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**Testimony for State Representative Kim Fawcett from Fairfield's 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District on,  
April 15, 2013, H.B. No. 6683 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ABATEMENT OF A  
PUBLIC NUISANCE**

Representative Fox, Senator Coleman, Ranking Members and members of the Judiciary Committee, for the record my name is Kim Fawcett and I am here today to offer testimony on H.B. No. 6683 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ABATEMENT OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE. This has been a problem in my and surrounding communities.

In 2012 the legislature passed an act concerning massage therapy that cracked down on illegal massage parlors that engage in prostitution and human trafficking. This law helps to promote legal massage therapy while providing law enforcement officers with an excellent tool to close down the illegitimate businesses operating as fronts for prostitution. Just last week, Stamford police were able to use this law to stop a man from soliciting a prostitute. That situation led to a raid on three illegal massage parlors in Stamford.

This bill would help address the problem of businesses that are storefronts for other illegal activity and expands the current law to other crimes. They include maintaining a motor vehicle chop shop, illegal gambling, illegal sale of alcohol without a permit to do so, promoting an obscene performance or materials, and a problem that we have recently had in Fairfield, illegal distribution and/or manufacturing of drugs. There are hookah lounges that are repeatedly selling drugs to people who come in, and there is not currently a law that would allow law enforcement to shut them down permanently for this.

The raised bill before you will help improve quality of life for residents who have to deal with these issues on a daily basis, and provide law-enforcement with the tools to shut these kinds of illegal activity down for good. Thank you for letting me testify this morning and I would be happy to take any questions.