

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 3520

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LICENSING & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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(SUBCOMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION)

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Kerry Stovall

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.

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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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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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Courtney Garrett  
self

Houston, TX

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Ashley Hurlbert  
Elijah Rising

Houston, TX

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Ashley Steel  
Self

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Ashley Steel (Spring, Texas 77388)

Mike Steel

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Dolores Dawson

Self

Houston, TX

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Dolore Dawson (Houston, TX 77089)

Amanda Henke

Self

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Cody Steel

Self

Spring, TX

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Self

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Haley Steel - Spring 77388

Charles Dawson

Self

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Houston, TX

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Charles Dawson - Houston, Tx 77089

Rachel McGaughey

Self

Spring, TX

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Rachel McGaughey - Spring, Tx 77379

zach McGaughey

Self

Spring, TX

Dear Representative

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Zach McGaughey - Spring, Texas 77379

Robin Steel

Self

Spring, TX

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Robin Steel - Spring, TX 77379

Brad Steel

Self

Spring, TX

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Brad Steel - Spring Texas 77379

Ruth Reitmeier

self/ALIGN Coaching and Consulting

Houston, TX

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Carmalita Batiste

Fight for us

Humble, TX

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John Batiste

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John Batiste  
77347

Barry Wood  
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

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Self

Houston, TX

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Gwendolyn Baird

self, self-employed

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Anna Reppert

self

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Meryl Gregory

Self

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Brittany Zucker

Smart Act Army/Houston 20

Houston, TX

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Abbie Chuo

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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.

MICHAEL STOVALL

Self

Houston, TX

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Rosa Alanis

self

Houston, TX

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Rosa Alanis77007

Paul Hyatt

self

Hitchcock, TX

Young girls should not be allowed in those types of places.

Janet Brown

self

Belton, TX

Dear Representative Todd Hunter:

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

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Mitchell Wood, Mr

Self Employed/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.

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Kalli O'Malley

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Self

Houston, TX

I am in favor of the passage of this bill 3520.

Karin Wood

Self - Mother

The Woodlands, TX

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terry davis, Ms

self

conroe, TX

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Natalie Dawley, Concerned Parent

Self / business Owner

Houston, TX

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Natalie Dawley

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Janine Salgado

self

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Houston, TX

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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 drinks then allowed her to drive, resulting in her death. In 2019 I gave my testimony on SB 923. I am coming tomorrow again to give my testimony with a bus load of people. I hope that this session you will all make the right decision and protect our youth.

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.

Thank you,

Jade James

77027

Autumn Shannon

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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Thank you for your consideration.  
Autumn Shannon

Brooke Wilder  
self  
Houston, TX

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Laura Brown  
Texas SMART Act Army  
Katy, TX

Dear Representative Hunter:

My name is Laura 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 abuse of young men and women.

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Laura Brown  
77450

Caitlin Schrader  
Self Planning Supervisor  
Richmond, TX

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Lisbeth Cartusciello  
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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Bryan Jacobs

Self

Seabrook, TX

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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Bryan Jacobs

2301 Palm Circle

Seabrook, Texas 77585

Hannah Ralston

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Self

Houston, TX

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Hannah Ralston

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Richelle Broussard

Self

Spring, TX

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

Michelle Heinz

Stay at home mom

Houtston, TX

I support this bill as it will prevent human trafficking!

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

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Jenny Harrison

self

Houston, TX

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Tara West

Self, Petroleum Engineer

Richmond, TX

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Stephanie Pappas

Self/speech-language pathologist

Houston, TX

I support this bill!

lidya kushner

Hope Rising

Houston, TX

Dear Representative HUnter!

My name is Lidya Kushner, and I am reaching out today in support of HB 3520 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 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

Kerri Taylor, Executive Director

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 who entered this life through an SOB. Please raise the age to be employed to at least the legal drinking age. It just makes sense.

Doris Michalak

Self

Jersey Village, TX

Support bill

Brenda Parker

Self - family

Manvel, TX

Please support the SMART Act and hel end human trafficking in Texas!

Petagay Ledbetter

Self

Pearland, TX

I support this! This should be a criminal offense!

Lynette Naeger

Self

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. I mean - why wouldn't you, right?

Lynette Naeger

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John Luengas

Self

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.

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

John Luengas

77007

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

Anubhuti Sadhvi

Self

Windom, TX

Dear Representative,

My name is Anubhuti Sadhvi and I am reaching out today in support of HB 3520 (Representative 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 have seen many young girls being trafficked and directly involved in the sex industry due to vulnerabilities they face from being young. Our children are the future and we must protect them.

Your support for HB 3520 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.

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

Thank you,

Anubhuti Sadhvi  
75492

Linda Kennedy  
Self  
Friendswood, TX

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

Lynne Dowell  
Houston 20  
Houston, TX

Very much supporting this bill

Tina Goodrich  
Representing deceased daughter, Jessica Mugica  
Montgomery, TX

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