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**SUPPORT - HB242**

**Motion to Vacate Judgement Human Trafficking  
(True Freedom Act of 2020)**

Dear Chairman Clippinger and House Judiciary Committee members,

The Women's Democratic League membership respectfully asks for the Judiciary Committee's support for HB242 - Motion to Vacate Judgement Human Trafficking (True Freedom Act of 2020).

For over 95 years, the Women's Democratic League of Frederick County has been working for equality. We strongly believe that HB242 is a critical step towards justice, equal protection, and a future for the victims of human trafficking in Maryland.

In 2014 the Maryland General Assembly passed two bills to combat human trafficking: Criminal Law- Child Kidnapping for the Purpose of Committing a Sexual Crime, and the Human Trafficking Address Confidentiality Program. In 2015 the Maryland General Assembly created the Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking Workgroup.

Despite these efforts, Maryland remains one of the central pass-through states for human trafficking in the nation. The ease of access to such major Interstates as the I-95, I-70, and I-81 corridors allows for the continued trafficking of innocent young girls and women.

We encourage you to support the passage of HB242.

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