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## *Life Is Precious*

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Please Note: the contents of this article may contain information not suitable for children.

Human Trafficking is Slavery in our lifetime. Many women and children are deceived, coerced, or forced into a life of bondage and exploitation including sexual abuse and forced prostitution. Please pray and give to help set them free.

One may give of time, prayers, financial support and any form of support to break the chains of slavery in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Google human trafficking and you will be amazed at research out there to become learned. Google Donna M. Hughes. Professor Hughes is a RI resident and Representative Joanne Giannini, (D) are dedicated to passing legislation to re-criminalize prostitution and thus allow law enforcement personnel the tools necessary to go indoors to investigate, remove and protect victims of sex trafficking and prosecute pimps and traffickers.

Human Trafficking is a heinous crime against mankind. Victims are abused as the trafficker gains monetary power. It is time to protect victims and prosecute traffickers and johns (in sex trafficking cases). The demand side of sex trafficking is what fuels the need for sex trafficking. Trafficking is an injustice against our society. I will raise my voice and speak for women and children who are commercially exploited in the sex industry and forced into prostitution. Six year old young girls do not wish, 'when I grow up, I want to be a prostitute and sexually abused.'

The American Baptist Women's National Project is dedicated to ending sex trafficking. Sex Trafficking occurs globally, nationally, and yes right here in Rhode Island. The American Baptist Women of RI continue to raise awareness of sex trafficking. Massachusetts and RI sisters are in the beginning stage to plan an introduction to Human Trafficking workshop. We will not idly sit by and do nothing. Lauran Bethell is a woman we admire and respect. Lauran is in International Ministries called by God and dedicated to show God's love to exploited women who are prostitutes and victims of sex trafficking in Europe and Asia. Lauran says "in every minute of every day, the precious, broken lives that we touch, need to be surrendered into His care. After all, it is God's work of Redemption and Healing."

Every RI voter has the authority to inform their Senator to pass the law H5044A to close the loophole of prostitution here in R.I. Call or email your senator today. It is only a matter of time before this bill goes before the General Assembly.

Providence Mayor Cicilline instructed Providence city council to move ahead and pass an ordinance to ban indoor prostitution within city limits.

Human Life is precious and not to be taken.

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