



March 9, 2025

Representative Jim Thomas
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
Ohio House of Representatives

Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman Mathews, Ranking Member Isaacsohn, and members of the Ohio House Judiciary committee:

Ohio Right to Life and our statewide membership, chapters and affiliates, submits our support for House Bill 47, the Human Trafficking Prevention Act.

The mission of Ohio Right to Life is to promote and defend the God-given inalienable right to life and dignity of all human beings, from fertilization until natural death, without exception, and to build a culture that affirms the value of human life at every stage.

House Bill 47's increase to penalties for human traffickers, as well as the increase from the age 13 years old to 18 years old to be identified as a victim of specific crimes, actively demonstrates Ohio's commitment to fighting commodification of people and exploiting the most vulnerable for profit.

Ohio Right to Life supports the passage of HB 47 as a measure to preserve human dignity and and combat the commercialization of human beings.

Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman Mathews, Ranking Member Isaacsohn, and members of the committee, thank you for your time and consideration for this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding Ohio Right to Life's position by email at emartinez@ohiolife.org or 614-547-0099 ext 307.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Emma" and last name "Martinez" clearly distinguishable.

Emma Martinez
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Ohio Right to Life