

Restoration for All

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Senator Melissa Wiklund
Chair, Senate Health, and Human Services Committee

Representative Tina Liebling
Chair, House Health Finance and Policy Committee

Dear Chair Wiklund and Chair Liebling,

I write on behalf of Restoration for All Inc. in strong support of Senate File 2269/House File 2505, which will provide badly needed funds to help victims of labor trafficking.

Restoration for All Inc. (REFA) utilizes a cultural and holistic approach in its service delivery and programming. REFA strives to build resilient communities by partnering with community members and stakeholders to address trauma, promote socio-cultural well-being and resilient connections. REFA is one of the 6 core workgroup members, providing feedback via workgroup meetings, emails, and phone calls to facilitate the expansion of the MN Safe Harbor Law to include labor trafficking by building upon existing work in labor trafficking.

Human trafficking is a scourge on our state, and we as Minnesotans should commit to eliminating it in all of its forms. We applaud the efforts we have seen directed at holding both labor and sex traffickers accountable for their crimes. Ensuring that there is adequate support and help for the victims of these criminals is also a necessary piece of the puzzle. Victims of trafficking are often the most vulnerable amongst us, and deserve the helping hand this bill would help provide.

In closing, I encourage your support for SF2269/HF2505 and appreciate your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,

For: Restoration for All Inc. (REFA)



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