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TO: Chair Prozanski, Senate Committee on Judiciary

FR: JR Ujifusa, Deputy District Attorney, Multnomah County

RE: **The Multnomah County District Attorney and the Oregon District Attorneys Association  
Support HB 4082**

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

My name is JR Ujifusa and I am a Deputy District Attorney for Multnomah County and a Special United States Attorney for the District of Oregon. For the last 7 years I have worked exclusively on human trafficking issues and prosecution. I work closely with local, state and federal law enforcement to investigate and prosecute all aspects of human trafficking. I am proud to say that Oregon is far ahead of the nation in how we address human trafficking. Reducing demand, protecting and providing services to victims and prosecuting traffickers are at the core of Oregon law enforcement's efforts. House Bill 4082 advances the focus of a victim centered, offender focused investigation and prosecution.

HB 4082 addresses and closes a "loop hole" we have identified through recent sex trafficking prosecutions and investigations. Presently, Promoting Prostitution, ORS 167.012(c) states that an individual with the intent to promote prostitution may not receive or agree to receive money. Many traffickers and exploiters understand the law and have changed their tactics to take advantage of this oversight. HB 4082 would address individuals who intend to promote prostitution by receiving or agreeing to receive goods, service or something else of value. In sum, this addition would only address individuals who form the criminal intent to promote prostitution and by doing so have received or agreed to receive money, goods, services or anything of value as a third party and that those goods, services or something else of value is derived from a prostitution activity.

HB 4082 does not address individuals engaged in an act of prostitution, nor will it criminalize individuals who do not form the requisite criminal intent to promote prostitution.

Human Trafficking, especially sex trafficking, takes on many forms. HB 4082 responds to evolving ways in which traffickers exploit their victims. This bill will better address ways in which LGBT victims, victims of color, poor victims and other non-traditional victims are exploited, and hold their traffickers accountable. As a consequence, more of these victims will be identified, eligible for services and receive many important victims' rights. HB 4082 will protect victims and bring individuals who exploit others to justice.

I urge you to pass House Bill 4082.