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Dear Members of the Austin City Council,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed resolution on human trafficking currently before the Austin City Council. As a staunch advocate for human rights, I firmly believe that addressing the issue of human trafficking requires coordinated efforts at every level of government and within our community.

Human trafficking is a grave violation of human dignity and a blight on our society. It preys upon the most vulnerable among us, including women, children, and marginalized populations, exploiting their desperation and lack of resources for profit and exploitation. As a city that prides itself on its progressive values and commitment to social justice, it is imperative that we take decisive action to combat this heinous crime.

The proposed resolution outlines a comprehensive approach to tackling human trafficking, focusing on prevention, survivor support, and resource allocation. By implementing measures to raise awareness, improve coordination among city departments and stakeholders, and provide essential services to survivors, we can create a safer and more supportive environment for those at risk and those affected by trafficking.

Furthermore, I commend the emphasis placed on assessing resource needs within the city to ensure that adequate funding and support are available for anti-trafficking initiatives. By investing in prevention programs, victim services, law enforcement efforts, and community partnerships, we can effectively address the root causes of human trafficking and provide meaningful support to survivors as they rebuild their lives.

I urge the members of the Austin City Council to give their full support to this resolution and to prioritize the fight against human trafficking in our city. By standing together and taking decisive action, we can send a powerful message that human trafficking will not be tolerated in Austin, and that we are committed to protecting the rights and dignity of all members of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and for your continued dedication to the well-being of our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni McKinley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

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