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The Honorable Senator Nancy Skinner (Chair)  
Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 5  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Assembly-member Shirley Weber (Chair)  
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**RE: Support for \$12.5 Million in Continuing Funding for Specialized Trafficking Victim Services, Training for First Responders, and Increased Statewide Technical Assistance**

Dear Subcommittee Chairs,

I am writing in endorse a budget request that would provide ongoing funding of \$12.5 million for human trafficking survivors to receive specialized, evidence-based support services. This proposal will provide critical services to survivors, as well as, provide imperative training to first responders on human trafficking in California and increased technical assistance.

Survivors of human trafficking require specialized programs that offer long-term access to shelter, case management, medical, and legal services to ensure comprehensive services. To ensure that survivors of trafficking receive the care they need, a continuing funding stream must be established to support organizations serving survivors of human trafficking, as well as additional resources, evaluation, and training. California has begun to institutionalize a framework to better understand, combat, and prevent trafficking in our state—this budget request enables California to set a precedent for anti-human trafficking efforts nationwide and begin a powerful legacy.

For these reasons, I urge the Budget Subcommittee to approve the \$12.5 million to help those who have been trafficked.

**RE: Support for Onetime Funding of \$6 Million for Specialized Research about Human Trafficking In California**

I would recommend accepting a one-time budget request of \$6 million to better understand the prevalence of human trafficking throughout California and to ensure survivors are receiving the highest quality and most effective services. Specifically, this proposal will provide a Prevalence Study to understand the extent and location of human trafficking in California and a Comprehensive Evaluation of Service Providers and recommendations for best practices for serving trafficking survivors in California, based on an evaluative study of the 21 service providers funded under



In recent years, California has taken important first steps in improving access to comprehensive services for victims of human trafficking. However, the time is now ripe for research to better understand human trafficking in our state. The results of the Prevalence Study and Comprehensive Evaluation would provide California and the rest of the United States with crucially needed information about the prevalence of human trafficking and the best methods for addressing the needs of victims.

For these reasons, I urge the Budget Subcommittee to approve the \$6 million request to help those who have been trafficked.

Sincerely,

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