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Senator Melissa Wiklund  
Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Committee

Representative Tina Liebling  
Chair, House Health Finance and Policy Committee

Dear Chair Wiklund and Chair Liebling,

I am writing on behalf of the Teamsters Joint Council 32 in strong support of Senate File 2269/House File 2505, which will provide badly needed funds to help victims of labor trafficking.

As Teamsters, we take great pride in the safety of not only our workplaces but of all our brothers and sisters in the union. We take the time to educate workers on their rights in the workplace, which in turn takes away the power of employers and traffickers trying to take advantage.

Human trafficking is a scourge on our state, and we as Minnesotans should commit to eliminating it in all of its forms. We applaud the efforts we have seen directed at holding both labor and sex traffickers accountable for their crimes. Ensuring that there is adequate support and help for the victims of these criminals is also a necessary piece of the puzzle. Victims of trafficking are often the most vulnerable amongst us, and deserve the helping hand this bill would help provide.

In closing, I highly encourage your support for SF2269/HF2505 and appreciate your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Tom Erickson  
President  
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