

## Why SDRTL Is Supporting The Anti-Human Trafficking Bill - [HB1047](#)

**First**, we appreciate this Bill's four-pronged approach to better helping and protecting victims - both minors and adults - of human trafficking. The bill underscores that these victims, like all other crimes, may well encounter **personal injury** and **emotional distress** and now this bill clarifies that our **CVC funds** will be there to help.

That leads me to our **second** reason for supporting this bill.

The following study proves the connection concerning **human trafficking** and **abortion**.

The "groundbreaking study" *[The Health Consequences of Sex Trafficking and Their Implications for Identifying Victims in Healthcare Facilities](#)*, by Laura J. Lederer and Christopher A. Wetzel examined the stories of sixty-six victims of sex trafficking. They found that fifty-five percent of these women had undergone at least one abortion while being trafficked and more than thirty percent underwent multiple abortions"

In summary they said, "The prevalence of forced abortions is an especially disturbing trend in sex trafficking."

Because of the undeniable connection between Human Trafficking and Abortion, we support [HB1047](#).

South Dakota Right to Life encourages you to support the passage of **HB1047** and all reasonable efforts to rid our great state of this blight and help those victims caught in its grip.

This Bill is a **big step** in the right direction. And in the process....**you will save babies lives**.