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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Paul I. Clymer 

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship of Legislation

I am planning to introduce legislation which will create a freestanding act to be known as the Sexually Oriented Businesses Revenue Act.

Some of you have experienced the negative and disruptive effect that the operation of strip clubs has on our local communities. Underage drinking, prostitution, disorderly conduct and other criminal activities are just some of the challenges presented by these establishments. The necessary time that law enforcement personnel spend responding to complaints and policing the clubs to ensure compliance with local code restrictions is time that could be better spent on community security. And, an equally serious threat to our community harmony is the debasement of women in the sleazy atmosphere of such clubs.

My bill will impose a \$5 fee for each customer entry to a sexually oriented business, which is defined as a nightclub, bar, restaurant or similar commercial enterprise that provides live nude entertainment or performances and authorizes consumption of alcohol on the premises. The business will be required to remit the collected fees on a quarterly basis to the Department of Revenue, which shall forward the monies to the Department of Public Welfare to be used for rape victim services. The monies will not supplant any current Federal and state funds that are currently available for rape victim services.

Please join me in cosponsoring this measure by contacting my office at 783-3154 or via e-mail at naviles@pahousegop.com. Thank you.

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