

Community Safety and Health Amendment Act of 2019

A NEW APPROACH TO SEX WORK FOR THE DISTRICT



80%

of street-based sex
workers experience
violence

D.C.'S CRIMINALIZATION OF SEX WORK ISN'T WORKING

The District, like most jurisdictions, has long had criminal penalties for consensual sexual exchange. Although widely used, such an approach has never worked – instead it only serves to harm the most vulnerable while fostering violence and exploitation.



1 IN 5

D.C. sex workers has been
approached by police
asking them for sex

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW APPROACH

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79%

of sex workers surveyed
reported that housing
was their most
immediate need



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25%

of anti-LGBT homicides were against sex workers in 2012.

D.C.'S CRIMINALIZATION OF SEX WORK HARMS THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

Criminalization of sex work has a greater negative impact on communities that already face increased discrimination, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals—especially those of color.



2.5X

Attacks against transgender sex workers are nearly 2.5 times more likely to involve a gun.

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85%

of trans sex workers in the District of Columbia are Black or Latinx.



33%

of HIV infections averted in the next decade through sex work decriminalization.



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