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Our Ref: ND/BS

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Dear Minister

Re: <u>Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provision and Support for Victims) Bill</u>

At a Meeting of Lisburn City Council on 24 September 2013 the undernoted resolution in connection with the above Bill was agreed:-

"That this Council:

- recognises that human trafficking and exploitation is a growing problem in Northern Ireland;
- believes that existing statistics regarding the number of people trafficked into Northern Ireland does not reflect the scale of the problem and are only the 'tip of the iceberg' in regard to the scale of the problem,
- believes that no human being should be subjected to sexual exploitation, enforced labour or domestic servitude and condemns those who engage in human trafficking
- believes that more action should be undertaken to support those who have escaped from exploitation and to punish those who exploit them, and accordingly,
- calls upon the Northern Ireland Assembly to endorse the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provision and Support for Victims) Bill.

The Council would be grateful if the Council's resolution could be brought to the attention of the Justice Committee.

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Yours faithfully

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