Houston20 #FightforUS

Houston, TX

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Brittany Zucker

Smart Act Army and Houston 20

Houston, TX

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Jenny George

SMART ACT /Houston20

Bellaire, TX

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My residential zipcode is 77401. And my workplace zipcode is 77079.

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Thank you and May God bless you,
Jenny George
713-824-4424

Abbie Chuo
self
Houston, TX

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Jeff Davis, Mr
Self
Spring, TX

I encourage you to support this legislation in order to provide young women in our state greater protection against those seeking to exploit them in sexually oriented businesses. We do this in other areas of life, such as with the drinking age. It makes sense to apply a little more protection in this arena also.

Robin Estep
Self
Spring, TX

No one should work in this industry but especially no one under the age of 21

Edward Kampf
Self
Houston, TX

As our country is led down a spiraling path of corruption and evil, this bill should serve as a symbol of morality by those unwilling to accept its demise.

Susan Rutherford
self - bookkeeper
Katy, TX

Dear Representative Schofield;
My name is Susan Rutherford and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because we are losing Texas children at an alarming rate - give these teens a chance to grow up and not be forced into a life that will destroy them.

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Susan Rutherford
77449

Michael Phillips

Self Retired

The Woodlands, TX

My name is Michael Phillips and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because (insert personal story).

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MICHAEL STOVALL

Self

Houston, TX

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Rosa Alanis

Self

Houston, TX

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Rosa Alanis77007

Janet Brown

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self

Belton, TX

Dear Representative Shawn Thierry:

My name is Janet Brown and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because of seeing young girls (18 and sometimes younger) in Killeen/Harker Heights/Nolanville clubs during outreach where they are scared, branded (Boyfriends or Pimps tattoo) on their bodies, and being asked to perform naked in front of men old enough to be their fathers, uncles, grandfathers, or brothers. This is outrageous and we should be protecting our daughters. I've also seen girls being dropped off in front of the clubs by older men for work. These businesses create vulnerable and perfect conditions for sex trafficking to happen.

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Janet Brown
76513

Mitchell Wood, Mr

Self

the woodlands, TX

My name is Mitchell and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because of the indecency and serious potential for terrible abuses that is associated with these businesses.

Your support for HB 1655 and 3520 means that other individuals and families will not face the hardship and unknown future that many survivors have themselves faced. By passing this piece of legislation, you are protecting Texans from a job that leads them to a path of potential abuse, crime, trauma and personal destruction.

Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Kalli O'Malley

Self

Houston, TX

I am in favor of the passage of this bill.

Karin Wood

Self - Mother

The Woodlands, TX

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terry davis, Ms

self

conroe, TX

My name is Terry Davis and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because other individuals and families will not face the hardship and unknown future that many survivors have themselves faced. Passing this piece of legislation, you are protecting Texans from a job that leads them to a path of potential abuse, crime, trauma, and personal destruction.

Kelly Pichon

Self

Houston, TX

I'm for this bill. If it gets killed the already rampant trafficking in this state will make victims out of more children . They lie about their ages with fake ids all of the time and this will just make it easier for them .if this book gets false support .

Judy Lane Boyer

Self, Unemployed

AUSTIN, TX

Dear Representative Israel:

My name is Judy Lane Boyer, and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter). This bill would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21. It would also increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because too many young women whose brains are not developed enough to handle alcohol do not realize that what seems like an easy way to make money is a way to become exploited. I know too many people who either have suffered themselves, or have suffered seeing family members caught in this business before they really understand what they are doing. Your support for HB 1655 and 3520 means that other individuals and families will not face the hardship and unknown future that many survivors have themselves faced. By passing this piece of legislation, you are protecting Texans from a job that leads them to a path of potential abuse, crime, trauma and personal destruction.

Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by unscrupulous predators.

Judy Lane Boyer

78727

Natalie Dawley, Concerned Mother

Self / Business Owner

Houston, TX

My name is Natalie Dawley and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because (insert personal story).

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Natalie Dawley

77057

Alexandra Harvey

self

The Woodlands, TX

Bills and Taxes

Christopher Ulrich

Self

Houston, TX

This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state. You can't imagine the trauma that is endured in sexually oriented businesses such as strip clubs, which takes a lifetime to undo. No amount of money in someone's pocket is worth the childhoods, and often lives, that are stolen from these minors. We have law enforcement testimonies that tell of taking girls as young as 13 out of strip clubs. Please do what you can to keep this from happening.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 , and 2285, as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's

Janine Salgado

self

Houston, TX

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Jade James

Self

Houston, TX

Dear Representatives,

My name is Jade James and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because I lost my 18 year old daughter to being over served alcohol in an SOB. Management Knowingly served and comped

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drinks then allowed her to drive, resulting in her death. I gave my testimony in 2019 on SB923. I am coming tomorrow with a bus load of people. I hope that this session you will all make the right decision.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Thank you,

Jade James

77027

Autumn Shannon

self

Houston, TX

This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state.

My first experience in a strip club was at the age of 18. My friends took me as a joke - my curiosity and naivety got the better of me. Let me paint you the picture. A young woman with high academic achievements just starting college with conservative parents being taken to the strip club by a group of older men she just met. The establishment and dancers pulled me up onto the stage to assist in the entertainment of men. The dancer tells me to lay down and places a dollar bill on my face. She then proceeds to dance around and remove the only small thong she was wearing. She licks her hand and wets her crotch. She stands over me, straddling my face where the dollar bill lays. Then squats down picking the dollar bill off my 18 years old face with her vagina. Sexually oriented businesses are no place an 18 year old women to be. The education taught in sexual education in public school does not even scratch the surface of what sexually explicit acts can occur for the entertainment of others. Sexually oriented businesses are not a place for college students to take friends as a joke or for a fun Saturday night out.

You can't imagine the trauma that is endured in sexually oriented businesses such as strip clubs, which takes a lifetime to undo. BUT I CAN. No amount of money in someone's pocket is worth the childhoods, and often lives, that are stolen from these minors. We have law enforcement testimonies that tell of taking girls as young as 13 out of strip clubs. Please do what you can to keep this from happening.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 , and 2285, as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's

Thank you for your consideration.

Autumn Shannon

Laural Brown

Texas SMART Act Army

Katy, TX

Dear Representative Thierry:

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My name is Laura Brown and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because of abuse of young men and women.

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Laura Brown
77450

Brooke Wilder

Self

Houston, TX

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Caitlin Schrader

Self Planning Supervisor

Richmond, TX

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Mary Stokley

Self

Houston, TX

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Lisseth Cartusciello

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Self - Employee at Marathon Oil

Houston, TX

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Carolyn Arnim

self/homeschooler

Rosenberg, TX

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Amy Moya

self Accountant

Pearland, TX

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Ashley Saccheri

Self

Magnolia, TX

Hi my name is Ashley Sacchieri I am writing today in support of the bills that would raise the age of employment in sexually oriented jobs and increase crimson penalty.

Ashley Sacchieri

77354

Bryan Jacobs

Self

Seabrook, TX

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My name is Bryan Jacobs and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Bryan Jacobs
2301 Palm Circle
Seabrook, Texas 77585

Jessica Crames

Self

Richmond, TX

Please increase this age limit to protect young women and men.

Hannah Ralston

Self

Houston, TX

My name is Hannah Ralston and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state.

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Hannah Ralston
77018

Richelle Broussard

Self

Spring, TX

My name is Richelle Broussard and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because so many young females are falling prey to manipulative and controlling behavior of others with fear of trying to escape the manipulative abuse.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Aaron Pichon

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self

HOUSTON, TX

Dear Representative Hubert Vo:

My name is Aaron Pichon and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. I have been advocating for victims of sex trafficking for over 10 years through various organizations and events. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because of the many women under 21 are trafficked through or exploited by an SOB in some way.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Aaron Pichon
77094

Michelle Heinz

Stay at home mom

Houtston, TX

I support this bill. This bill will help prevent girls under the age of 21 from being sex trafficked!

Rachel Fischer, RN

Self

Houston, TX

Dear respected Representative,

My name is Rachel Fischer and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because I was trafficked underage and was a victim.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Rachel Fischer
77006

Jenny Harrison

self

Houston, TX

This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state. You can't imagine the trauma that is endured in sexually oriented businesses such as strip clubs, which takes a lifetime to undo. No amount of money in someone's pocket is worth the childhoods, and often lives, that are stolen from these minors. We have law enforcement testimonies that tell of taking girls as young as 13 out of strip clubs. Please do what you can to keep this from happening.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 , and 2285, as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's

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Cecilia Lopez
A21 Freedom Chasers
San Antonio, TX

My name is Cecilia López, and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state.

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Cecilia López
78250

Stephanie Pappas
self/speech-language pathologist

Houston, TX

I strongly support this bill.

lidya kushner

Hope Rising

Houston, TX

Dear Representative Thierry!

My name is Lidya Kushner, and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because so many minor girls are entrapped into SOB businesses by force and drugs. They should not be penalized for the crimes committed against them by predators who exploit their age and innocence.

Your support for HB 1655 and 3520 means that other individuals and families will not face the hardship and unknown future that many survivors have themselves faced. By passing this piece of legislation, you are protecting Texans from a job that leads them to a path of potential abuse, crime, trauma and personal destruction.

Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Lidya Kushner
77056

Misty Moser

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Dear Representative:

My name is Misty and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because of the border issues with sex trafficking.

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Misty Moser
77381

Kerri Taylor, Executive Director, Unbound Houston

Unbound Houston

Friendswood, TX

Please pass this bill out of committee and get it to the floor for a vote. SOB's provide an on ramp to the life of trafficking for young people aging out of foster care or experiencing other family disconnection as well as financial hardships. They are lured into the bars with waitressing jobs or other innocent work, then groomed into commercial sexual exploitation through manipulation, control and abuse. We have served devastated families who lost their loved ones to suicide and murder as well as survivors who are fighting their way out after serious trauma and abuse. Please raise the age to be employed to at least the legal drinking age. It just makes sense.

Jonathan Walliser

Self

FRIENDSWOOD, TX

No younger than age 21

Doris Michalak

Self

Jersey Village, TX

Support bill

Brenda Parker

Self - family

Manvel, TX

Please Support the SMART Act! Help end sex trafficking in Texas!

Marian McClendon

Houston 20

Tomball, TX

Dear Representative

My name is Marian McClendon and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because (insert personal story).

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Marian McClendon

77375

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Petagay Ledbetter

Self

Pearland, TX

I support this ! Age must be raised to 21!

Kimberly Rensel

The Katy 20

Katy, TX

Dear Representative Stroud,

My name is Kimberly Rensel and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because because it is heartbreaking to think that any of my daughters friends in high school would be legally allowed to take off their clothes for money.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Kimberly Rensel
77450

Lynette Naeger

Self - Texas Smart Act

Katy, TX

My name is Lynette Naeger and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply.

This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because our children are being scarred for life. My niece was trafficked and her life will never be the same.

Your support for HB 1655 and 3520 means that other individuals and families will not face the hardship and unknown future that many survivors have themselves faced.

By passing this piece of legislation, you are protecting Texans from a job that leads them to a path of potential abuse, crime, trauma and personal destruction.

Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Lynette Naeger
77494 and 77568

John Luengas

Self

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Houston, TX

Dear Representatives,

My name is John Luengas and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because I am parent that lost my daughter at the age of 18, my only child after she was served several drinks while working at a strip club and allowed to leave in her car. Shortly after she was involved in fatal accident and my life was forever changed. Had she not been allowed to work in that environment she would still be alive today.

Your support for HB 1655 and 3520 means that other individuals and families will not face the hardship and unknown future that many survivors have themselves faced. By passing this piece of legislation, you are protecting Texans from a job that leads them to a path of potential abuse, crime, trauma and personal destruction.

Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

John Luengas

77007

Edward McClendon, Dr

Houston. 20

Tomball, TX

Dear Representative Thierry,

My name is Dr. Bruce McClendon and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state.

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Edward Bruce McClendon

77375

Siddhali Sadhvi

Stopping Traffic

Windom, TX

My name is Siddhali Sadhvi and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) and HB 3520 (Chairman Todd Hunter) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because as a filmmaker, we have investigated this issue and the pain it cause.

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Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by SOB's.

Siddhali Sadhvi

75492

Sherrri Fitzpatrick

Self

Friendswood, TX

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In favor of raising the age from 18 to 21 HB

Sherrie Misterek

Unbound, Houston, Texas

Alvin, TX

I'm in favor of the SMART Act to protect vulnerable young people.
Thank you.

Anubhuti Sadhvi

Self

Windom, TX

Dear Representative,

My name is Anubhuti Sadhvi and I am reaching out today in support of HB 1655 (Representative Shawn Thierry) which would raise the minimum age of employment in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21 and increase the criminal penalty for those establishments who do not comply. This piece of legislation is critically needed in our state because I have seen many young girls being trafficked and directly involved in the sex industry due to vulnerabilities they face from being young.

Your support for HB 1655 means that other individuals and families will not face the hardship and unknown future that many trafficking survivors have themselves faced. By passing this piece of legislation, you are protecting Texans from a job that leads them to a path of potential abuse, crime, trauma and personal destruction.

Please consider supporting HB 1655 and 3520 as we come together to protect those employed by Sexually Oriented Businesses.

Linda Kennedy

Self

Friendswood, TX

I am in favor of SMART act to protect vulnerable young ppl

Mary Shellhamer

Myself

Houston, TX

This is so important. I appreciate your efforts
On working on this bill. Young girls as well
As boys are very naive at this age.

Desiree Trevino

Self/Elementary Teacher

Friendswood, TX

I am in favor of the SMART Act to protect vulnerable young people.

Jess Brassington

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Self

Montgomery, TX

I support this. I'm a mother of three and I've seen the other side of these sexually oriented businesses as family members frequented them and "dated" employees of these establishments. I saw this lifestyle as a child and now as I am an adult I'm putting all the pieces together and there is a Darkside to it. I've personally spoken to people who have worked in these places and they have told me about tactics used and businesses should be held accountable when they break the law.

Please help protect our children and make it a little more challenging to target and prey on them for profit

Lynne Dowell

Houston 20

Houston, TX

I support this bill

Beth Skeeter

Unbound

Friendswood, TX

I support raising the age at all costs

Aimee Bramlett

Self

Tx, TX

Age needs to be raised.