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**Re: SB 1042 A Bill to Designate Human Trafficking as a Strike Offense, Authored by  
Senator Shannon Grove representing the 16<sup>th</sup> Senate District, and Senator Anna Caballero,  
representing the 12<sup>th</sup> Senate District**

On Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, I supported SB 1042 by speaking in person in Sacramento at the Public Safety Committee Hearing for the Bill. I was humbled to be included in the group supporting this Bill, as the super majority were strong, resilient women who have careers devoted to victim services, advocacy, and public service. At the press conference that started the day and at the hearing on the Bill, these courageous women shared their stories of horror and survival. In addition, Nancy O'Malley, District Attorney for Alameda County, testified to the committee regarding her work and research fighting human trafficking for the last 25 years. Of particular note was her statement to the Committee that an unusually high percentage of human trafficking offenders display symptomology of psychopathy, a disorder rendering them less amenable to treatment and highly likely to reoffend. In the face of tremendous support for SB 1042, the Public Safety Committee recommended the Bill for amendment rather than forwarding it on to the full Senate for a vote. Both through behavior and in their statements, Senators Nancy Skinner and Scott Weiner of the Public Safety Committee demonstrated deeper concern for the perpetrators of human trafficking than for the victims who have already or who will in the future be subjected to the inhuman treatment and abuse of human traffickers. If you believe that the trafficking of mostly young girls and women for commercial sex transactions and the theft of labor through uncompensated servitude should be a strike offense, please tell your Senator or Assembly Member how you feel. Act now. Do not let this Bill die in committee. Ask your elected representatives to do whatever they can to move this Bill out of the Public Safety Committee and forward to the full California Senate for a vote. If we don't move on this now, this change will be delayed for years as it makes its way as a proposition instead of legislation.

If you live in Merced County, you can reach your representatives these ways:

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Thank you for your help as we work to make Human Trafficking a strike offense in California.

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