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Senator Gary Winfield, Co-Chair
Representative Steven Stafstrom, Co-Chair
Judiciary Committee
Capitol Building,
Hartford, CT 06106

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL NO. 7399-
An Act Concerning Legal Protections For The Victims Of Human Trafficking And The
Protection Of Minors From Cyber Exploitation**

Dear Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom and Honorable Committee Members:

The CCDLA is a not-for-profit organization of approximately three hundred lawyers who are dedicated to defending persons accused of criminal offenses. Founded in 1988, the CCDLA is the only statewide criminal defense lawyers' organization in Connecticut. An affiliate of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the CCDLA works to improve the criminal justice system by insuring that the individual rights guaranteed by the Connecticut and United States constitutions are applied fairly and equally and that those rights are not diminished.

The CCDLA **supports** the intent of Raised Bill 7399, An Act Concerning Legal Protections for the Victims of Human Trafficking and the Protection of Minors from Cyber Exploitation. The CCDLA fully support the appointment of a representative of our organization to the Trafficking In Persons Council.

The CCDLA urges this committee to act favorably on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,
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