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SB 43 – Eliminating Human Trafficking in KY

SB 43 is AN ACT relating to human trafficking.

Under this legislation, criminals who traffic human beings for sexual, employment or other reasons will be dealt with in the criminal justice system and victims will be rescued and treated with victim assistance.

Sponsor and co-sponsor: D. Boswell, D. Harper Angel

SB 43 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Trafficking in persons is a widespread form of modern-day slavery. President Bush made human trafficking a priority of his administration. In 2006, he said, "Human trafficking is an offense against human dignity, a crime in which human beings, many of them teenagers and young children, are bought and sold and often sexually abused by violent criminals. Our nation is determined to fight and end this modern form of slavery."

To provide the necessary structure nationally, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 ("TVPA"), Pub. L. 106-386, was enacted in 2000. As a result traffickers are being successfully prosecuted and victims of trafficking are being helped.

While human trafficking is being aggressively addressed nationally, Kentucky does not have the precise criminal statutory structure or the human resource structure to respond to this crime and its victims on a state level.

CCK has worked with Senator Boswell and a num-

Support SB 43

Vote **YES** for **SB 43**. Vote **NO** on all amendments not agreed to by the sponsor.
This bill promotes human dignity and upholds the culture of life.

ber of other interested groups on a comprehensive approach that models the national initiative of President Bush, Attorney General Ashcroft and now Attorney General Gonzales.

A Committee substitute to SB 43 is nearly complete and it will reflect the desires of the various groups, including prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, domestic violence groups, legal services, and the Cabinet's experts in the Department for Human Support Services.

Kentuckians do not want to allow modern-day Slavery in our Commonwealth

Human trafficking has occurred and will continue to occur in Kentucky

Existing Kentucky laws are not sufficient to address the problem

Local law enforcement agencies need the tools to stop human trafficking in our communities

It Requires More Than Enforcement to Stop Human Trafficking

In addition to criminalizing human trafficking, Kentucky needs to enact a law that will help identify victims and provide services to help them rebuild their lives. Currently there are no agencies, organizations or services that specifically address the unique needs of victims of human trafficking.