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RE: Assembly Bill 22

Relating to: commercial driver license (CDL) instruction and certification, for the recognition and prevention of human trafficking. Applicable effective date is no later than June 30, 2021.

Testimony in favor of this bill: offering my perspective as a trauma-informed k-12 / secondary and community-based educator, mother, consultant, survivor advocate, and survivor.

1. Responds to critical need for *direct action*. Response time is critical when saving a life and disrupting the criminal franchises involved in ongoing human enslavement. Method of response is crucial, whether victims self-identify as such, or not. Training, like CPR / First Aid, increases identification of early warning signs and urgent response, increasing recovery efforts many times over.
2. Effectively makes CDL holders responsible and accountable partners with DOT, for more than intrastate and interstate professional ethics: CDL holders outnumber drivers law enforcement officers. Law Enforcement capacity is increased when community members are taught how to be outstanding by-standers. Technical training will immediately multiply the capacity for effective identification, reporting, and disruption of several industry-related trafficking methods.
3. Tools for tracking and assessing the human trafficking industry and the potential impact of best practices that will evolve.

Additional considerations:

1. Mandatory certification at time of renewal of currently held CDLs. Follow industry standards in other states.
2. Incentives for current CDL holders to take the TAT trainings online, or participate in TAT of other industry certification workshops, specific to HT.
3. Strengthening partnerships and evaluation processes.

Statistics since 2016: Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT, 501 c 3)

TAT Training Certificates: Nationwide	Trucking Direct Hotline Reports	Victims Identified	Cases Generated
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A survivor story: Interstate Roadside Rest Area / Ohio. Good Samaritan and Highway Patrol.

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Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association - Support Testimony
2019 Assembly Bill 22 - Human Trafficking Education
Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities
March 14, 2019

Good morning Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before this committee to share the strong support of the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association for Assembly Bill 22. My name is Dan Johnson, WMCA Vice President, and I would like to thank Representative Theisfeldt for his work on this legislation, both last session and this session.

Human trafficking is a very real problem that is not just occurring in hidden sectors of large urban settings. It is occurring in every county in the state and the sad and shocking truth is the problem is only growing in scope and size. It targets both girls and boys, high school-aged and even grade school-aged. It has become far too prevalent in our society and the members of the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association are committed to help law enforcement and social service agencies any way they can.

Truck drivers log millions of miles each year and often frequent the very locations where human trafficking may occur. Many of our member companies have educated their drivers on the tell-tale signs human trafficking and what to look for and how to respond. But many do not have such knowledge, especially those who may be attending a state technical college to receive their commercial drivers license. Education is key to diffusing this problem and AB 22 seeks to be a significant component in reaching new drivers to provide such education.

Last year, the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Justice to bring more attention to the plague of human trafficking. We were very proud to lend our resources and support to that campaign and are equally proud to stand with the author and co-authors in support of Assembly Bill 22 and hope this committee supports it as well.

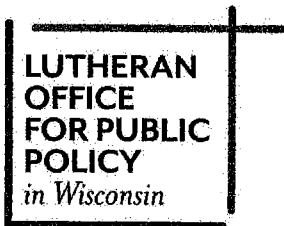
Thank you and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: The Honorable Representative David Murphy and Members of the Committee on College and Universities.

Regarding: AB 22

Dear Chairman Murphy and Committee Members,

We are representing the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW), a statewide advocacy ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We advocate for just policies, especially related to hunger and poverty and care for God's creation, based on our social statements and Christian scripture.

LOPPW speaks in favor of AB 22. We have been leading educational forums on anti-sex trafficking around the state and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We meet a lot of people doing similar work and so hear many stories. One of the striking stories we heard was from the Fox Valley. At the end of a presentation that a member of Reach Counseling gave to a local high school, a ninth grade boy approached her and said that the signs of trafficking she talked about described what he observed in one of his friends, who suddenly was wearing more expensive clothing, was disappearing a lot, had an older boyfriend, etc. As a result, the girl's situation was investigated; she was indeed being trafficked and was rescued. Just think if that educational opportunity had not been offered at that high school.

Who else will be saved if educational materials on human trafficking are made part of the curricula tailored to other audiences? Truckers won't notice the same types of signs that the 9th grade boy in the Fox Valley did. Truckers might actually observe signs that are more obvious but that they still may not notice without training. It is easy to assume everyone selling sex is doing it because they want to. How important it is to require training materials for professionals who are among those most likely to witness human trafficking.

This proposed legislation if passed will create awareness among commercial drivers in what sounds like a very fair process. Implemented, the law would have the potential to assist those drivers in helping trapped children and youth who are experiencing abuse beyond what most of us can imagine.

Thank you for considering supporting this bill.

Reverend Cindy Crane, Director
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But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

Alberta Darling
Wisconsin State Senator
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Finance

Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities

Assembly Bill 22

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Thank you Chair Murphy and committee members for taking the time to hear Assembly Bill 22. This bill is crucial to continuing our state's fight against human trafficking.

In an effort to spread awareness of human trafficking, Assembly Bill 22 requires technical colleges to include training on the prevention and recognition of human trafficking for truckers.

Reports of sex trafficking in Wisconsin are rising every year. In 2016, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received 261 calls reporting 91 human trafficking cases in Wisconsin. According to the Department of Children and Families, substantiated cases of trafficking of our youth in the state's protective services rose from 8 cases in 2017 to 22 cases in 2018.

Sex trafficking has been reported in all 72 counties in Wisconsin. It is not an urban issue, nor a rural issue. Unfortunately, it is an issue that effects every corner of our state.

Our state's truckers can become a real resource in the fight against human trafficking. After similar legislation passed in Texas, the state saw a spike in reporting of human trafficking by truckers. Before this bill passed in Texas, only three calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in Texas were from truckers. By the end of 2016, truckers had made nearly 2,000 calls, making them one of the fastest growing demographics of callers nationwide.

Assembly Bill 22 recognizes the valuable role our state's trucking industry can have to combat human trafficking. By providing truckers with the education and tools to prevent and recognize the signs of human trafficking, we can join the eight other states who have passed similar legislation in hopes of identifying and helping more victims of trafficking.

I'd like to thank Senator Johnson and Representative Thiesfeldt for their leadership on this issue. I'm glad to join them in our bi-partisan work to fight human trafficking in Wisconsin. I hope to count on your support for Assembly Bill 22.



STATE SENATOR
LaTonya Johnson

WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

6TH DISTRICT

Good morning Chairman Murphy and committee members,

Wisconsin has earned an unfortunate and appalling distinction as a national human trafficking hub. We are a state where pimps and traffickers come and steal our children off of our streets, forcing them into sexual slavery in circuits like Chicago, Las Vegas, and other parts of the country.

Given that truck drivers are literally where the rubber meets the road when human trafficking occurs along our highways, they can and do play a critical role in identifying and preventing traffickers who create victims through exploitation of our transportation system.

Truck stops and rest areas are two of the most common places where human trafficking can occur. According to the I-94 Human Trafficking Awareness Project, Interstate 94 is a known circuit by traffickers to transport victims from Chicago to Milwaukee, Madison, Eau Claire, Minneapolis, and the North Dakota oil fields. As a result, truck stops, rest stops, restaurants, gas stations, and hotels along the highway have become common places that victims frequent. Research indicates that education is the number one way to stop trafficking.

As of 2017, Wisconsin has 312,492 licensed commercial drivers. This is a huge network of eyes and ears within the interstate trade industry that can support law enforcement in the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of traffickers.

Recognizing the importance that truck drivers can play in identifying and preventing human trafficking, we have drafted this legislation which will establish industry-specific materials on the recognition and prevention of human trafficking for use in the instruction in driver education courses that provide instruction in the operation of commercial motor vehicles. This will affect new drivers only.

Under this legislation, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, in consultation with the Wisconsin Technical College System Board and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, shall identify and establish industry specific materials for use in the instruction of the recognition and prevention of human trafficking.

We drafted this legislation in consultation with the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association and Truckers Against Trafficking, a nationwide organization that educates and mobilizes members of the trucking and travel plaza industry to combat domestic sex trafficking. They have developed an industry training program used by commercial motor vehicle instructors across the nation that can be viewed on their website.

Thus far, this legislation has earned the support of the End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, Schneider National Inc., Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association.

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Laurie Onasch
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Ms. Onasch,

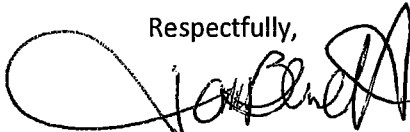
General Teamsters Local Union No. 200 is fully supportive of legislation within Wisconsin Assembly Bill 22 (2019) that shall be presented to the State Assembly on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Confronting today's challenges must involve education and communication. This Bill provides the means to engage awareness through education, providing a path of instruction in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking.

As the saying goes, "America moves by Truck", and those entering the workforce as Commercial Drivers should have the knowledge of what does exist in our communities as related to Human Trafficking. There no longer can be a silence, or a lack of a narrative, on an ever-present fact within our communities of the 72 Counties of Wisconsin, or America, as to the modern-day abuse of individuals held captive in the darkness of human trafficking.

In closing, Wisconsin Assembly Bill 22 (2019) demands of us to take a pro-active measure on a growing dilemma in today's real world. This Bill should be moved forward and placed into motion.

Respectfully,



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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Dear Laurie,

I am writing to inform you that Teamsters Local 344 fully supports 2019 Assembly Bill 22. This bill requires that commercial motor vehicle driver education courses offered by technical colleges or licensed private driver schools provide instruction in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking. I understand that this Bill is scheduled for public hearing on March 14, 2019.

Human trafficking is a serious problem in Wisconsin, and there are few occupations better suited to recognize and report trafficking activity better than workers in the transportation industry. Including an education segment as part of Commercial Drivers License (CDL) training is a common-sense approach to create awareness and reporting tools for people who are able to identify potential trafficking situations.

Stopping human trafficking should be all good citizen's responsibility. Assembly Bill 22 is a way to educate people in participating in this effort. Teamsters Local 344 supports making Assembly bill 22 part of Wisconsin state law.

Sincerely,

William Carroll, Secretary-Treasurer
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