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We are writing to seek early input from entertainers on ordinance changes we are coauthoring on the subject of better regulating adult entertainment venues. We respectfully request that the University of Minnesota Urban Research Outreach and Community Engagement Center (UROC) facilitate a process to receive this early feedback directly from entertainers in the industry.

It is our hope that more effective regulation can curb and prevent exploitation of the kind that we learned about in the UROC report *Workplace Perspectives on Erotic Dancing*, and promote and protect the safety, dignity, and well-being of entertainers. Conversely, we are looking to avoid regulation that might harm workers, increase conditions that stigmatize workers, or allow unsafe work conditions. Because of this, input directly from entertainers and workers in this industry is essential to crafting any ordinance.

We understand that UROC is only facilitating the direct feedback process and will not be making any recommendations, interpreting or altering any feedback, or otherwise contributing opinion to this process.

Thank you for your willingness to partner with us on crafting these proposed regulations that we hope will improve the lives of workers in this legal industry.

Sincerely,



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