



CRIME VICTIMS UNITED
The Voice for Victims and Public Safety

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Senator Shannon Grove
California State Senate
Senate District 16

RE: SENATE BILL SB 1042 (GROVE)

Dear Senator Grove:

Crime Victims United is proud to lend its strong support to SB 1042. We applaud you, Senator Grove for your efforts to protect some of California's most vulnerable victims – children who are sex trafficked.

Sex trafficking is a brutal crime. Victims face psychological and physical torture on a daily basis, often facing beatings, starvation, rape, and threats of harm in order to force them into selling their bodies for financial gain for their traffickers. California ranks consistently number one in the nation for this brutal and violent crime. The toll that this brutal crime takes on its victims is unspeakable, and many may sadly never recover.

Proposition 47 decimated any protection that was afforded for these victims of crime by downgrading the crime of human trafficking to non-serious and non-violent. Traffickers are altering their victims' lives, children are being violently harmed.

SB 1042 provides a commonsense solution and protects our most valuable and precious resource – our youth. By adding human trafficking to the list of both serious and violent crime, traffickers will be held accountable. Most importantly SB 1042 protects the most vulnerable of crime victims.

On behalf of California crime victims, Crime Victims United strongly urges an “aye” vote on SB 1042.

Sincerely,

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