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Good afternoon, Ohio House of Representatives Criminal Justice Committee. First, I am the daughter of the Most High God. Second, Esther Flores. Third, a Registered Nurse and modern-day abolitionist who is the founder of a nonprofit named 1DivineLine2Health. I advocate for them who suffer here and abroad.

We don't need databases to continue to criminalize human trafficking victims instead THEY NEED SAFE PLACES. WE need funds for full-time Drop-In Centers that are tailored to provide the basic needs for all those involved in prostitution and struggle with drug addiction in the epicenter of human and drug trafficking. A Drop-In Center is a Harm Reduction Strategy that can help these victims through nonjudgment professionals and peer supporters who provide a holistic approach. Are you aware there is no full-time Drop-In Center in Franklin County? WE need to see Incarceration is not rehabilitation for homeless, beaten, tortured, and raped human trafficking victims especially if they were groomed in dog cages. The courts need to be the defender of human trafficking victims and not only see their physical wounds but internal wounds that began in their childhood. Many of them have dual diagnoses of mental and substance abuse disorder. The courts and police departments see them as prostitutes. I see them as someone's child and a destitute person who lacks love from leaders.

Ohio continues to be on the top five for Human Trafficking, opiate overdose deaths and criminal activities. As a result of the ineffective strategies of local leaders who purposely ignored and criminalized the human beings my team care for in the past four years on the streets, alleys and abandoniums on the west side and other areas. In 2019 in a four-hour Drop-In Center on Sullivant Ave we served human trafficking victims: 1511 women, 57 children and 34 trans women. At the Drop-In Center we provided them with a warm meal, clothes, hygiene kit, First Aid, Narcan and condoms. I personally cleaned their MRSA+ infected wounds and at their request transported them into recovery places and hospitals. 1DivineLine2Health desires to be the first full-time Drop-In Center once the permits are released. We do need funds for operational cost and a database to transfer their history with their consent into recovery places out of Columbus since there is not enough places for treatment especially single mothers with multiple children.

There needs to be harsher penalties on the Johns and more John Schools to understand the health risks and mental disorder that contribute to their fetishes. If there were more Drop-In Centers the human trafficking victims would receive help and be less visible so the demand decreases. The first amendment does not endorse pornography and prostitution, and brothels. The World Wide Web has become the free data base for perpetrators and victims to fuel the human trafficking pandemic. PORN SCORN LIVES of women, children, and men who are coerced and forced into this multi-billion-dollar criminal industry. THE HUMAN BODY IS NOT A COMMODITY. Pornography like substance abuse disorder is an addiction and effects the same part of the brain. The mid brain through motor sensory activities creates healing and neuronal networks when the five senses are stimulated and creates a rush of natural dopamine and gives them a good feeling of hope and safety. There are other data bases needed to track drugs and



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other sexual predators in the WWW. The police departments need their archaic database updated and respond to victims who electronically report crimes.

So, I ask does any act that violates the mental, physical, spiritual and environmental health factors of human life is acceptable in the US constitution? NO! Human Trafficking is a HEALTH HAZARD & a CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY. Please on behalf of the silent victims and Human Trafficking Victims vote against House Bill 431, the sexual exploitation data base would not only criminalize human trafficking victims but contribute to their lifestyle of poverty, homelessness, and unemployment.

Let us learn from the human body all systems work properly in homeostasis. Therefore, choose to look at another option like safe places instead of data bases that criminalize unhealthy people who brain cells needs to create neuronal networks that contribute to new behaviors that can lead to a healthier lifestyle. As one body choose to be the defenders of destitute persons who are sick and need safe places to link them to resources. It is there where they can have their eyes open and believe that God created them to have life, liberty and pursuit of happiness in a loving community. Thank You

Respectfully,

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