

September 12, 2022

Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, Mayor of Austin and Austin City Council Members 301 West 2nd Street Austin, TX 78701

Sent by Electronic Email

Dear Council Member Kelly, Mayor of Austin and all City Council Members,

On behalf of The SAFE Alliance (SAFE | stop abuse for everyone), we would like to extend our support of Councilmember Kelly's Human Trafficking Resolution. As an agency which focuses on serving both victims of trafficking and individuals experiencing crimes which intersect with trafficking such as domestic violence, human smuggling, kidnapping, and others, we believe that a public resolution bringing more attention to this issue is imperative.

Over the past 46 years, SAFE has provided many services to address and prevent sexual violence, human trafficking, child abuse and domestic/dating violence, primarily in Austin/Travis County. Our agency has collaborated with many other human trafficking response agencies, including serving on the Executive Committee of the Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking and the local, multi-disciplinary Human Trafficking Care Coordination Team. SAFE recognizes the significant need to raise awareness of this issue and the need for greater resources to serve and support victims of human trafficking.

Thank you so much for your work on this important resolution and we look forward to our continued work together to address, and ultimately end, human trafficking.

Sincerely,

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