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Dear Senators and Representatives:

My name is Tod Fossetta and I am presenting myself to this committee to share testimony regarding HB1361.

I have over 30 years experience working with domestic violence and sex trafficking victims, organizations, shelters and other support services. I am an Ambassador for Shared Hope International, a sex trafficking prevention organization with over 1000 trained ambassadors, and one of the nation's leading policy and political action teams. I have worked with organizations including the Pierce County Coalition for Domestic Violence and the Women's Crisis Shelter in Williston, ND. I have training through Shared Hope, Operation Underground Railroad and the Association for the Recovery of Children. I am a US Army Veteran, and since the murder of my sister in an act of domestic violence in 1984, I believe the Lord has called me to this vocation. I am the Founder of Archangel Miniustries, through which I work with victims, organizations and church groups. One of my primary goals is to educate men on the dangers of pornography, buying sex and the effect it has on them, the community, and the women exploited for those uses.

I feel this bill is very important and strict sentencing guidelines will help keep predators and pimps off the street, as well as provide a deterrent to those contemplating it. Also, taking the issue of sentencing off the table will ensure that judicial personnel with less experience, training and knowledge in sex trafficking will have to follow these guidelines.

I would like to offer my experience and knowledge to answer any questions the committee may have. I do not have a specific testimony laid out, except to give

an overview on the damage caused by sex trafficking, how victims are treated, the nature of the perpetrators, and the need to address it in an aggressive
manner.
Thank you
Sincerely,
Tod Fossetta