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Dear [REDACTED],

I share your concerns regarding the safety and security of all involved in sex work. You will be pleased to hear that it is already Green Party policy to support the decriminalisation of sex workers working on the street.

Myself and the Green Party believe that the decriminalisation of prostitution should *not* require all prostitutes to work in regulated brothels because doing this would still leave a criminalized street prostitution market.

If it were the case that only regulated brothels were legal then those workers who find a regulated brothel to employ them would work legally but those who did not find such regulated sex work would still work illegally on the streets. In order to protect those street workers (often the most vulnerable) the law should not criminalize their activity.

I obviously understand that those involved in paid sex work are very vulnerable to violence and exploitation. There should be zero tolerance of any forms of these. This is why I am supportive of harm reduction schemes which would better enable those working in the industry to come forward and seek help if needed.

With regard to your comments on trafficking, the Green Party believe that those who have been trafficked into the country and forced to work in the sex industry against their will should receive protection under the law. We also believe that there should be legal support for sex workers who want to sue those who exploit their labour unfairly, along with access to re-training for those sex workers who want to leave the industry.

You might be interested to know that the Green Party has a full policy statement on 'Prostitution and the Sex Industry' that you can find online [1].

If elected I will fight to keep sex workers safe and secure in the best ways possible.

Yours Sincerely,



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[1] <https://policy.greenparty.org.uk/rr.html>