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**Testimony to the House Child Welfare and Foster Care Committee
In Support of HB2153
February 6, 2023**

Chair Concannon and Committee Members:

Our associations support HB2153 and the support it gives for the anti-human trafficking efforts as well as support for victims of commercial sexual exploitation of a child. We have been heavily engaged in encouraging our members to participate in relative training for these cases and we embrace the multidisciplinary team approach where it is practical.

We are concerned about the provisions in subsection (a), especially for our agencies in rural areas. The word “shall” on page 1, line 12 appears to make the coordinated multidisciplinary team a requirement when we investigate a report alleging human trafficking or sexual exploitation of a child. We agree an interdisciplinary approach to intervention is good practice. In some of our rural areas resources are often scarce and not nearby. Key players in an interdisciplinary team may not be readily available. For example, our Community Mental Health Centers are a key player in this model. We believe the same may be true for the Child Advocacy Centers. But in some areas of the state they can each cover 10-20 counties. The bill only requires the law enforcement agencies to “implement” the multidisciplinary teams, but it doesn’t require others to participate. We just think there needs to be more flexibility built into the language and some added emphasis for others to participate.

We certainly support subsection (b) to clarify the responsibilities for coordinating the training in this area.

We encourage you to move this bill favorably, after consideration of some change to the language in subsection (a) to address our concerns above.

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