



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0254

Education - Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program
- Human and Sex Trafficking

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TO: Chair Senator Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair Senator Cheryl C. Kagan and members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.

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Dear Chair Senator Feldman, Vice Chair Senator Kagan and all members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity for offering written testimony on this bill.

I am a retired registered nurse, mother and grandmother. I have always believed in education of my children and believe through education, there is knowledge and awareness. We must educate our children in an age appropriate setting, in schools, about the issues of sexual abuse and trafficking.

The Episcopal Church, through General Convention, has long supported efforts to combat human trafficking.

The church believes in a multi-focal effort, education based on facts is definitely a part of that.

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