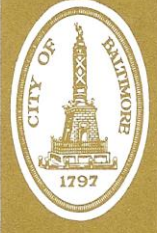


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TO The Honorable Nick J. Mosby, President, And All Members of the Baltimore City Council DATE: January 31, 2023

The Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights is committed to protecting the rights and well-being of all residents, including those affected by human trafficking. We leverage our wage enforcement work to identify victims of human trafficking and have implemented several initiatives to raise awareness and support survivors. We are pleased to provide written testimony in response to the Council Resolution on Investigative Hearing - Human Trafficking Investigations and Prosecutions.

Wage Enforcement:

One of the ways we work to identify victims of human trafficking is through our wage enforcement efforts. During wage enforcement investigations, we look for signs of exploitation and refer individuals who may be victims of human trafficking to appropriate services and resources.

Awareness Campaign:

In 2020, we launched a citywide awareness campaign to raise awareness about human trafficking in Baltimore. The campaign aimed to educate residents about the signs of human trafficking and encourage them to report suspected cases to the appropriate authorities. The campaign included radio spots and billboards across the city.

Human Trafficking Collaborative:

We are proud to serve on the Baltimore Human Trafficking Collaborative, a group of organizations and agencies working together to combat human trafficking in the city. Through our participation in the collaborative, we are able to share information and resources and work together to provide support and services for survivors of human trafficking.

Civil Rights Week Event:

During Civil Rights Week, we held an awareness event to educate the community about the impact of human trafficking on marginalized communities and to provide resources and support for survivors. The event was well-attended and provided valuable information to attendees.

Conclusion:

Human trafficking is a serious issue affecting our community and requires a coordinated response from all government, law enforcement, and community-based organizations. We are committed to continuing our efforts to identify victims of human trafficking and support survivors. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners in the Baltimore Human Trafficking Collaborative and other agencies to combat this devastating crime.