

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the call for evidence by the Justice Committee in relation to the above Bill.

I warmly welcome this bill and wholeheartedly support it. I regard it as essential to the lives of the most vulnerable men, women and children in N. Ireland.

In addition, it will help ensure that NI properly fulfills its international obligations as set out in the European Directive and the council of Europe Convention.

Given that the primary reason for trafficking people into Northern Ireland is for the purpose of sexual exploitation, I particularly welcome Clause 6 of Lord Morrow's Bill which criminalises the paying for sex. This clause would thereby directly address the principal source of demand for trafficking and do so more effectively than our current laws.

I urge you to act accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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