

## **In Support of H8272**

My name's Susan Ackerman. I'm a transsexual woman and I've been a full service escort for about three years. I've worked several jobs in my life, and sex work has given me the most freedom and self-determination by far. As with every job I've had, I've had to deal with a few difficult customers. One of the worst I've had as an escort was a state trooper. He was especially pushy during the session, and even tried to slip his condom off without me knowing. When I reiterated that he had to wear a condom, he aggressively demanded "why!?" After getting him to put a condom back on, I thought ok, I just need to get to the end of this hour session. Twenty more minutes. When his time was up, I told him the session was over. He demanded more time. When I told him again that the session was over, he grabbed me by the head and tried to force me to perform oral sex on him, all the while telling me that he's a state trooper. Thankfully, my roommates were home. I threatened to scream, which scared him enough to let go of me and give up trying to extort me for more services. Before he left, he smiled and asked if he could see me again. I told him no. This was two years ago, but I remain vigilantly on guard knowing I have no legal protections from this man's intimidation and terror, should he decide to retaliate or attempt to re-victimize me.