



To: Members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Morgan Wood, MSN-FN, RN, SANE-A

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RE: Senate Bill 71- Proponent Testimony

On Behalf of MoReb Forensic Nurse Consulting, I, Morgan Wood, would like to write in support of Senate Bill 71.

MoReb Forensic Nurse Consulting provides consulting services to nurses, lawyers, law enforcement officers, and advocacy agencies located throughout Kansas. I have provided medical forensic exams for victims of human trafficking of both sexual exploitation and labor exploitation often with both occurring at the same time. I have also provided human trafficking, sexual assault, and education on screening and identification in the prehospital and hospital settings in addition to expert witness testimony.

Human Trafficking, especially sexual exploitation, is a pervasive public health issue. Forensic Nurses play a role in providing victims of human trafficking appropriate health care and follow up in connection to sexual exploitation. The state of Kansas, due to substantial access to transportation of all varieties, is a central hub site for a vast array of trafficking. Historically, law makers have been focused on consequences for victims, but addressing those buying sex decreases the need to supply it shifting to an offender accountability mindset. Senate Bill 71 addresses the need to intercede by engaging in offender accountability and holding those who buy sex to more severe consequences. If traffickers don't have people buying sex, we see a decrease in capital for traffickers. Currently human trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar industry, Senate Bill 71 attacks the economic demand by decreasing it, resulting in decreased need for the exploitation of people to occur. This is a positive step in the direction of offender account ability. While this provides greater consequences for individuals buying sex, we must continue to provide

safeties for victims who are being used as the supply for the sex buying demand. I, Morgan Wood, on behalf of, MoReb Forensic Nurse Consulting supports the implementation of Senate Bill 71.

Sincerely,

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