

Senate Bill 2109
Senate Transportation Committee
Senator Clemens, Chairman
January 14, 2021

Chairman Clemens and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, my name is Sergeant Wade Kadrmas and I am the Safety and Education Officer for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. I am here today on behalf of the patrol to support Senate Bill 2109.

Human trafficking is a growing concern that involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or a commercial sex act. I provided the committee a copy of the 2019 report about Human Trafficking in The State Of North Dakota, published by the North Dakota Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission, which details the occurrence and effects of this crime in the state.

On July 23, 2019, the Federal Motor Carrier Administration announced its final rule that permanently bans drivers convicted of human trafficking from operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) for which a commercial driver's license or a commercial learner's permit is required. This lifetime ban was put in place to serve as a strong deterrent from drivers using the highway system to commit these atrocious crimes.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol respectfully requests your support of Senate Bill 2109.