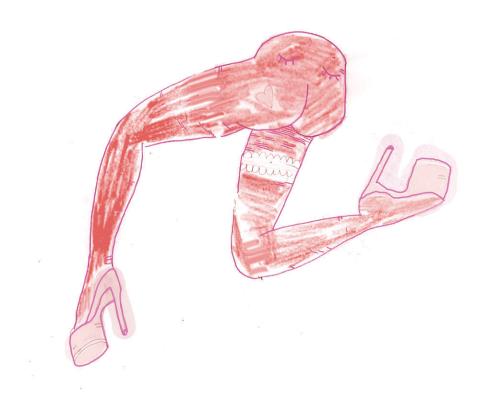


THE GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO DESTROY



THE SAFETY & VISIBILITY
OF THE SEX WORKER
COMMUNITY



THE STIGMA IS WHAT HURTS US THE MOST:

A bill called SESTA will be voted on by the Senate on March 2018. It is disguised as a sex trafficking bill but truly aims to silence sex workers by criminalizing the content they put on the internet. Stigmatizing sex work is harmful and has dangerous outcomes. This stigma is what leads to bills like SESTA being considered as sex trafficking bills without acknowledging the effects it will have on sex worker communities organizing and working online. Many sex workers find customers on the internet, as well as communicate with other sex workers about the safety of potential customers, or share tips and other valuable information.

CONSENSUAL SEX WORK and SEX TRAFFICKING are TWO DIFFERENT THINGS

Sex workers want to see sex work decriminalized. Sex work is real work and should be valued as such.

Think about the ways in which you consume the work of sex workers. Have you watched porn? Do you go to strip clubs? Do you buy sex? Do you go on cam sites or call phone sex operators? There many facets to the sex industry, yet most people don't consider themselves part of it. If you partake in any of these things, you are involved in the sex industry and should be concerned with our health and safety.

Consider your relationship to sexuality and consider the ways in which that affects your opinions of sex work.

Despite the outcome of this bill, sex worker communities are always vulnerable to violence. Violence will increase with internet cencorship. Despite this, SEX WORKERS AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE. We are a resilient community and we will find ways to organize and communicate.

For more information about sex work and how to be a better ally visit Sex Workers Outreach Project website http://www.new.swopusa.org/