



HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
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Oregon State Capitol  
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CC: Rep. Gene Whisnant

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking time to hear my written testimony on this bill.

My expertise is in anti-human trafficking and I work nationwide in these efforts through my nonprofit, In Our Backyard. [www.InOurBackyard.org](http://www.InOurBackyard.org)

I am writing in regards to HB 2218. I am in favor of the bill for the following reasons:

- I realize that lists of registered sex offenders are available in other places, however I see no harm in increasing the availability of that information in additional resources.
- In case law enforcement does a car stop if this information is on the Department of State Police website, it will be helpful.
  - Victims of human trafficking are often transported in vehicles from town to town and state to state in nationally recognized "circuits." There may be many occasions that equipping police with the information that a sex offender is in a vehicle with a minor could be reason to ask more questions or even the right questions.
  - If a sex offender who should not be with minors is in a vehicle with minors it allows law enforcement to detain and take appropriate actions, including help for the minor child.

I support Rep. Whisnant in this bill. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

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