

Hi, my name is Stephanie Rollins and I am a thirty-year survivor of human trafficking. I am here today as a voice for the voiceless.

When I was young, it was unheard of as being a minor and having a voice.

Years ago, when I was trafficked at 12, I felt as if it was my fault. I was trapped under the umbrella of an adult that robbed me of my voice and made me feel I didn't matter. I thought he loved me. At 12, what did I really know? The party only lasted so long, it wasn't fun anymore, and when my trafficker wanted me to do sexual acts, he put the fear of God in me physically so I would do it. Then he would love me afterwards, so I thought.

As I got older, I never second-thought of ever coming forward to testify against any of my abusers because of the fear of who was going to save me when nobody was around.

This bill would have given me the security of knowing I was safe without having to put my life on the line. So please pass this bill for all of us that didn't have a voice and for all of our youth to come.

Thank you,
Stephanie Rollins