

Dear Justice Committee,

Re: The Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provisions and support for Victims) Bill introduced by Lord Morrow.

This brief letter is a response to the call for evidence on the part of Justice Committee in relation to the above Bill.

It is my own personal conviction that effective legislation should be enacted to ensure that perpetrators of the terrible crimes of human trafficking are punished and that appropriate provisions and support become available to human trafficking victims. Therefore, I warmly welcome the Bill introduced by Lord Morrow which I believe rises to the challenge of both putting in place (a) appropriate punitive measures for trafficking perpetrators and (b) support measures for protecting trafficking victims.

I believe that if this Bill were to become legislation in our province it would make a real difference for good in the lives of some of the most vulnerable men, women and children who are exploited. the Bill would also ensure that Northern Ireland is properly fulfilling its international obligation as set out in the European Directive.

Kind Regards
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