

April 4,2007  
To Whom it may concern  
Re:Committee Bill No.398

An Act Establishing a Trafficking in Persons Council

I am unable to attend the hearing on April4,2007 thus am submitting this testimony in support of S.B.398

My name is Barbara Moynihan . I am a Professor of Nursing at Quinnipiac University in Hamden,Ct. I am the Coordinator of the Forensic Nursing Track which is an option within the Master of Science in Nursing Program.

Human Trafficking has often been referred to as “Modern day Slavery” and well it is, The magnitude and unbelievable brutality these victims experience is almost beyond belief. Thanks to Senator Stillman and the Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons this problem became a reality within our Country and within the Sate of Connecticut. I attended as many meetings of the Task Force as possible as did several of the students in the Forensic Track. Thanks to the diligence and hard work of the Task Force this issue is no longer “Hidden in Plain Sight” The next step is to develop a Trafficking in Persons Council. The charge to that Council will be to continue the collaboration between agencies in order to address the myriad of issues that have been identified by the various committees within the Task Force and to develop protocols with services that have been under represented in the service of these victims.Continued networking and gathering data that will assist in identifying victims is essential, Connecticut has been in the forefront of addressing Human Trafficking-the passage of S.B.398AA will insure that this valuable and essential work will continue.