



Support: HB 508 Children - Labor Trafficking

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Maryland House of Representatives
Judiciary Committee
Room 101
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Chesapeake Chapter, I am writing to express our support of **HB 508 Children- Labor Trafficking** .

This bill would add children experiencing labor trafficking to be covered by the Safe Harbor Regional Navigator Grant Program which would connect victims of child labor trafficking to resources and other services.

For these reasons the Maryland Chesapeake Chapter of NAPNAP extends their support to **HB 508 Children- Labor Trafficking and requests a favorable report.**

The pediatric advanced practice nurses of your state are grateful to you for your attention to these crucial issues. The members of Chesapeake Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners memberships includes over 200 primary and acute care pediatric nurse practitioners who are committed to improving the health and advocating for Maryland's pediatric patients. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay J. Ward, the Chesapeake Chapter President at 410-507-3642 or MDChesNAPNAPLeg@outlook.com .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay J. Ward".

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