## Sex Worker Demands 2024/2025

**About Our Demands:** We represent a vibrant cross-section of adult entertainers from throughout the United States who regularly gather to discuss policy recommendations as well as share data about policy failures—specifically how laws and policies written without our input have decimated our community.

Our exact numbers are difficult to trace due to lack of financial support and societal stigma, but we estimate we are about <u>2 million strong</u>—a significant voting bloc in the U.S. As all other workers in America, sex workers deserve dignity, safety, freedom of speech and sovereignty in our lives and on the job. These are our demands:

[1] We demand that the promise previously made: that the Democratic Party will "Protect the lives of sex workers, especially Black trans sex workers" be immediately returned as a goal and promise of the Democratic Platform. Federal and state legislators keep operating within a system that simultaneously criminalizes and denies our existence. We demand acknowledgement. We exist.

## [2] Repeal SESTA/FOFSTA.

COYOTE RI (Call off Your Old Tired Ethics, Rhode Island) and several other sex worker-centered organizations have gathered empirical data from thousands of sex workers that demonstrates the absolute policy failure of FOFSTA. Please read attached amicus brief and survey: <a href="https://coyoteri.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/CoyoteRI-AMICI-FOSTA-Appeal-2022.pdf">https://coyoteri.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/CoyoteRI-AMICI-FOSTA-Appeal-2022.pdf</a> and

## https://coyoteri.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/FourYearsOfFosta.pdf

[3] We demand a public apology from Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett to Stormy Daniels for the pejorative comments Crockett made at the DNC about Stormy Daniels, specifically referring to Daniels as a "porn star" with contempt. We demand that Crockett apologize as well as thank Stormy Daniels for her testimony which was vital in successfully charging Donald Trump with 34 felony accounts for falsifying business records.

- [4] We demand a federal law that punishes cops for assaulting sex workers during an arrest. Federal agents become perpetrators when they have sexual contact and penetration with anyone in their custody (or a person who is under investigation for 'human trafficking'). Sex workers and our clients need to be able to communicate productively with federal agents with the aim of stopping violence and sex trafficking by identifying dangerous people with whom we may come into contact with. We cannot and will not do that when we are assaulted or arrested by the same cops.
- [5] **We demand federal privacy laws be enacted.** Facial recognition software, AI and selling our personal data is a violation of our privacy. We deserve the right to exist online without being doxed, harassed, stalked and extorted. We need guardrails to prohibit facial recognition software online. We deserve digital sovereignty.[
- 6] We demand the removal of 'moral turpitude' as a means to deport individuals or to deny them citizenship in the U.S. Immigration law is being weaponized as a way to slut-shame and criminalize people they want to control. This is another way to deport bodies and prevent people from flourishing as workers in the U.S. It also mirrors the racist WoD tactics turning people's mutual aid networks against them through "snitching" and over inflates trafficking numbers as people report out of fear of deportation.
- [7] We demand the right to unionize. Pass the Pro-Act Now. Workers need the right to build worker power, to unionize and to recover wages that have been stolen from us. We deserve to keep our tips and to not suffer from multiple forms of discrimination. We need stronger labor laws and a more productive NLRB. Please stop squabbling with craven corporate bosses who are ready to make millions off the bodies of workers and deny workers human rights at every turn. Pass the Pro-Act so that all workers, no matter what contract they sign—can unionize to improve their working conditions.