



March 22, 2023

Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, District 6
City Hall
301 W Second St
Austin, TX 78701

RE: Letter of Support for Council Member Kelly's Human Trafficking Resolution

Dear Council Member Kelly,

The Refuge for DMST (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking) is thankful to see the City of Austin taking a stand to raise awareness, educate and equip law enforcement, and provide community training and services in support of victims of human trafficking. We gladly supported and participated in your human trafficking awareness proclamation in January. We are writing to express our support of the human trafficking resolution you are presenting to the City Council.

Human trafficking is a very complex and nuanced societal problem. We know it is happening, but it can often be difficult to understand its pervasiveness and the depth of abuse and trauma suffered by its victims. This resolution provides further necessary services and community awareness that are greatly needed to combat this evil that is attacking people from all walks of life.

The Refuge hopes the collaborative efforts put forth in this resolution are successful and awaken our community more to the ongoing and long-term needs of survivors of human trafficking in all of its forms.

Sincerely,



Brooke Crowder, Founder & CEO
The Refuge for DMST