



EASTERN SHORE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Moving forward to combat this evil together

Honorable Senator Paul G. Pinsky Chair
Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland, 21401

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Dear Chairman Pinsky,

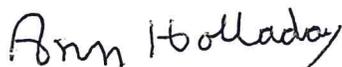
SB207 - Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter and Supportive Services

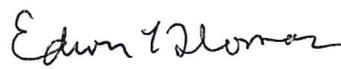
A high proportion of unaccompanied minors, sometimes, but not always runaways, frequently become victims of predators/traffickers. Traffickers are actually on the lookout for unaccompanied youngsters. SB207 will provide a safe shelter option with access to needed services. SB 207 includes needed consent requirements and other protections for unaccompanied minors and service providers. This includes the service provider registry requirements with the Department of Housing and Economic Development.

Human trafficking in the form of sex abuse and labor exploitation is the second highest grossing criminal enterprise. For the pimps and traffickers it is high profit and low risk. For the victims it is a far-reaching tragedy and a long road to recovery. The provisions incorporated in SB 207 will help prevent Human Trafficking by protecting a vulnerable segment of our population.

For these reasons the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force urges the Committee to give HB 207 a favorable report.

Yours Truly,


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***The MISSION of the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force is to:
Combat human trafficking (sex and labor exploitation) by encouraging, supporting and
promoting awareness, prevention and education throughout the Eastern Shore.***