

Testimony in Support of HB 6683 An Act Concerning the Abatement of Public Nuisance

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I am unable to attend the public hearing on Monday, April, 15,2013 on a law concerning a public abatement nuisance ordinance but I want to make my support for such a law on the record. Recently the state and the city of Bridgeport passed laws to ensure that businesses which advertised as massage parlors were in fact legitimate massage parlors and not fronts for sexually oriented establishments. These actions were initially successful and at least in the case of Bridgeport all of these bogus massage parlors were shut down. Now, however, these businesses have begun to reopen and when shut down by the police just wait a short time and reopen again. This is possible because the penalties for reopening a bogus massage parlor are insufficient to deter their reopening even after they have been closed down. We can not expect the police to constantly monitor these establishments taking away from the many other important duties placed on most understaffed police departments. What is needed is an adjustment to existing law or an new law which will have sufficient penalty too discourage these business owners from reopening. Closing this loophole is important because nothing undermines the public faith in government more than a law which can easily be evaded. I respectfully request that you give this very important issue relevant too the quality of life in our communities your most earnest attention.

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