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## Speak Your Voice on Prostitution Bill

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Dear Reverend,

Now is the time to speak your voice and urge your Senator to pass the House bill H5044A. Now is the time to close the loophole of indoor prostitution in Rhode Island. Negotiations are ongoing, so please write letters to your senator and circulate petitions now.

The House bill is supported by the following:

*Attorney General	*State Police
*Police Chief's Association	*Governor Carcieri
*Bishop Tobin of the Providence Diocese	
*Numerous Protestant Churches	
*The Providence Journal	*The Rhode Island Catholic
*Prevent Child Abuse-Rhode Island	
*Citizens Against Trafficking	

Anti-trafficking experts and victim's service groups from around the country have written to support the bill, including:

*The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	
*Covenant House	
*The former head of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention	
* A former senior advisor on trafficking at the U.S. State Department	
*Current U.S. Ambassador to combat human trafficking	

Human Trafficking is modern day slavery. RI is the only state in United States where prostitution indoor is legal, so RI is a magnet for commercial sexual exploitation. "In RI, lack of a prostitution law creates a "Zone of Impunity" for traffickers." – Luis CdeBacca, Director, office to Monitor & Combat Trafficking in persons.

Please join me and Break the Chains of Sex Trafficking in our state.

E-mail Senators at: [senators@rilin.state.ri.us](mailto:senators@rilin.state.ri.us)

Or include the last name of your senator, for example: [sen-paivaweed@rilin.state.ri.us](mailto:sen-paivaweed@rilin.state.ri.us)

Humbly yours,  
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Luke 4:18-19