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**Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee
In Support of SB56
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Chairman Patton and Committee Members:

Our associations support SB56 which will expand and improve access for victims of human trafficking to seek help in escaping those exploiting them. Resources to assist these victims in escape and recovery of their victimization, such as the National Human Trafficking Hotline have been proven to be successful. Many human trafficking victims, both juvenile and adult, are rescued and provided recovery services through these resources. The National Human Trafficking Hotline also accepts investigative leads for human trafficking activities that are forwarded to state and local law enforcement agencies.

The provisions in section 1 subsection (a)(3), page 1, lines 25-32, will place the contact information for these victims who are seeking help in places where they are frequently present. These provisions will be very effective in encouraging the use of those services and the escape from the abuse and exploitation they are suffering.

We encourage you to move this bill forward with a recommendation to pass.

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