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House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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TO: All Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Peter J. Zug *PJZ*
DATE: December 27, 1994
SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation - Prohibiting Prostitution

When we return to session I plan to introduce legislation which would further prohibit prostitution.

This legislation would make it a felony of the third degree if the person committing the offense was knowingly immunodeficiency virus (HIV) positive or infected with the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) virus.

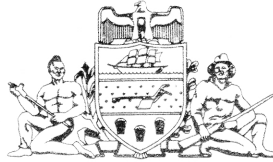
If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jodi at 7-2686.

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JOHN F. CHERRY
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January 27, 1995

Honorable Peter J. Zug
House of Representatives
House P.O. Box 90
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In re: House Bill No. 25

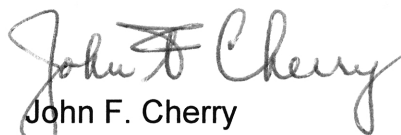
Dear Representative Zug:

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to review House Bill No. 25, which would amend the crime of prostitution to provide for a more severe grading if the person who committed the offense knew he was HIV positive or infected with the AIDS virus. The Dauphin County District Attorney's Office whole-heartedly supports this legislation, as it will be a valuable tool in the prosecution of such cases.

In Dauphin County, in the past few years, our office has prosecuted several individuals who were engaging in prostitution while they were HIV positive or infected with AIDS. One individual who was prosecuted indicated that she had sexual relations with well over a hundred individuals since she had become aware that she was HIV positive. That particular individual was sentenced to the maximum sentence under current law of 6 to 12 months incarceration. Within a year, that same individual was arrested in the City of Harrisburg for engaging in prostitution. Even as a repeat offender, that person could not be sentenced to more than 6 to 12 months. Once that sentence expires, no further supervision of the individual is possible. Were House Bill No. 25 to become law, such individuals could be punished by incarceration, and, in appropriate circumstances, could be supervised by parole authorities for extended periods of time. As current law only provides for prostitution to be a misdemeanor of the third degree, any increase in the grading of an offense under these circumstances would be most useful.

Again, please be assured that the Dauphin County District Attorney's Office supports this legislation. Should you need anything further, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


John F. Cherry
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BRADFORD H. CHARLES
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MICHAEL WAHMANN
CHIEF COUNTY DETECTIVE

March 1, 1995

The Honorable Peter J. Zug
112 West Main Avenue
Myerstown, PA 17067

Dear Pete:

I have reviewed the proposed legislation you have forwarded to me regarding prostitutes who are H.I.V. positive.

As you know, I strongly favor such legislation. Recently, our county arrested a prostitute who was H.I.V. positive and who bragged about sleeping with 500 men. Because she was arrested by an undercover police officer who was posing as a "John", we could not actually prove that she endangered anyone's life. Thus, we were relegated to charging a misdemeanor offense. Unfortunately, this prostitute was sentenced and released back into the community after serving only approximately six months.

I believe strongly that a prostitute who knows that he/she is H.I.V. positive should be subject to more serious criminal sanctions. The legislation which you have proposed would accomplish this.

As I advised you on the phone, the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association voted to support stronger penalties for prostitutes who are H.I.V. positive. Unfortunately, with the spread of the AIDS virus, I believe that the problem which we faced in Lebanon County will become more prevalent. One of the reasons for criminal sanctions is to deter future criminal conduct and protect the community by keeping a violator off the streets. Legislation such as the one you have proposed will help accomplish both of these goals as it relates to H.I.V.-positive prostitutes.

The Honorable Peter J. Zug
March 1, 1995
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Thank you for taking the initiative regarding this issue. I know that Senator Chip Brightbill has also sponsored similar legislation in the Pennsylvania Senate. You may want to speak with him and coordinate your efforts toward making this needed legislation a reality.

If you have any questions relating to the above, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



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March 13, 1995

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Honorable Kathy M. Mandarino
Member
House Judiciary Committee
103A East Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Mandarino:

Enclosed are copies of letters, for your perusal, from Brad Charles, Lebanon County District Attorney and John Cherry, Dauphin County District Attorney, pertaining to my legislation (House Bill 247) which is scheduled to be voted by the Judiciary Committee tomorrow, Tuesday, March 14, 1995.

Furthermore, I would appreciate it you would review House Bill 247 and the above-mentioned letters and ask that you vote favorably.

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pet".

PETER J. ZUG, MEMBER
102nd Legislative District

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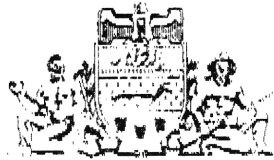
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January 27, 1995

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March 22, 1995

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Mr. and Mrs. Milton Watts
271 Winding Brooks Run
North Wales, PA 19454

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Watts:

Thank you for your recent letter to me regarding my legislation. I truly appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

You will be pleased to know that my legislation was amended unanimously in the House to include the same penalty for clients of prostitution. I believe this action satisfies your concern.

Again, thank you for your note concerning this very important legislation facing Pennsylvania.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete".

PETER J. ZUG, MEMBER
102nd Legislative District

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271 Winding Brook Run
North Wales, Pa - 19454
March 20, 1995

Dear Rep. Peter Zug,

I see you sponsored
a bill about prostitution
should be a third degree
felony if the prostitute
knowingly is infected
with H.P.V. or A.I.D.S.

How would a prose-
cutor prove she was in-
fected? Shouldn't she as
well as the "john" that she
is caught with both be
tested? How did she get
the disease? Why is only
one partner committing the
crime? Who originated this
idea anyway? An old, old idea
was it originated

2. ~~They~~ by homosexuals?

They sure were not thinking straight anyway!

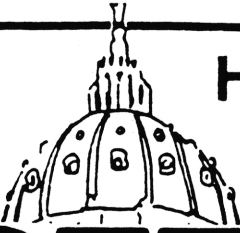
A prostitute needs an accomplice, doesn't she/he? Why aren't they both committing a crime?

Please change your law so that it is more honest and sensible. —

Sincerely

Mr. + Mrs. Milt Watts

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Watts
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News

FOR RELEASE:

March 14, 1995

House of Representatives

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Rep. Peter J. Zug
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HARRISBURG -- The House Judiciary Committee approved Rep. Pete Zug's (R-102nd) bill which seeks to increase penalties for convicted prostitutes who know they are HIV positive or infected with the AIDS virus.

If enacted, the Zug bill would make anyone convicted of prostitution, and is knowingly human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) positive or infected with the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) virus, subject to a third degree felony. Third-degree felonies are punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$15,000.

Zug introduced the bill at the request of Lebanon County District Attorney Brad Charles and Dauphin County District Attorney John Cherry.

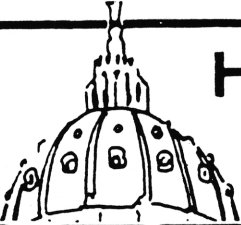
"Prostitution is already a crime in Pennsylvania," Zug said. "However, those prostitutes who are HIV positive are potential killers. Worse, prostitutes who know they are HIV positive must understand that they are not just breaking the law concerning prostitution, they are endangering the lives of others."

Zug said several reports in Pennsylvania newspapers made it clear that this legislation was needed.

"The Lebanon Daily News and the Harrisburg Patriot-News have carried several stories about local prostitutes who were HIV positive and the need for anyone who had been involved with these prostitutes to be tested," Zug said.

Approved in committee by a vote of 19 to 3, House Bill 247 now goes to the House floor for consideration.

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Rep. Peter J. Zug
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FOR RELEASE:

March 21, 1995

HARRISBURG -- Legislation introduced by Rep. Pete Zug (R-102nd) and passed today by the House would increase penalties for convicted prostitutes who know they are HIV positive or infected with the AIDS virus.

House Bill 247 was approved by a vote of 184 to 12. The legislation would make anyone convicted of prostitution and who is knowingly HIV positive or infected with the AIDS virus subject to a third-degree felony. Third-degree felonies are punishable by up to seven years in prison and a fine of up to \$15,000.

"It's unfortunate this legislation is necessary, but we have seen several situations where it could have already been utilized," Zug said.

Zug introduced similar legislation last session at the request of Lebanon County District Attorney Brad Charles and Dauphin County District Attorney John Cherry.

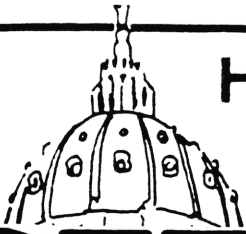
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The legislation was originally approved by the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 19 to 3. The legislation will now go to the Senate for consideration.

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April 26, 1995

House of Representatives

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Rep. Peter J. Zug
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HARRISBURG -- Legislation introduced by Rep. Peter J. Zug has been unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 247, passed by the House in March by a vote of 184 to 12, increases penalties for convicted prostitutes who know they are HIV positive or infected with the AIDS virus.

The legislation would make anyone convicted of prostitution and who is knowingly HIV positive or infected with the AIDS virus subject to a third-degree felony. Third-degree felonies are punishable by up to 7 years in prison and a fine of up to \$15,000.

Zug introduced the measure at the requests of Lebanon County District Attorney Brad Charles and Dauphin County District Attorney John Cherry.

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