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In Support – House Bill 338 – Business Regulation – Innkeepers – Records and Human Trafficking Awareness Training

Chairman Davis, Vice Chair Dumais, and esteemed members of the Economic Matters Committee:

I am pleased to offer testimony today in favor House Bill 338. This bill will require hotels to provide training on the recognition and reporting of human trafficking to their employees.

Human trafficking is a real and growing problem in Maryland and across the country. Hotel employees are invaluable in the fight against this terrible crime. As the eyes and ears of our state's hotels, hotel employees are uniquely capable of making a difference by spotting and reporting those who exploit individuals by exploiting the hotel/motel setting.

This legislation does not mandate reporting, it merely gives hotel employees the tools and training to assist law enforcement in preventing and exposing human trafficking crimes. This bill will make a real and positive impact in Maryland, and I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric D. Ebersole".