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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 52 -2019

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to establish a Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council; providing for the membership of the Council; providing for the purpose and responsibilities of the Council; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Council; and generally relating to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council.

Introduced and read first time October 7, 2019. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order

Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on October 21, 2019.

By order

Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on November 4 2019 and Passed Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order

Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5th day of November, 2019 at 2 a.m./p.m.

By order

Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive November 6 2019

Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, County Executive

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1 **WHEREAS**, the 2017 Human Trafficking Task Force report noted that “[h]uman
2 trafficking is a complex global crime affecting nearly every developed and developing country in
3 the world. It involves the exploitation of people for monetary or personal profit, and occurs in a
4 range of both legal and illegal industries, including hospitality services, brothels, agriculture, street
5 prostitution, construction, strip clubs, domestic services, manufacturing, spas, and escort services.
6 At its core, human trafficking is about abuse and cruelty toward human beings, and is a gross
7 violation of human rights”; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Human Trafficking Task Force further noted that that “[h]uman
10 trafficking crimes have devastating impacts on vulnerable individuals, families, and communities;
11 and Howard County is not immune”; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, while there have been significant arrests and prosecutions of offenders of
14 human trafficking laws, the County Executive contends that human trafficking remains a basic
15 human rights violation; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is committed to continuing the important work of
18 eradicating human trafficking in Howard County and wishes to establish a Human Trafficking
19 Prevention Coordination Council in order to assist in outreach and education to eliminate this
20 globally recognized violation of human rights.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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24 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*
25 *County Code is amended as follows:*

- 26 1. *By adding Section 6.345 “Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council” to:*
27 *Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.*
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29 2. *By adding Subtitle 11 “Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council” to:*
30 *Title 17, Public Protection Services.*
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1 **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

2 **Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions.**

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4 **6.345. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL.**

5 THERE IS A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL. ITS MEMBERSHIP,
6 DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 11, "HUMAN TRAFFICKING
7 PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL," OF TITLE 17, "PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICES," OF THIS
8 CODE.

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10 **Title 17. Public Protection Services.**

11 **SUBTITLE 11. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL.**

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13 **SECTION 17.1100. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL; GENERAL**
14 **PROVISIONS; PURPOSE.**

15 (A) *GENERAL PROVISIONS.* THERE IS A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION
16 COUNCIL. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COUNCIL ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 3,
17 "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," OF TITLE 6, "COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH"
18 OF THIS CODE.

19 (B) *PURPOSE.* THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
20 PREVENTION IN HOWARD COUNTY AND TO CONDUCT OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON THE SIGNS
21 AND WARNINGS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

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23 **SECTION 17.1101. MEMBERSHIP.**

24 (A) *NUMBER OF MEMBERS.* THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL
25 SHALL CONSIST OF 19 TO 23 MEMBERS.

26 (B) *MEMBERSHIP.* THE COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

27 (1) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

28 (i) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES OR
29 THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

30 (ii) THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S

- 1 DESIGNEE;
- 2 (III) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY OR THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S DESIGNEE;
- 3 (IV) THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR THE CHIEF'S DESIGNEE;
- 4 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN;
- 5 (VI) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR THE DIRECTOR'S
- 6 DESIGNEE;
- 7 (VII) THE HEALTH OFFICER OR THE HEALTH OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;
- 8 (VIII) THE SHERIFF OR THE SHERIFF'S DESIGNEE; AND
- 9 (IX) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;
- 10 (2) APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST:
- 11 (I) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FAITH BASED COMMUNITY;
- 12 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HoCo AGAST (HOWARD COUNTY ADVOCACY GROUP
- 13 AGAINST SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING) OR SIMILAR GRASSROOTS GROUP WHO
- 14 PROVIDES INTERVENTION AND ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- 15 VICTIMS;
- 16 (III) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HOPEWORKS;
- 17 (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM GRASSROOTS CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER;
- 18 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL;
- 19 (VI) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SURVIVOR COMMUNITY;
- 20 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND
- 21 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
- 22 (C) *METHOD OF APPOINTMENT.* EACH APPOINTED MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
- 23 EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
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25 **SECTION 12.1902. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL; REPORT.**

- 26 (A) *IN GENERAL.* THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL:
- 27 (1) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF HUMAN
- 28 TRAFFICKING;
- 29 (2) ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORTS SURROUNDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING;
- 30 (3) EXPLORING FUNDING TO ALLOW EXPANSION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF RESOURCES TO

1 COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING;

2 (4) STUDY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ADVISE ON THE CREATION OF
3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING;

4 (5) ADVISE ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COORDINATED SYSTEMS OF CARE TO
5 IDENTIFY AND SERVE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND

6 (6) ADVISE ON WAYS TO INCREASE THE PROSECUTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKERS.

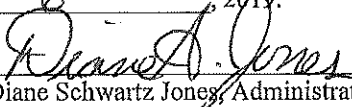
7 (B) *ANNUAL REPORT.* ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING
8 PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY
9 COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON ITS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR
10 YEAR. THE REPORT MAY INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY MATTER RELATED TO THE WORK OF
11 THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL.

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13 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,***
14 *to establish the stagger of terms required by § 6.300 of the Howard County Code, of the initial*
15 *appointees to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council, 3 appointees shall have*
16 *a term of 1 year, 4 appointees shall have a term of 2 years, 4 appointees shall have a term of 3*
17 *years, 4 appointees shall have a term of 4 years, and at least 4 appointees shall have a term of 5*
18 *years, as provided in the Resolutions that confirm the appointments.*

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20 ***Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that***
21 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on November 6, 2019.



Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2019.

Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2019.

Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2019.

Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2019.

Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2019.

Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council



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October 15, 2019

Howard County Council
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Dear Council Members:

On behalf of the Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS), I am pleased to submit testimony regarding CB52-2019 *An ACT to Establish a Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council*.

In 2014 Howard County commissioned the first Howard County Human Trafficking Task Force. The members of that Task Force concluded that there was a strong basis to recommend the following: increased services to victims; human trafficking awareness education for everyone in our community; and additional coordination between and among our various partnering agencies and community-based organizations.

In 2017 the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention was created within the Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS) and an Executive Order establishing the Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council was implemented. The Executive Order required the Council to conduct the following activities: Review and prioritize the recommendations of the Human Trafficking Task Force Report of 2014, and advise the County Executive on effective methods and organizational structure to permanently coordinate and sustain human trafficking prevention efforts in the County. The Coordinating Council began meeting in FY18 (mid 2017) focused on these tasks.

The Council met eight times; and held a survivor-focused, County-wide Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Conference on October 26, 2018. Three focus groups were held with HTPCC Members and designees, on December 11, 18, and 19, 2018. A follow-up questionnaire was sent to this group on January 24, 2019. The information shared during all the Coordinating Committee's activities informed the recommendation to establish a permanent council as described in CB52-2019.

The proposed legislation before you: 1) maintains the current categories of membership from both the 2014 and 2017 Human Trafficking Prevention bodies; 2) expands membership to include the business community, the hospital, and the number of seats for survivors and community members; and 3) specifically defines the scope and duties of the council.

The creation of a permanent Human Trafficking Prevention Council will enhance our ability as a community to effectively combat the problem of human trafficking in Howard County. We ask for your support for this legislation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline R. Scott, JD, M.L.
Director

The Department of Community Resources and Services provides vital human services through its offices of ADA Coordination, Aging and Independence, Children and Families, Community Partnerships, Consumer Protection, Human Trafficking Prevention, Local Children's Board, and Veterans and Military Families.

Sayers, Margery

From: Sara Cochran <cochransara1@juno.com>
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Testimony in favor of Council Bill 52-2019: the creation of a permanent Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council

Esteemed Howard County Council Members,

I am Sara Cochran, one of the founders of Ho Co AGAST (Advocacy Group Against Slavery & Trafficking), an all-volunteer, citizen-led group, founded in 2011 when 3 faith communities presented Howard County's 1st public forum "Slavery Still Exists" to bring awareness to the crime of human trafficking.

Definition: Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which a trafficker uses force (violence), fraud (lies) or coercion (threats) to control a victim for the purpose of engaging him/her in commercial sex acts or labor services against his/her will. Sex trafficking is found in a variety of venues within the sex industry including residential brothels, escort services, fake massage businesses, nail salons, strip clubs, and street prostitution. Labor trafficking is found in diverse labor settings including domestic work, small businesses, restaurants, landscaping, construction, factories. To learn more about HT in the US, visit www.polarisproject.org, the organization that runs the National Human Trafficking Resource Center and Hotline.

AGAST's goals are to educate our community about human trafficking in the US, Maryland, and Howard County; to work for stronger laws to combat it; and to support victim and survivor providers. The attached "Ho Co AGAST in Action" info outlines some of our activities over the past 8 years.

A "Human Trafficking 101" presentation which AGAST gave to the County Council in December, 2013, resulted in the formation of Ho Co's first Human Trafficking Task Force. The Task Force met 12 times in 2014 and presented to the County Council in December, 2014, a thorough report with many recommendations to fulfill 4 main goals, all of which remain in Section 12.1902 of CB52-2019. Unfortunately, because 2014 was an election year (new administration, new appointees, etc.), between January, 2015 and March, 2017 (27 months), work on these excellent recommendations waned. To be fair, the former Task Force members were called together for a couple of meetings, a few awareness presentations were given in western Howard County and a program to recognize National HT Awareness Day was held at Miller Library during these 27 months.

Make no mistake. The sex traffickers do not take such a break in their illicit 24/7 recruitment and lucrative sale of victims. Ask the officers of the Human Trafficking Unit of HCPD. They need several more detectives to keep up with the traffickers who find Howard County a profitable place to do business because of the buyers' high demand for their "product."

Then, in March, 2017, County Executive Kittleman announced: "Human trafficking is a despicable crime which we have been working day and night to eradicate. So, earlier today, I signed an executive order creating a Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council, a group which will help us to determine how to further fight this heinous crime. The council will review and prioritize the recommendations of a task force report, establish partnerships that will support victims of human trafficking and coordinate and sustain prevention and education efforts in the county. Last year, county police conducted 25 human trafficking investigations which resulted in 10 arrests and help for 25 victims. We are

making progress, but we have much more work to do. The work of this council will have my full attention as we continue the fight against human trafficking.”

In addition, we learned that the Department of Community Resources and Services now included an Office of Human Trafficking Prevention (OHTP). From December, 2017 to December, 2018, The Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council (HTPCC) met regularly under the superb leadership of Sidney Ford. Once again, for 12 months, as we had done in 2014, anti-trafficking advocates learned from one another and established new working relationships, all in the shared interest of combating this brutal crime that treats human beings as commodities to be used then tossed aside when no longer profitable.

Alas, with the 2018 election year (new administration, new appointees, etc.), the HTPCC has been dissolved, our collaborative momentum has been interrupted for 10 months, since December, 2018. As I am sure you will agree, this on-again, off-again approach, this lack of continuity impedes the effective long-term, forward-thinking planning of any program worthy of implementation. It is most grievous and unacceptable when we are discussing Howard County’s fight against human trafficking, an egregious crime of exploitation that robs victims of their human dignity.

I respectfully request that you establish a permanent Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council.

Thank you,

Sara Cochran

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<http://www.facebook.com/HoCoAGAST>

Howard County Advocacy Group Against Slavery & Trafficking



HO CO AGAST in ACTION: April, 2011-June, 2019

Mission Statement: Ho Co AGAST is a grassroots citizen's advocacy group, founded in 2011, with goals to educate our community about Human Trafficking in the U.S., our state and county; to work for stronger laws to combat it; to protect women and youth from becoming trapped in sexual exploitation; and to support victim service providers.

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HoCoAGAST> .

AWARENESS

Host monthly, public meetings that advance our mission statement goals. **Publish a monthly newsletter.**

Provide educational speakers and materials for community and professional events, such as One Voice (Sept, '18); Centers for Spiritual Living (Sept, '18); Centennial HS (May, '18); St John the Evangelist RC, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Christ UMC (Jan, '18); visit of Sen. Ben Cardin to The Samaritan Women (Jan, '18); Ellicott City Kiwanis (June, '17); Grace Community Church (July '17); Glenelg UMC (May, '17); Bonnie Branch MS PTA (Mar, '17); Ho Co Leadership U students (Aug, Sept '16); St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Sept, '16); HC Human Rights Commission (Sept, '16); Ho Co Public Schools Health & Wellness Expo (May, '16); Howard HS PTA (Apr, '16); Grace for Freedom (G4F, Apr, '16); UMBC's Social Work Student Assn (Sept, Mar, '16); Celebration Church (Mar, '16); Folly Quarter MS PTA (Mar, '16); "One Voice" (Jan, '16); Ho Co Human Trafficking Awareness Day (Jan, '16); Columbia Jewish Congregation Men's Club (Dec, '15); Ho Co Networking Group (Nov, '15); Adult Forum, Christ Episcopal Church (Nov, '15); Town Hall Meetings (Sept, Feb, '15); Heritage Community Church, Severn (Feb, '15); Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (Jan, '15); Ho Co Recreation & Parks, Youth Development Coalition (May, Oct, '14); First Evangelical Lutheran Church (May, '14); Bethany United Methodist Church (UMC) (Jan, '14); Kiwanis of Ellicott City (Dec, '13); Ho Co Council (Dec, '13); Our Brothers and Sisters Keepers program, Howard County (April, Oct, '13); Professional Development Day, Howard County Public Schools (HCPSS, April, '13); HCPSS Hispanic Achievement Clubs (2012, 2013); Howard County Soroptomists International (Feb, '13).

Help groups plan anti-trafficking programs including Grace For Freedom Prayer Walks (June, Nov '17; June, '16; July, Oct '15); Columbia Democratic Club (Jan, '15), Glen Mar United Methodist Church (Jan, '15; Sept, Oct, Nov, '13); Bethany UMC (Feb, '15); St John United Church (Feb, '15); Linden-Linthicum UMC (March, '13); St. John's Baptist Church, Columbia (Sept, '12); Wesley Freedom UMC (Jan, '12); Howard Community College (Nov, '11); CCBC Catonsville (May, '11).

Provide home and small group presentations accompanied by printed materials on the realities of human trafficking in the U.S. and locally. Most recent: June, 2019

Post Public Service Announcements about human trafficking in businesses and other public spaces throughout Howard County.

Educate Lodging Establishments' personnel about human trafficking by speaking with them, distributing materials, and offering resource referrals (beginning Oct, 2015).

Organize community events to increase public awareness of human trafficking in the U.S., in Maryland, and in our area: 1) "Internet Safety for Our Kids", a seminar for parents (March, 2013). **Program:** FBI Supervisory Special Agent for Violent Crimes Against Children; Community Partners Liaison for the MD Rescue & Restore

Coalition (www.thesamaritanwomen.org), 2) Co-sponsorship with the Ho Co Commission for Women “**Stand Up Against Human Trafficking**” (April, 2012). **Program:** Jeanne Allert, founder and exec director, The Samaritan Women and chair of the Maryland Rescue & Restore Coalition; Denene Yates, founder and director, Safe House of Hope (www.safehouseofhope.org); Liz Bobo, State Delegate; Cpl. Kris Knutson, HCPD; the documentary from www.truckersagainstrafficking.com, 3) “**Slavery Still Exists**” (April, 2011) **Program:** Tina Frundt, founder of Courtney’s House (www.courtneyshouse.org); Sidney Ford, founder of YANA Place (You Are Never Alone); Liz Bobo, State Delegate; 2 HCPD law enforcement officers; the documentary “Demand” (www.sharedhope.org).

Was active in the Maryland Coalition to Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking when The Samaritan Women was a convener (2011-2014). **Since April, '14**, TSW continues the MD Coalition’s awareness, advocacy, & prevention initiatives. AGAST has hosted in Ho Co and members attend TSW’s speaker training seminars.

ADVOCACY

Support the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (www.mdhumantrafficking.org) : solicit the Governor and legislators to back more effective anti-trafficking laws during **sessions of the Maryland General Assembly** (Jan-April, 2012-2019). Rally our members to Annapolis for Lobby Days when held (Feb, '15, Jan, '14, '13). Send communications to our list serve encouraging members to contact their state and federal elected officials for passage of anti-trafficking bills. Attend state and nat’l conferences such as the **MD Child Trafficking Conference** (2019, 2018); **MD Crime Victims’ Rights Conference** (Apr 2016-17) and **Governor’s Conference on Combating Human Trafficking** when held (May, 2012-15).

Joined the Md. Coalition in a **meeting with the Howard County Police Department (HCPD) training division** (January, 2012) with the goal being to have officers trained to recognize and investigate cases of human trafficking and offer appropriate services to the victims. Officers received training in 2012 and continue to do so. Due to this expertise, a Ho Co Circuit Court jury found a defendant guilty of human trafficking, a first for Howard County (June, 2013); as of June, 2019, dozens of HT arrests and related convictions and several pending trials. **Are present in the public courtroom** during local and federal trials to support survivors of human trafficking.

Gave testimony resulting in the April, 2017 passage of HC Massage Establishments Regulation: to the HC Delegation (Dec, '15), in Annapolis (Mar, '16), & to the HC Council (Mar, '17). **Gave testimony to the HC Council** in support of a HC Human Trafficking Task Force (Jan, '14); served on that Task Force Mar-Dec, 2014. Serve on the HC HT Prevention Coordinating Council (Dec '17-present) to prioritize and implement the Task Force’s recommendations and to plan the Nov, 2019, 2nd Annual Ho Co Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Conference. The HTPCC is an office of the HC Dept of Community Resources & Services.

VICTIM SERVICES

Support organizations that work with victims and survivors as needs arise. Hundreds of holiday gift bags donated (Dec. 2012-18) to Hope Works, HT Unit of HCPD, Bridges to Housing Stability, The Samaritan Women, Safe House of Hope, Turn Around, Power Inside, the UMD SAFE Center, Catherine’s Cottage, Drink at the Well. Publicize and encourage volunteerism and attendance at fund raising events.

Participated in the **DC Stop Modern Slavery Walks** when held (Fall, 2011-14) and other events (5K “Dash for Dignity”, Apr, '16) which raise funds for victim service organizations.

Assisted the Maryland Coalition in **teaching a seminar at the U of MD at Baltimore, School of Social Work** (2012-13) on the topics of human trafficking awareness, the process of child victimization, the resulting traumas, and appropriate interventions.

For more information about Ho Co AGAST, contact Sara Cochran (cochransara1@juno.com);

National Human Trafficking Hotline & Resource Center, 1.888.3737.888; Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)

Sayers, Margery

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Dear Council Members,

Please see attached testimony.

Mark Breaux
5531 Green Mountain Circle #1
Columbia, MD 21044

5531 #1 Green Mountain Circle
Columbia, MD 21044
10/18/2019

In support of Council Bill 52-2019

Dear Council Members:

As a member of the previous and now defunct Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council I write in support of CB52-2019 and urge its passage. I believe the County Council has already been provided the data showing just how important and necessary the actions of this group are for our community. What I'd like to do is offer a personal perspective.

In my three years of working on the issue of preventing and combatting human trafficking, I've come to understand that one of our biggest challenges is ignorance. People of good will are horrified by the realities of the topic, but like other social problems, they are often unaware of the prevalence in our own back yards. Education and outreach will go a long way. This council, if given the opportunity to work together in a synergistic way and engage in significant outreach to the community, has the opportunity to change how we view the threat to our children and all people in Howard County.

My one request is that survivors of human trafficking not only be included on paper, but be accorded the sensitivity and respect that they deserve within the Council and among leaders in the community. I believe we have fallen short in this regard and can do better. Much of what I've learned and what drives me to do more comes from the struggles and successes shared by those who have opened themselves up for the cause, often at great personal sacrifice.

I am happy to answer questions or share thoughts with any of you and can be reached at mbreaux1@verizon.net or 410-913-8364.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Breaux

Sayers, Margery

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Dear esteemed members of the County Council,

I am writing to submit testimony to strongly urge you vote yes for the adoption of Section 6.345. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL. Unfortunately, we need to protect vulnerable women and children from predators who will abuse them for financial gain. Grace Community Church in Fulton, MD cares deeply about the dignity of every human to be free from exploitation. Please support this ongoing effort that does not seem to go away.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Kind regards,
Julie Kim, M.D.
Clarksville, MD

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Grace 4 Freedom,

Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 PM there is to be a County Council public hearing re CB 52-2019 (see attached) which will create a permanent Ho Co Human Trafficking Prevention Council, not interrupted for months and years by the election cycle, as has been the pattern since 2014.

Here's the website for the County Council where you can sign up to give oral testimony the evening of 10/21/19: <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/>. To the left under "Legislation" you'll find "Testimony Sign-up". To the right under "Upcoming Council Meetings" click on Oct. 21 to find out more about the public hearing. Submit written testimony via the Council's email address (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov). The Council Office (410.313.2001) needs written testimony to be submitted by this coming Saturday 10/19. Please call the Council office if you have questions. And inform your networks of this important testimony!

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Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2019

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2017 Human Trafficking Task Force report noted that “[h]uman
2 trafficking is a complex global crime affecting nearly every developed and developing country in
3 the world. It involves the exploitation of people for monetary or personal profit, and occurs in a
4 range of both legal and illegal industries, including hospitality services, brothels, agriculture, street
5 prostitution, construction, strip clubs, domestic services, manufacturing, spas, and escort services.
6 At its core, human trafficking is about abuse and cruelty toward human beings, and is a gross
7 violation of human rights”; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Human Trafficking Task Force further noted that that “[h]uman
10 trafficking crimes have devastating impacts on vulnerable individuals, families, and communities;
11 and Howard County is not immune”; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, while there have been significant arrests and prosecutions of offenders of
14 human trafficking laws, the County Executive contends that human trafficking remains a basic
15 human rights violation; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is committed to continuing the important work of
18 eradicating human trafficking in Howard County and wishes to establish a Human Trafficking
19 Prevention Coordination Council in order to assist in outreach and education to eliminate this
20 globally recognized violation of human rights.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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24 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*
25 *County Code is amended as follows:*

- 26 1. *By adding Section 6.345 “Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council” to:*
27 *Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.*
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- 29 2. *By adding Subtitle 11 “Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council” to:*
30 *Title 17, Public Protection Services.*
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1 **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

2 **Subtitle 3. Boards and Commissions.**

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4 **6.345. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL.**

5 THERE IS A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL. ITS MEMBERSHIP,
6 DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 11, "HUMAN TRAFFICKING
7 PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL," OF TITLE 17, "PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICES," OF THIS
8 CODE.

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10 **Title 17. Public Protection Services.**

11 **SUBTITLE 11. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL.**

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13 **SECTION 17.1100. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL; GENERAL**
14 **PROVISIONS; PURPOSE.**

15 (A) *GENERAL PROVISIONS.* THERE IS A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION
16 COUNCIL. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COUNCIL ARE SET FORTH IN SUBTITLE 3,
17 "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," OF TITLE 6, "COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH"
18 OF THIS CODE.

19 (B) *PURPOSE.* THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
20 PREVENTION IN HOWARD COUNTY AND TO CONDUCT OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON THE SIGNS
21 AND WARNINGS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

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23 **SECTION 17.1101. MEMBERSHIP.**

24 (A) *NUMBER OF MEMBERS.* THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATION COUNCIL
25 SHALL CONSIST OF 19 TO 23 MEMBERS.

26 (B) *MEMBERSHIP.* THE COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

27 (1) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

28 (i) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES OR
29 THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

30 (ii) THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S

- 1 DESIGNEE;
- 2 (III) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY OR THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S DESIGNEE;
- 3 (IV) THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR THE CHIEF'S DESIGNEE;
- 4 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN;
- 5 (VI) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR THE DIRECTOR'S
- 6 DESIGNEE;
- 7 (VII) THE HEALTH OFFICER OR THE HEALTH OFFICER'S DESIGNEE;
- 8 (VIII) THE SHERIFF OR THE SHERIFF'S DESIGNEE; AND
- 9 (IX) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;
- 10 (2) APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST:
- 11 (I) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FAITH BASED COMMUNITY;
- 12 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HoCo AGAST (HOWARD COUNTY ADVOCACY GROUP
- 13 AGAINST SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING) OR SIMILAR GRASSROOTS GROUP WHO
- 14 PROVIDES INTERVENTION AND ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- 15 VICTIMS;
- 16 (III) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HOPEWORKS;
- 17 (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM GRASSROOTS CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER;
- 18 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL;
- 19 (VI) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SURVIVOR COMMUNITY;
- 20 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND
- 21 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
- 22 (C) *METHOD OF APPOINTMENT.* EACH APPOINTED MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY
- 23 EXECUTIVE AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
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25 **SECTION 12.1902. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL; REPORT.**

- 26 (A) *IN GENERAL.* THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL:
- 27 (1) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF HUMAN
- 28 TRAFFICKING;
- 29 (2) ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORTS SURROUNDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING;
- 30 (3) EXPLORING FUNDING TO ALLOW EXPANSION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF RESOURCES TO

1 COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING;

2 (4) STUDY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ADVISE ON THE CREATION OF
3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING;

4 (5) ADVISE ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COORDINATED SYSTEMS OF CARE TO
5 IDENTIFY AND SERVE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND

6 (6) ADVISE ON WAYS TO INCREASE THE PROSECUTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKERS.

7 (B) *ANNUAL REPORT.* ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING
8 PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY
9 COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON ITS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR
10 YEAR. THE REPORT MAY INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY MATTER RELATED TO THE WORK OF
11 THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL.

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13 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that,*
14 *to establish the stagger of terms required by § 6.300 of the Howard County Code, of the initial*
15 *appointees to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council, 3 appointees shall have*
16 *a term of 1 year, 4 appointees shall have a term of 2 years, 4 appointees shall have a term of 3*
17 *years, 4 appointees shall have a term of 4 years, and at least 4 appointees shall have a term of 5*
18 *years, as provided in the Resolutions that confirm the appointments.*

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20 *Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that*
21 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

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From: Kathy Jordan <travelkj@aol.com>
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CB 52-2019 AN ACT to establish a Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council; providing for the membership of the Council; providing for the purpose and responsibilities of the Council; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Council; and generally relating to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council.

I request that the County Council enact this legislation now. I am a community member of the previous Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council (HCHTPCC) and a current member of HoCo AGAST. In the past and even now, I am constantly surprised how many Howard County residents are unaware of human trafficking in our County. The previous director of the HCHTPCC, Syd Ford, made great strides in involving our HoCo communities, both business and residents and creating greater awareness. Her work is not complete. Just take a survey on the streets of HoCo and you will see that most individuals are either completely unaware or have a vague idea that human trafficking exists....but certainly not here in our county.

We have a Police Department that is doing a fantastic job in paying attention to and arresting human traffickers. They are also compassionate and caring for the victims of human trafficking. They stay well informed and work tirelessly to deal with the human (and labor) trafficking in our county. They have been supported by HoCo AGAST and also the previous HCHTPCC. We need to continue to give our police the support they need to do the job they are doing. We need to expand efforts to educate our residents, both in the private and public sector. Human trafficking, sadly to say, is not going away and now has become the 2nd largest "industry" in the world - right behind arms trafficking and now ahead of drug trafficking. HoCo has always been known as a progressive county; its time to establish greater action and awareness of human trafficking. And to make this Coordinating Council a permanent fixture in our county.

HoCo citizens MUST be made aware of the issues we have here in HoCo and its proximity to HT access points. It is a valid and important job of the HoCo Council to establish a PERMANENT Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council that continues to operate at full strength regardless of elections, budgets, etc. Please establish this act now.

Thank you for this opportunity,

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