

Dear Justice Committee

I should like to add my wholehearted support to Lord Morrow's Bill. Although I do not live in the Province, I do live in a borough where many people are suffering the same indignities and exploitation as the Bill is attempting to deal with, and it is a response to the call for evidence on the part of the Committee.

The Bill is essential because it will make a real difference to some of the most vulnerable adults and children who are exploited in your province.

The Bill will help ensure that Northern Ireland properly fulfils its international obligations as set out in the European Directive and the Council of Europe Convention.

As is the case in England and Wales, the primary reason for trafficking into Northern Ireland is for sex and so I particularly welcome clause 6 of Lord Morrow's Bill, which criminalizes paying for sex. This clause would directly address the principal source of demand for trafficking and do so more effectively than current laws.

Yours sincerely

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