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TO: House Judiciary Committee
RE: Joel Shapiro, Executive Director, Trafficking Law Center, testimony in support
of HB 4110

Chair Bynum and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The Trafficking Law Center (TLC) is a nonprofit organization that works to support human trafficking victims and survivors by providing access to *pro bono* legal services, training attorneys, and educating the public and policymakers on human trafficking issues. The Trafficking Law Center strongly supports HB 4110.

HB 4110 would allow victims of sexual assault or domestic violence, including many victims of human trafficking, to obtain police reports for their cases. The vast majority of TLC's clients have been subjected to sexual assault and violence, either by their traffickers or by sex buyers. Police reports that document the findings of investigation of these crimes constitute uniquely relevant information that is critical to helping victims understand pending criminal proceedings and assess other legal rights and remedies they may wish to pursue.

Although law enforcement officials in the Portland metro area generally work very collaboratively with trafficking victims, we have represented clients who've had difficulty obtaining or viewing police reports in their cases. We are also aware that advocates in other parts of the state have had difficulties working with law enforcement agencies to obtain reports in sexual assault cases.

We urge the House Judiciary Committee to pass HB 4110.