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*Senator Shannon Grove*  
**1021 O Street, Room 7150**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR SB- 1042 Violent Felonies: Serious Felonies:  
Human Trafficking**


*Dear Senator Shannon Grove,*

*Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault (Alliance)* is writing in support of SB-1042 Violent Felonies: Serious Felonies: Human Trafficking which would make Human Trafficking a serious crime.

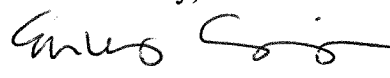
Currently, in the state of California, human trafficking is considered a non-serious and non-violent crime. The passing of SB-1042 will ensure that human trafficking is defined as a violent and serious felony. This bill will ensure that those in violation of human trafficking as defined in Section 236.1 will face a punishment for felonies pursuant to the existing sentencing provisions commonly known as the Three Strike Law.

Currently, anyone who is in violation of Section 236.1 is punished by imprisonment in state prison for 5, 8, or 12 years and receives a fine not exceeding \$500,000. Individuals convicted of this heinous crime can reduce their sentencing with good behavior. The path to independence for victims and survivors of human trafficking is a life-long journey. Ensuring traffickers are held accountable for their crimes provides victims and survivors a sense of security that they were robbed of. Knowing traffickers will serve time comparable to their healing journey will assure victims that justice has been served. Implementing SB-1042, is the step we need to ensure we move in the right direction as a society.

Sincerely,

  
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