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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of NSW who has spent some time living in the Northern Territory as well as other parts of Australia. My home state enjoys some of the most progressive sex work laws in the world, with nearly full decriminalisation. I have a number of close friends who are sex workers and with whom I've discussed many of the issues they face in their lives and work. I fully support the full decriminalisation of sex work as the best model for ensuring the rights, health and safety of sex workers, their clients, and industry operators.

Obviously, the current system of registration and licensing in the Northern Territory is outdated and unworkable. Forcing sex workers to apply through the police and be on a life-long register is an outrageous affront to their dignity and privacy. It's discriminatory against those who chose to engage in sex work and serves no useful purpose. Bans on brothels, co-ops and the hiring of support staff such as drivers or security is clearly a cause of much danger faced by sex workers.

I concur with Scarlet Alliance and the Sex Workers Outreach Program NT in their support of the Sex Industry Bill 2019, which will go a long way to ensure that sex workers are able to access workplace health and safety protections, industrial protections and rights, justice and legal protection and redress that should be afforded to all Territorians, I also support the amendments recommended by Scarlett Alliance and SWOP NT, relating to advertising restrictions and suitability certificates.

Kind regards,
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