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Valley Junction Businesses Speak Out Against Iowa's Proposed Hate Laws

Des Moines, IA -- Valley Junction businesses, including Bozz Prints, Reading in Public, MoMere, Candle Bar DSM, The Knotty Nail, Your CBD Store, and Red House Remodeling, have spoken out against Iowa's proposed bills that would negatively impact the LGBTQIA+ community, ban books, remove child labor protections, and impose social-emotional learning bans which are on track to become law within the week.

"We stand together in opposition to these discriminatory bills that attack the basic human rights of our fellow Iowans," says Felicia Coe, owner of Cirque Wonderland. "Valley Junction is a community that celebrates diversity and inclusivity, and these bills go against everything we stand for."

Local business owners in Valley Junction, together with our friends in the East Village, are calling on small businesses and communities to speak out against these harmful bills which will cause long lasting harm to the economic and cultural vitality of our state.

The businesses opposing the discriminatory laws include:

Cirque Wonderland

Candle Bar DSM

Ivy Lane

Your CBD Store

Five Monkeys

Village Nutrition

Reading in Public

MoMere

Preloved Luxe

The Knotty Nail

Red House Remodeling

Morris Lare Interior Design

Bozz Prints

Bings

Edgetech

Mitzi's

Kunzler Studios

Lathermore Soap Company

Memory Lane

Fox Brewing

La Michoacána Mexican Groceries

The Blind Pig

Reese Marie Salon

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