Dear Sir or Madam,

I have to apologize for sending you this letter in the English language but none of us learned to speak Dutch well enough and we do not trust other Dutch sex workers to translate for us so therefore you will have to read this and react in English if possible.

First of all, I am speaking in the name of a community of Romanian sex workers in order to share our problems and our view on the new Wet Regulering Sekswerk Law. According to all the statistics Romanians are number 1 at sex work in all Europe and lately we are facing huge violent behaviors from clients, family and the society who treat us like objects because the law allows them. After reading the text carefully I personally agree to the main points and here are the opinions from our group:

- The minimum age of 21 years old is a great way of adjusting and regulating the sex work, most
 of us started at 18 or earlier and we are sorry no one stopped us. When you're young you are
 most likely to do mistakes that later will impact your life forever. Therefore, having 3 years extra
 can make someone who is confused think better about their future job and explore possibilities.
- Commercializing sex only if you have an authorization is also a plus point. Most of us are 30+ and we have to fight competition of girls who are 18 or less of age and who are brought here in the Netherlands by pimps or by their own families. That kind of sex work should not be allowed.
- Clients who use girls under 21 years old should be criminalized.
- All the 8-10 city halls giving permits should have VERY specialized workers to identify if someone
 is working for herself/himself but there must be a follow up and regular check after that. In
 most of the cases is not visible when someone is forced to do sex work for someone else.
- City halls should give up regulation about working at home. The permit you are enforcing with WRS should be ENOUGH for us to work at home is we want that, please don't make our work more difficult by adding more rules apart from the permit and the KVK-accountant obligation.

We are going to sign this letter with our real names but without full surnames. Finally, we would like to draw the attention on you that the money given by the government to stopping prostitution are very

wrongly spent. We don't even get flyers and we are badly discriminated as being East Europeans in NL.

Big organizations like Proud do not have even one Romanian member while they get to spend more than half million euro from public money to 'help sex workers'. Minister, regulate the sex work now in this country please and don't spend any money on sex workers unions or organizations, we don't need it

These unions that discriminate and that are full with Dutch persons who pretend they were sex workers just to cash in the benefits and the money for a vulnerable group like us. Stop this non sense of giving money to people who never show their real identity and who will never agree to the laws.

Make sex work safe for us and for all the future generations, do not allow any abuse anymore.

Yours sincerely,

Roxana S. and 'The Red Light Girls' on 28th Nov 2019

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