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## Rep. Dittrich Votes to Defeat Human Trafficking

**Madison** –Representative Barbara Dittrich (R - Oconomowoc) is proud to support a package of bills she recommended as a member of the bipartisan Speaker's Task Force on Human Trafficking.

"No community or area of Wisconsin is immune from the desperate problem of human trafficking," Rep. Dittrich stated. "The legislation we voted on today was only a start at educating the public, preventing this injustice, helping victims to recover, and bringing the perpetrators to justice."

The stated goal of the Speaker's Task Force on Human Trafficking was to create a society where the safety and wellbeing of every person is paramount and where exploitation has no place. Through a series of four public hearings in various locations around the state, the task force heard from police, non-profits, and others attempting to get at innovative solutions to confront this issue in our state.

The legislation passed in the Assembly today increases awareness, imposes tougher penalties on both those soliciting and trafficking sex, as well as makes it easier for victims to take legal action against their traffickers.

"As we look for large events to take place in our state over the next few years, it is more imperative than ever to work together across every level of our communities to combat this evil. United in our efforts, we can protect our society's most vulnerable and put an end to this atrocity.

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