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To the Senate Judiciary Committee
Letter in support of HB2350

As the Executive Director of Hope Ranch for Women, I see first hand the horror and inhumane treatment of women who are victims of sexual offenses. The level of trauma and resulting healing that a victim faces as a result of human smuggling and sexual offenses is life long.

Human smuggling has a direct connection to sexual exploitation and human trafficking. It is a darkness that is incomprehensible, whether the victim is a legal or illegal citizen of the United States. What does it say about us as a society if we do not face this evil head on and condemn it's practice.

Organizations such as Hope Ranch for Women do all we can to help victims recover, working through the PTSD and other mental health issues they face, but more must be done. We need to stop the suffering from even taking place. Punishing those who originate this atrocity is a starting point to ending this abomination.

I write this letter to 100% endorse HB2350 and ask for your passing of this legislation.

Thank you for your support.

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