

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN GEORGIA

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES TO ADULT VICTIMS

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The Problem

417 human trafficking cases were handled in Georgia last year. Most of these cases deal with adult victims. These victims have criminal charges that are a direct result of being trafficked. The charges hinder their ability to get a job, find safe housing, or access education.

GEORGIA SENATE BILL 435

The Solution

GA Senate Bill 435 alleviates this problem by clearing criminal charges that are a direct result of being trafficked. It also bars agencies from digging up these expunged charges and returns fees paid as a result of these criminal convictions to the survivors.

HOW THIS HELPS

Stories of Survivors

When we interviewed survivors of human trafficking in Georgia, they stated that the biggest barrier to reintegrating into society was their previous criminal charges. By removing that barrier for adult victims, we can empower their successful recovery.

The Polaris Project supports this bill because our data shows that the majority of victims in Georgia are adults, and currently only minors are eligible to have their records cleared. This legislation would reduce several stressors for survivors and allows them to focus on their recovery and escape the cycle of abuse and poverty.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Vote for GA Senate Bill 435

Please vote in support of GA Bill 435. Every victim of trafficking, including trafficked adults, deserves a chance to lead a successful life in Georgia.

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