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House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Bella Robinson. I am the executive Director of COYOTE RI. We are writing in support of H7219

We support removing mandated HIV testing for people who are arrested for prostitution related charges. As experts that have conducted mountains of [research on US sex workers](#), we know mandating testing undermines trust between sex workers and healthcare professionals.

Please review [COYOTE RI's Policy recommendations](#) to the H5250 study commission. . COYOTE in collaboration with the Lifespan, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and the St. James Infirmary, created [Continuing Medical Educational Modules](#) for Healthcare providers so sex workers can feel safe disclosing their status as sex workers to health care providers and be treated with the respect and dignity as all other patients.

Please vote yes on H7219

Thank you for you time and consideration

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