To the Honorable Shannon Grove

Senate Minority Leader

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Re: Senate Bill 38 - Oppose

Dear Senate committee on Business, Law, and Health, and Senator Shannon Grove,

We are writing in opposition of Senate bill 38, Human Trafficking Prevention, and Victim protection.

Existing California penal codes already establish the proposed training and victim assistance being proposed towards law enforcement agencies. Currently under penal code 13519.14, members of law enforcement are required to not only receive sensitivity training for approaching and transporting victims of trafficking. Under this code they are also trained in data information regarding what resources they are able to provide towards victims. Additionally existing penal code 236.1 and 236.2 already establish a framework for identifying victims of human trafficking, including the circumstances required to identify someone as a victim and the physical/visible warnings of potential victims. Government codes article 2, codes (13952-13954) discuss compensation provided for victims of crimes which would include those of trafficking. Going even further chapter 5.8 of the penal code also dictates how human traffickers go through trial as to minimize causing further trauma to the victim. Article 2 of the penal code also identifies all medical personnel as mandated reporters and injuries that are to be monitored and reported to

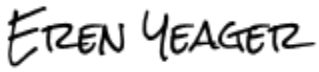
law enforcement. Finally, under our Welfare and institution codes chapter 10.4 even those who are not citizens receive aid after being trafficked.

Requiring law enforcement officers to take on additional training despite having been provided the training upon onboarding would be a waste of resources, money and time, time that could be used by our officers to aid the public. Our biggest concern lies with who exactly will receive this training as aforementioned peace officers, medical personnel, and mandated reporters already receive this training. Mass training of the public and unqualified individuals can also pose a threat to public safety due to the issue of vigilantes and incorrect identifications of victims.

Though awareness is important, we believe focus should be placed on strengthening current programs as opposed to introducing new ones.

For these reasons we are opposed to SB-38.

Sincerely,



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