

To- Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee  
From- Jane Bryan RN, BSN, SANE-A  
Re: Proponent testimony for S.B. 183

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony in support of Senate Bill 183. I am Jane Bryan, a Registered Nurse, and Certified Sexual Assault Nurse examiner (SANE-A). As a SANE nurse who works with survivors of human trafficking, I believe that it is of paramount importance for this committee to pass Senate Bill 183. You should know that the vote on this bill will determine which victims of human trafficking will receive compensation funds for medical treatment. At present, when a human trafficking victim has a criminal record, that person is often precluded from receiving financial compensation due to the fact that they are no longer eligible for the Ohio Crime Victims Compensation Program.

I personally believe that a person who has been subjected to human trafficking should not be deterred from visiting a hospital simply because that person is concerned about the hospital fees from that visit. Nevertheless, that is precisely the dilemma presented to many of the human trafficked survivors that SANE nurses help to serve.

Senate Bill 183 should be passed to open the door for all victims of human trafficking to be considered for expungement. By doing so, this legislative body will have also opened the door to make sure that victims of human trafficking are not deterred from going to a hospital because of high costs. As a SANE nurse who works with human trafficking survivors regularly, passing Senate Bill 183 goes a long way towards making treatment more affordable for

survivors who deserve the benefit of medical treatment and financial compensation for that treatment.

Respectfully,

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