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To: Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair
Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

The Maryland Women's Caucus is proud to express our **unanimous support for HB 1: Districting - Department of Transportation – Human Trafficking Awareness, Training (See Someone, Save Someone Act)**. This vital piece of legislation trains Department of Transportation employees to recognize the signs of human trafficking and equips them with the knowledge and tools to take appropriate action.

Human trafficking is a heinous crime that disproportionately impacts women and girls, accounting for a significant majority of trafficking victims globally and domestically. Traffickers exploit vulnerabilities, using coercion, manipulation, and violence to trap individuals in a cycle of abuse. Maryland, with its location along major transportation routes and proximity to international airports, is particularly susceptible to human trafficking activity.

By providing targeted training to Department of Transportation employees—the individuals most likely to encounter trafficking victims at critical transit points—we can significantly enhance our ability to identify and intervene in these cases. HB 1 represents a proactive, compassionate step toward combating human trafficking in Maryland and protecting some of our most vulnerable residents.

We respectfully urge the Environment and Transportation Committee to issue a **favorable report** for HB 1. Together, we can ensure Maryland remains at the forefront of efforts to end human trafficking and protect the dignity and rights of all individuals in our state.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to improving the lives of Maryland's residents.