



Re: Oppose HB254

March 5, 2024

Dear House Labor and Commerce Members,

We are writing in strong opposition to HB254.

The Community United for Safety and Protection (CUSP) is a group of current and former sex workers, sex trafficking survivors, and allies working towards safety and protection for everybody in Alaska's sex industries. We are outraged that the legislature has allowed Vance's ongoing war on sex workers during the very public trial of Brian Steven Smith, a serial killer suspected of killing far more sex workers and Alaska Native women than the two he was recently convicted of.

HB254 would create a civil liability for adult content creators if a minor accesses our materials. **It is already a serious state and federal crime to send pornography to a minor**, but the lower standard of evidence in civil courts risks this bill being used against sex workers who did not send content to a minor.

The vast majority of Alaskan adult content creators use platforms like onlyfans or ccbill that do age verification for us, or if we sell independently we require an ID and matching face video. Once someone has accessed our adult content, we can not control whether that person shows it to a minor or resells it.

There are men who buy our content and then pose as us on discord servers and sell it at a reduced price. Why isn't the Legislature doing anything to stop these men who steal and resell our content or the serial killers who target us? Why are you spending time on Vance's ridiculous war on sex workers?

Please vote no on this horrible bill.

Thank you,
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