

Eliminate Human Trafficking Petition

TO the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS every day in Ontario, human traffickers are luring girls and women, often over the internet, into sexual exploitation. Traffickers manipulate their victims with gifts, romance, and promises of a better life;

WHEREAS the average age of a victim is 14 years old, and over 90 percent of victims are Canadian-born;

WHEREAS girls and young women cannot escape the nightmare because traffickers use threats, coercion, debt bondage and force to exploit them. This form of modern day slavery is stealing the innocence of the girl next door.

WHEREAS in May 2015, MPP Laurie Scott introduced a private member's motion that passed unanimously – calling on the government to create a taskforce to combat human trafficking in Ontario.

WHEREAS To date, no concrete action has been taken to fund the necessary multi-jurisdictional taskforce and the Liberal government must act now time to end this heinous crime.

WHEREAS MPP Scott also introduced Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act* which will provide direct and immediate steps to combatting this heinous crime;

AND WHEREAS the 2016 Ontario budget contains no new funding to combat human trafficking;

WE the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: that the Ontario government support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*, and support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies.

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