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The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP
Federal Member for Sydney
150 Broadway
Broadway NSW 2007

To the hon. Tanya Plibersek, Member for Sydney,

RE: Supporting sex worker organisation peer education prevention efforts

Australia enjoys a strong network of sex worker community organisations, led by the peak body Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association. The Commonwealth Government National HIV and STI Strategies, and National Roundtable on People Trafficking, promote:

- sex worker peer education
- targeted information in English, Chinese, Thai and Korean
- sex worker friendly support
- referral to appropriate services
- human rights approaches

These principles are central to Australian responses to HIV, STIs and human trafficking.

I am a voter in your electorate and I support the human, civil and industrial rights of sex workers in Australia.

I write to you today to ask you as my local member to ensure sex workers enjoy the same rights as all other workers. I am concerned about dwindling or unconfirmed levels of funding for peer education in Australia, for the prevention of HIV, STIs and human trafficking.

Please substantiate existing Government policy with concrete funding commitments to sex worker organisations in Australia. Adequate resourcing will ensure sex worker voices are represented in forums where policy is influenced or determined.

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